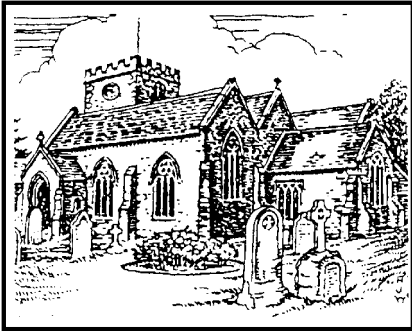
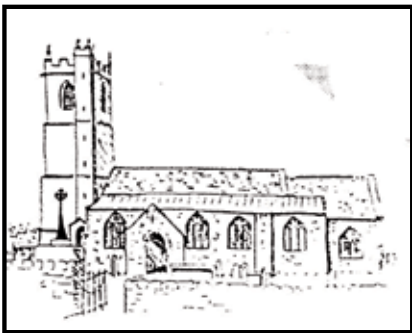


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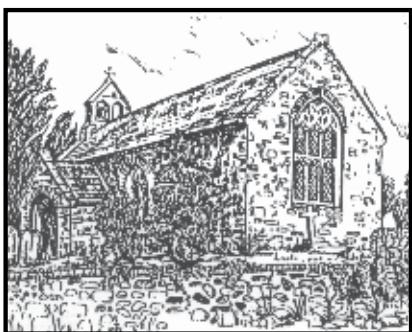
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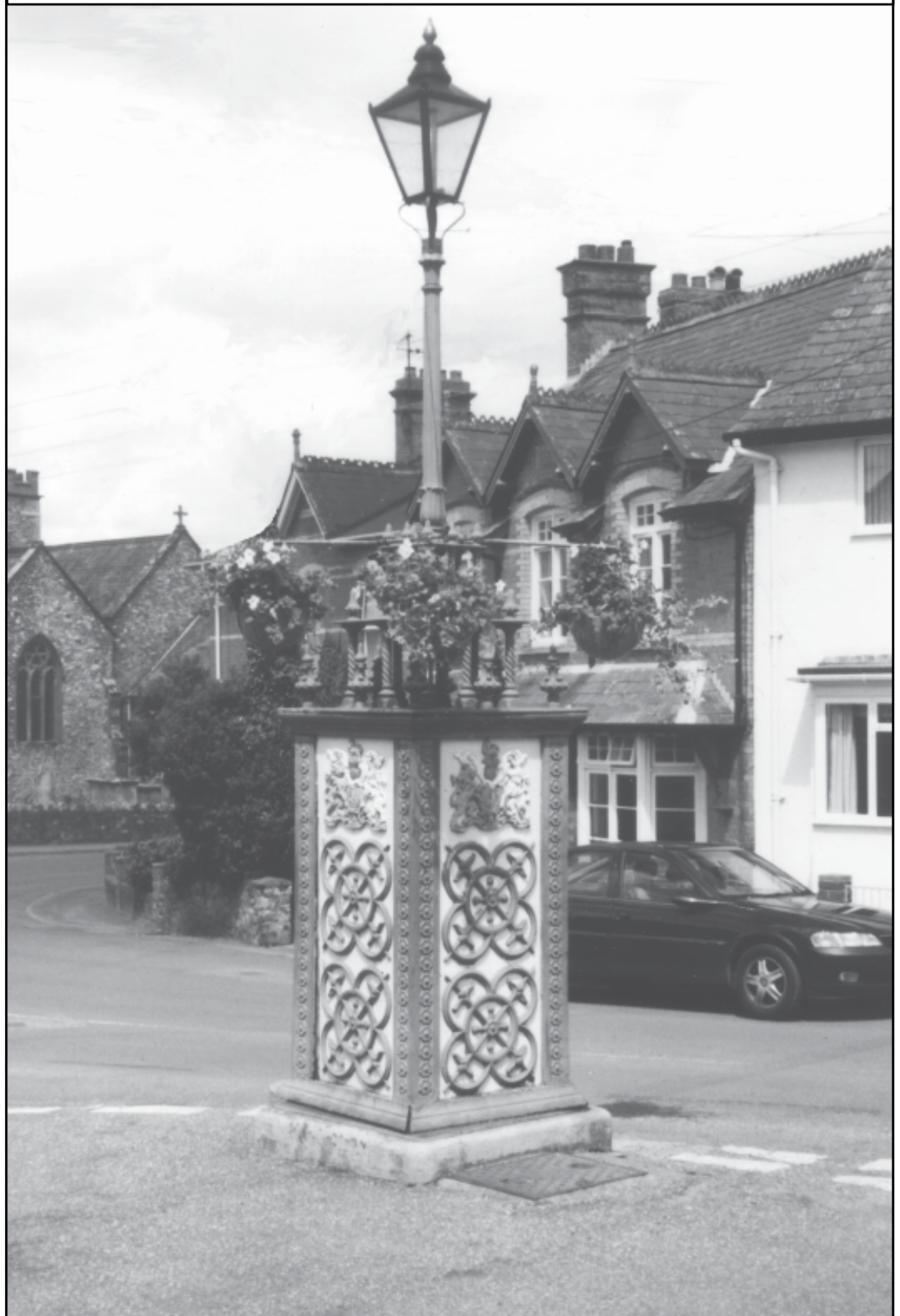


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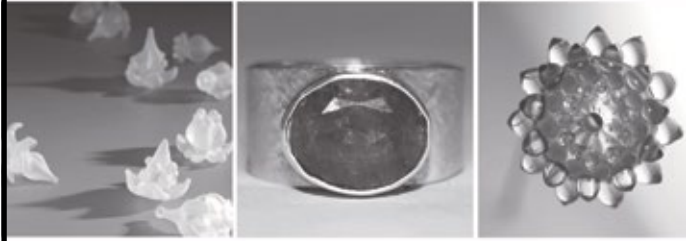
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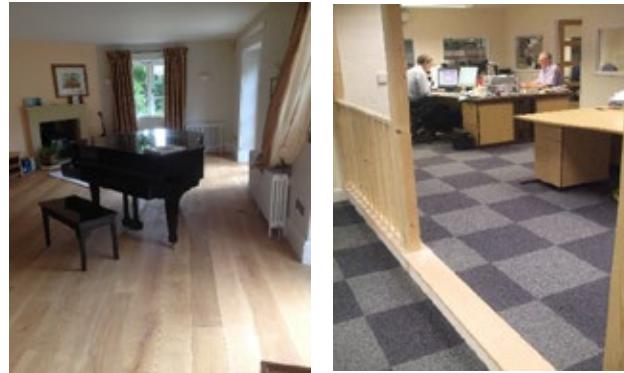
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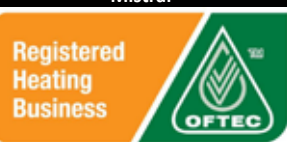
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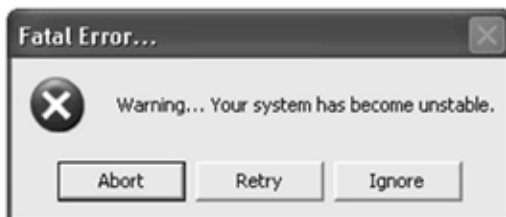
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December 2016 & January 2017

*'To love God and to love our neighbours'*

Visitors to, and residents of the area, are most welcome at the services throughout the Mission Community.

To discover more about our Church Community, photos, news, links, and a useful 'what's on' calendar, visit our website [www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk)

HC = Holy Communion; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; FS = Family Service;  
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 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Joint Mission Community HC Patronal Festival at Clayhidon 4.00pm Christingle Service at Hemyock			
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.15 am MP CW	9.00 am HC BCP	6.30 pm Carol Service	3.00 pm Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am School Christmas Service			
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.15 am HC CW	3.30 pm Carol Service	4.00 pm Crib Service	6.30 pm Carol Service
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm Carol Service			
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	5.00 pm Crib Service 11.15 pm HC		11.15 pm HC	10.00 pm HC
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day	10.00 am FC	9.00 am HC	10.00 am FC	10.00 am Christmas Family Worship
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan New Year's Day	10.30 am Joint Mission Community HC at Culm Davy			
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.15 am HC CW	9.00 am HC BCP	4.00 pm Christingle Service	3.00 pm Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.15 am HC CW	No Service	6.30 pm Joint Service at Rosemary Lane Chapel	9.30 am HC CW
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	11.15 am HC with Baptism CW	3.30 pm EP BCP	10.00 am Plough Sunday FS	8.00 am HC BCP
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30 am Joint Mission Community Eucharist at Hemyock			

Regular mid-week Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Tuesdays - Morning Prayer 10.00 am at All Saints, Culmstock</li> <li>❖ Thursdays - Holy Communion 10.30am at St Mary's, Hemyock</li> </ul>
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## PARISH PUMP – No. 258 December 2016 – January 2017

### Bethlehem: where the story began...

When you travel to Bethlehem today many things may strike you.



The first, and perhaps most obvious, is the wall, and the armed checkpoint you have to pass through. There is a sense of a town under siege and a tangible feeling of tension. This is now part of the West Bank – the Palestinian territories – 'in' Israel

but not part of Israel; this is Palestine as the sign next to the graffiti and the images on the wall tells you.

At the heart of the town is one of the oldest churches in Christendom – The Church of the Nativity, built over the cave where Jesus was thought to have been born, and venerated for century upon century. On the supposed place where the manger stood is a silver star on the ground where millions of pilgrims have seen or touched the rock in the middle, and here understood that God is no longer to be thought of as distant or inaccessible but near (and as vulnerable) as a child in swaddling clothes.

Many scholars believe that Mary and Joseph were natives of Bethlehem and only moved to Nazareth because of the atmosphere of insecurity generated by the Herodian dynasty (Matt 2) – and in this respect present day Bethlehem has many similarities with the times of Jesus' birth.

Even though there are significant numbers of Christians in Bethlehem, many are being forced out with the pressures of militant Islam on one hand and the presence of Israeli militia nearby, on the other.

And in this sense Bethlehem is a microcosm of what is happening in so many places in our world, which among other things, following elections in the United States and a referendum in our own country, is becoming a more divided and polarised world where hate and fear rather than friendship and cooperation are in the ascendency.



The song of the angels rings a note of, as yet, unfulfilled hope, of 'peace on earth', where in so many ways there is little peace. This was the world into which Jesus was born on that first Christmas Day and the world into which he comes today to offer that hope of which the angels sang.

We are all called to enact the call of the angels to enable that peace, which has to begin in each and every heart, where we seek to live lives and make choices that are not merely selfish and directed for our own gain, but seek as well, the good and well-being of others.

May you have a happy and blessed Christmas and a genuinely peaceful New Year.

*David*



## Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival has been celebrated at Hemyock parish church with two services. The Friday evening service at the beautifully decorated St Mary's was taken by the Rev David Burton with the choir singing the anthem. All creatures of our God and King music by Malcolm Arnold.

Roger Lambert gave a talk on the work of the Cornish charity Shelter Box speaking of and showing various contents found in each box. The charity has been supported by the church throughout the weekend.

Following the service, when a number of items associated with harvest were placed on the altar, a traditional buffet harvest supper was held at the church room ending with musical entertainment.

Sunday morning saw 150 gather including a choir from the local primary school. They sang and enacted the story of The Enormous Turnip before they also brought a variety of items from soil and water to a breakfast cereal to the altar. Light refreshments were later served and a great interest was shown in the Shelter Box display.



Janice Bawler

Wheelbarrow by David Bawler



Altar with floral stand by Jane Attlee

## St Mary's Christmas Card Tradition

A Christmas Tradition at St Mary's for some years now is that a large Christmas Card is placed at the back of church so that those who want to, can sign to wish everyone else a Happy Christmas instead of buying individual cards to each other (which seems a bit odd when we can say our greetings in person...) The point is that the money saved on buying cards should then be donated to a Charity directly such as our Mission Partner Jenny Green in CMS or Potters Village in Uganda.

Please look out for this in Church and join in IF you want to. HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.

Meg Palmer  
St Mary's Mission Secretary.



Children from Hemyock primary school

## Thank you, and can we help?

Most of you will know that St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop passes on at least 25% of its proceeds to other groups in the village, or to organisations which help villagers. Last year, following a discussion with various people, we used some of the money to set up a fund to help the village purchase a defibrillator. We aimed to raise £800.

Following further discussions with the Parish Council and the SW Ambulance NHS Trust earlier in the year, we had the Parish Council going for a 4 year package costing £1800. We decided to aim to pay half of that cost.

To cut a long story short we have now got there. Our thanks to lots of people who have helped us get there; some with pennies, some with pounds, some with lots of pounds. We thank you all. In the end we were able to give the Parish Council the sum of £1250, which will help pay half of the 4 year supply, training and maintenance package, and look towards the long term demand.

However that was last year. This year, as in the past 4, we will be offering some financial help to other charitable groups in the village or that help the village. If you are interested please contact the Church Council Secretary by leaving a letter in the church or emailing gandbsamuels@tiscali.co.uk. Please mark subject box "Shop 16". We'll then send you a form to fill in and give us some details. We expect to have at least £500 to give away.

Once again that is all down to your support of the Charity Shop. Thank you all once again.

Brian Samuels

## St Mary's Church, Hemyock



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## St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

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## In December

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

we will be at the

## Church Fair

In the Parish Hall 2-4pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Open as normal

10am - 12 noon

Church Room, Castle Hill

December 27<sup>th</sup> - Day off

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## St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Opening in

January 2017

on

Saturday 7th

Tuesday 10th

Tuesday 24th

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in the Church Room, Castle Hill

Come and see us soon!



## Shoebbox appeal

As I write over 100 Christmas shoeboxes sit in our dining room along with a collection of bags containing a variety of goods from bedding and knitted goods to toys and clothing along with cash donations, all waiting to be delivered to Christian Response to Eastern Europe who will be distributing the gifts before Christmas.

This year over half the boxes have come from outside the upper Culm Valley - it is surprising what a small item in the local press can achieve! All the gifts have been given with much thought



Janice showing some of the glove puppet Teddy Bears that she knitted

and love for those so very less fortunate than ourselves. We feel we must mention one lady from another village who left over 20 boxes plus 2 very large bags of toys/clothes in our porch. When phoned to ask the organisation who had donated them we were amazed to hear they had all come from her.

Whether your gift has been a single box/item or more we give you our warmest thanks for continuing to support this charity taking presents to one of the poorest countries in the world.

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Janice and David Bawler



Janice showing some of the glove puppet Teddy Bears that she knitted

## Thank you times three - no four

Thank you firstly to everyone supporting the Food Bank. We have continued to take items to the Wellington base, who ask us to pass on their grateful thanks. In response to questions asked by some donors we can confirm that they will accept pet food, cleaning items and toiletries. They cannot accept fresh items. Our collecting boxes are in the Church Room and at the back of St Mary's near the font.

Also in the church, at the back of the north side pews, (furthest from the door) is our collecting point for clothes for refugees from the conflict in Syria. This has required regular emptying and our link person on the Parish Council, Joycelyn Pritchard, has been kept busy taking your contributions to the area depot in Taunton. From there they are taken to one of the national collection centres. So "Thank you" for your support. Again, in answer to questions received, they can accept sleeping bags and also Teddies and small soft toys. The latter are much appreciated by children who have probably lost everything.

"Thank you" too to everyone who gave support to our Defibrillator fund. The pennies, pounds and lots of pounds all added up and enabled us to support the Parish Council appeal. As THE PUMP goes to press we hear that the sets may be in the village before Christmas. (and don't forget the training session on November 30th)

And finally, but by no means least, "Thank You" to everyone for your continued support of the Charity and Coffee Shop. This again is much appreciated and will enable us again to return something to the village (see article elsewhere). May we remind our donors that we cannot accept electrical items that require mains power - mind you if anyone fancies being our electrical tester...

Thank you so much for all your contributions to all the above.

Brian Samuels

## HEMYOCK HOLIDAY CLUB 2017



The Guardians of Ancora return to Hemyock from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August with a brand new adventure: 'Treasure Seekers' - See you there...!

New for 2017  
Hemyock Baptist Church presents



Nothing to do on a Sunday evening? Come along and enjoy a free night out at the movies with a big film on the big screen!  
Films showing at 7pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 19<sup>th</sup> March & 21<sup>st</sup> May.  
Check our noticeboard nearer the time for full details...

## Chapel Café at Hemyock Baptist Church



Chapel Café re-opens on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September and we'll be introducing some exciting new developments from October. We'll be open fortnightly, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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...

## St Mary's Church & Culm Davy



## Christmas Fair Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December



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## Blackdowns Mothers' Union

We are coming to the end of the year and it has been a good one for the Mothers' Union. We celebrated 140 yrs of Mothers' Union with celebrations going on all over the world. 1<sup>st</sup> December is the Advent service and we start 2017 with the AGM.

Thank you for all the support and help, people giving items for the homeless and thank you to the knitters, who have knitted such lovely things for the premature babies at Musgrove Park Hospital.

Now on a more sombre note. There will be a Global campaign called 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. You may already have heard of this.

Mothers' Union is a shining light on violence against women and girls. The reason for the campaign against VAWG are many and for us at Mothers' Union we support the 16 days campaign which we believe reflects the heart of our vision - that of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful

and flourishing relationships; we are calling on all communities around the world to understand the many different forms of abuse that gender-based violence takes. In particular we encourage families and schools to teach children and young people about building healthy relationships and to challenge gender stereotypes.

We are calling on governments and leaders to take action to:-

- Ensure that the national, local and customary law prohibits all forms of violence against women and girls.
- Ensure that all victims of gender-based violence have access to justice and to support systems and services.
- Ensure that perpetrators are prosecuted and punished and rehabilitated.

In this country alone 1 in 3 women will suffer violence at some time in their lives. Changing culture to end gender-based violence takes us all working together.

Now on a happier note we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Peggy Whitcombe



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## Celebration Flower Festival

'Celebration' – a Flower Festival to be held at St. Mary's Church. The Festival is being arranged by The Friends of St. Mary's and will be on display from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th June 2017. If you have a special Celebration during 2017 and would like to sponsor one of the flower arrangements please contact Monica on Tel: 01823 681161 for further details.

Patricia Fuller

## Royal British Poppy Appeal 2016



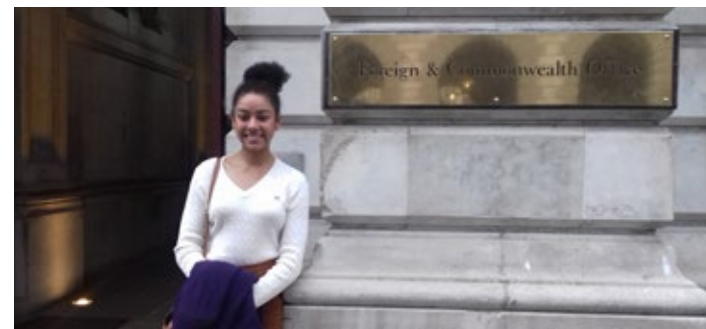
A huge thank you to all those who helped with the collection this year. A total of **£1780.99** was collected.

Again many thanks to you all for your generous giving.

David Bawler  
Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser

## Visit to the FCO for Cheyenne Jordan

Being taken to the office of the Foreign Secretary to be introduced to Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP was the highlight of a visit by Cheyenne Jordan to Whitehall organised by the Children's Commissioner for England and the Cabinet Office's Youth Policy Team.



Cheyenne was one of a number of young people selected to be part of the annual Takeover Challenge event but was the only one at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. A student at Richard Huish College 17 year old Cheyenne hopes to attend university to study economics so was delighted to be offered the opportunity to shadow the Director General – Economic and Consular at the Foreign Office. As well as her introduction to the Foreign Secretary she was given a tour of the building with its opulent rooms being shown where important historical documents had been signed and on exiting a door she was surprised to find herself directly opposite 10 Downing Street. Cheyenne also attended meetings where some of the discussions proved to be relevant to her A level geography, and attended a private wreath laying ceremony for FO officials who had died in the line of duty.

Janice Bawler

## Hemyock Acorns

If you would like a couple of hours away from home, in good company on a Wednesday afternoon, why not join the Acorns Group. Formerly known as 'the Over Sixties', the Acorns meet on the third Thursday in the month at 2.30pm. The subscription is only £5 per year. There is usually an interesting speaker, an amazing raffle and a welcome cup of tea!

During the past year Acorns have been entertained by a musical afternoon, visit to 'Buckingham Palace', learned about the Barn Owl Trust and also Vranh House. With another visit from Ms Sutherland who called her talk 'Sin and Tonic' as well as a talk about Jane Austin's Aunt from David Pugsley. Being a member of the Acorn's, you can go on interesting days out when we join up with Culmstock Evergreens. More details from Brenda Calcraft on 01823 681592.

Brenda Calcraft

## Paul Moralee Update

Paul Moralee is currently training in Austria. He goes up to the glacier each day to snowboard with the GB team. It's very cold but there's plenty of snow. He has his first race in December and will race most weekends until the end of March.

On January 21st there will be a fund raising quiz to help support Paul Moralee at Hemyock village hall at 7.30pm. £30 a table, maximum of 6 people per table. Light supper included and bar. First prize £60, second prize £30, third prize £10.

Please contact Elaine tel. 680938/680119.

Elaine Moralee

## Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

In the New Year we will be looking for some new people to help with the running of the Toddler Group, if you are interested and would like to find out more please contact Lisa 681482 or Karen 681034

Karen Pinder

## Thank you

Maureen wishes to thank all those who helped her and especially those who supported her coffee morning on Oct 8th. A total of £191.20 was raised toward the village defibrillator.

## Valley Arts and Social Society

"Treasure Island Almost a Pantomime" was a success, with many compliments from audiences and a favourable NODA report, we appear to have turned a corner with this production, the new sound arrangement and Graham's expertise helped to make the chorus acapella numbers impressive. Receptive audiences were entertained by new and seasoned cast members alike, everyone enjoyed a night of humour and music, a good job was done by all. As always the amount of work behind the scenes is endless, thank you to everyone who has been involved in any way with the production, especially our front of house ladies, Pat Keith and Daphne Shepherd. We would not be able to put on this popular village event without so much help and all of those lovely audiences who come to our productions and participate with enthusiasm. We welcome new members, if you are interested in joining our group 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.



If you are involved with Valley-Arts and would like to come to our Christmas meal which is booked for Friday 16th Dec 7.30pm at the Catherine Wheel, contact Gillian at gillian.hawkes@btinternet.com. Also contact Gillian if you have any ideas for a group outing to a show in the new year.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)



## Parish Council Business Update December 2016

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

### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/01409/ARM - Former St Ivel Site, Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of 8 dwellings and 4 employment units.
- 16/01530/FULL. 50 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings following demolition of outbuildings and alterations to vehicular access.
- 16/01421/FULL. Brook House, High Street, Hemyock. Change of use from bed and breakfast to single dwelling.
- 16/01621/FULL. The Old Storage Building, Culmbridge Mill, Hemyock. Conversion of barn to dwelling.

### Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, defibrillator fund monies and insurance contribution from BHLAC.

Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, water at cemetery, audit fee, subscriptions, tree for cemetery, poppy appeal and 'No HGV' signs.

### 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

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### New BMX Track

Hemyock's new BMX track was officially opened in October. Hot chocolate and hot dogs were served and over 40 children came along and rode the track. The parish council has provided a broom to sweep the track and a watering can to damp it down in dry conditions. A rubbish bin has been installed and Jilly Ould has kindly offered to empty it.



### Road Signs

The parish council has purchased several pictorial 'unsuitable for HGV' signs. It is hoped these will prevent large vehicles using inappropriate routes.

### Longmead – Dogs on pitches

The football club has advised that there is a growing problem with owners exercising their dogs on the football pitches at Longmead. Dog excrement has been found on the pitches during matches in recent weeks. Dogs may be exercised around the trim trail but under no circumstances should they be allowed on to the pitches. More signs will be purchased to remind dog owners and the situation will be reviewed regularly. Failure by dog owners to abide by this rule may result in further action.

### Youth Shelter – Recreation Field (Purple Peril)

The shelter has had a lick of paint, thanks to Bob Hawkes and Roy Calcraft. There are two plain panels in the shelter that require painting. The parish council is running a competition for parishioners to design and paint these panels. One panel will be for Under-16s, one for Over-16s. The panels are approximately 4ft x 3ft. Please send your designs to the clerk by 31st December 2016 and the council will announce the winners early in February.

### Hedges

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges in and around the parish encroaching on to roads. Residents are politely asked to ensure their hedges are kept trimmed. Whilst there are some restrictions on when hedges may be cut, if there are road safety concerns then under these circumstances those restrictions do not apply.

### Christmas Decorations Competition

The council is having its annual 'Hemyock Christmas Decoration Competition'. There will be prizes for both the best decorated house and business premises. Please enter into the spirit of Christmas and make the village look festive and cheerful. Judging will take place week commencing 12th December. Winners will be notified shortly afterwards. If you live outside of the 30MPH limit and wish to be judged, please let the clerk know.

### Housing Needs Survey

Many thanks to those who completed the survey. The results of the survey can be found on the village website [www.hemyock.org](http://www.hemyock.org) under the parish council section. The survey identified a local need for 26 affordable homes and 18 open market homes within the next 5 years.



### Defibrillators

The council wishes to thank Mrs Worrall and St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop for their generous fund-raising efforts for the defibrillator fund. The South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's training session, open to all, will be held on Wednesday 30th November at 7-9pm Parish Hall, Hemyock.

### Floodbridge Stones

After several comments/suggestions from parishioners a small group of volunteers painted the old floodbridge stones to make them more visible to motorists. Many thanks to Penny Lawrence, Simon Clist, Roy Calcraft, Jan & Laurie Mulliner and Bob Hawkes for helping with the painting. Thanks to Brenda Calcraft for the refreshments!



### 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 7:30pm on Wednesday 7th December 2016. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at [www.hemyock.org](http://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](mailto:hemyockpc@gmail.com).

## Dear Residents

We are leading up to the next year's budget, it will be difficult. This current year we are finding it hard and it will get harder. Based on the first six months of this financial year, County predict an over spend of £7.5 million by the end of March 2017, if steps are not taken between now and then to address the matter. Steps, such as jobs freeze on all but frontline posts, like social workers and care workers, and embargos on spending, could be introduced if necessary to reduce any over spend. Projections of over spend earlier in the year have already been reduced through cost saving measures. The projected over spend is mainly due to an over run of £5.2 million on adult social care.

The administration has balanced its books over the last seven, despite facing multi-million austerity cuts every year, we have absolutely no intention of not balancing the books this year. Austerity cuts have prompted the County to reduce spending by £244 million since 2009.

The Government are beginning to realise the disparity between urban and rural, which we are, and granted Devon an extra £8.4m. Devon receive £130 per person less Government funding than urban areas. On average Devon Schools got £287 less per child than the national average. If we had the average, it would mean Devon Schools would receive an extra £25m. In public health County get £38 per person, in London it is £200 whilst the national average is £69 per person. This is just some of the areas we are well under funded. Therefore the Government have a long way to go to address these short falls. But be assured, we are continually lobbying the Government to be more fairer.

But for 2016/17, County would still be spending £443.5m on services. After allowing for inflation and other spending pressures, that represents savings of £34.3m on the current year. In spite of this, there would be an increase of £11.3m in the budget for children and £5m in the budget for adult care. With reluctance, for sure we may have to increase Council Tax by 1.99% next year.

Is there any good news? Well recycling is going up, we are the 5th highest recycler in the Country, this means we put less to landfill and thereby avoiding the landfill charges which are always going up and we get income from recyclables, although this goes up and down.

We have reassessed our Highway Asset Management Plan and have that to work to. Our problem is we just haven't got enough money to put our roads into good repair, like we would like them to be. Therefore we are developing a Needs Based Budgeting approach, which means that our A & B and some C class roads we will need to keep in good condition. 80% of the traffic travel on 20% of the roads. If we adopt this approach, the Government will give us an extra £7m, which then will go towards the minor roads.

I hope I haven't been too depressing, but it is hard times, only to get harder. But heck, Christmas is coming. On that point I do wish everyone on my patch and very happy Christmas and a healthy new year, no matter what your creed or colour is.

I am always here to help anyone, just contact me one way or another. A Happy Christmas.

Ray Radford  
Devon County Councillor  
01884 820000





Riverside Hemyock EX15 3SH

What's On at The Healthy Living Centre?

<b>Cameo Club</b>	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older people. Contact Tracy Howe for details on 01823 680687	
<b>Bookworms</b>	Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies and toddlers. Contact Angela Dawson on 01823 680687	
<b>Phoenix Group</b>	On the first Tuesday of every month 10am – noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)	
<b>Brightside</b>	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	
<b>Memory Cafe</b>	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	
<b>Classes</b>	(Call 01823 680687 for class dates and info or see our website <a href="http://www.bhllac.org.uk">www.bhllac.org.uk</a> )	
<b>Monday</b>	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm Julia Baldock
<b>Tuesday</b>	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 – 11am Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm Harriet Tubbs
<b>Wednesday</b>	Yoga	10 – 11am Rose Buchanan
	Zumba	11 - noon Elena Duffin
	Meditation	2 – 3pm Ollie Stamp
	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm Harriet Tubbs
<b>Thursday</b>	Dance	7.15 – 8.15pm Ruth Bell
<b>Friday</b>	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am Lea-Ann Furphy
	Tai-Chi	1.30 – 2.30pm Andrew Blaby
<b>Therapies</b>	Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Foot Care, Homeopathy, Hypnotherapy Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology – all by appointment	

Around Hemyock

“Hemyock is to be congratulated in having succeeded, in not only forming a football team, but in winning its first two matches. We understand that there are several more fixtures and hope that the result in each case may be equally satisfactory.”

Did that catch your eye and make you wonder whatever is going on? The comment was found in the Cullompton Deanery magazine for January 1910, along with the result of a jumble sale held at the Church Room which raised a profit of £12 and 5 shillings, with £5 going to the *Waifs and Strays' Society*, somewhat different to that raised at the recent Scout Group jumble sale. Relevant to the time of course, but only successful due to the generosity of local folk on both occasions - the October sale raised over £2,000.

**Congratulations** go to well known resident 97 year old **Sam Mather**. Some may have read in a local paper that Sam has been awarded a medal as a Chevalier of the Order of Legion d'Honneur for his services to the liberation of France in 1944.

After serving in the North Africa campaign and with peace keeping Forces in Palestine Sam was involved in the D-Day invasion landing at Arromanches with the 74 Company of Engineers which prepared the way for armoured vehicles to cross the many obstacles and bridges en route East.

On Christmas day 1944 Sam was shot in the chest with the bullet passing straight through him. He was taken to hospital in Brussels before being returned to England. He married Ruby in 1945 and they have spent their 71 years of married life here in Hemyock.

Thanks to Sam and the millions who have or are serving in our Armed Forces we enjoy the freedom we have today and it seems appropriate that his award was received so near Armistice Day.

The service to commemorate Remembrance Sunday saw 192 gather at the parish church. The parade from the Parish Hall led by the church choir also saw many young uniformed members followed by a large number of villagers. Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council, 1st Hemyock Scout Group, 1st Hemyock Brownies and the primary school. The collection of £444 (down by £36 on 2015) will be donated to the work of the Royal British Legion. Around 25 people also met on Friday 11th for a short service of remembrance



The **Blackdown Practice** also deserve our congratulations as they have been noted as **Outstanding** by CQC and highlighted as an example to other surgeries. We are so very fortunate to have so many caring medical staff in our community and extend our thanks for all they do.

It has been good to hear that **Stuart Webb** has returned home following many months in a Birmingham hospital where he received a heart transplant. Many will be stopping to chat with him as he takes his daily walks around the village.

We are all aware of friends and neighbours who have been grateful for the help given by the Surgery or our local hospitals when unwell. We remember **Jan Lewar, Mary Hudson, Gordon Cooper, Wendy Baldwin, Chris and Shirley Dracott, Diane Bradbeer, Hilda Moulding, Fay Mitchell, Don Attlee, Annette Hart and John Butterworth.**

Through the Pump we also send love and condolences to all who have lost a loved one in recent weeks. The following has been received:

**Grace Carman** would like to thank all who attended **Ernie's** funeral last June. A total of nearly £350 was donated at the service and privately afterwards. Donations have been passed to the Cameo Club where Ernie was very much a regular: the money will be spent on a set of footstools for members' use. Gwen would like to thank everyone for their attendance at the service, their very kind donations and not least for the magnificent support she has had from friends around the village.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas there will be a variety of events taking place, as is the custom here, starting with the **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 3rd December followed by the **Lights Brigade Parade**. Many will recall the great success of last year's procession. The next day the **Christingle** service will be held at the parish church – an event for all ages.

Hopefully, you will have bought your ticket for Hemyock Singers concert and dinner always an enjoyable evening. Following on from an item in the last Pump the groups Musical Director, a cellist with the North Devon Sinfonia who were competitors in a BBC TV competition were thrilled to win and found themselves playing at *Proms in the Park*.

If you are new to the parish, or visiting over the holiday period have a look at the centre page diary to see details of events happening here and come along and join us.

For most of us this is a very joyful time of year many getting together with family and friends. Thanks to technology wherever people are in the world most are able to contact relatives but please remember all those for who this December will be their first without a loved one, will be in hospital or spending their first year in a care home. Please remember you are in the thoughts and prayers of many friends.

From The Oxford Book of Christmas Poems comes:

**Reindeer Report**

Chimneys: colder  
Flight paths: busier  
Driver: Christmas (F)  
Still baffled by postcodes

Children: more  
And stay up later  
Presents: heavier  
Pay: frozen

Mission in spite  
Of all this  
Accomplished

We all know this is not the true meaning of Christmas but, many will know the true joy on children's faces when they realise that Father Christmas has visited thanks to his amazing reindeer and filled their stocking.

The Parish Pump is read by people around the world so we say, Joyeux Noel, God Jut, Buon Natale, Vrolyk Kerstfeest, Frohliche Weihnachten or simply Merry Christmas!

May your Christmas time be full of great joy as we celebrate and give thanks for a baby's birth and the New Year bring you peace, good health and happiness.

Merry Christmas!

Janice Bawler

**Poets' Corner**

**A Foggy Day**

Moisture, glassy shines on dying leaves,  
On mossy trees and lichen walls;  
In the byre and the barn drops condense on chilling stone,  
And all is wet, limp and forlorn,  
As autumn fog sucks out the life  
From the waning of the year:  
Life that will burst again in spring,  
Old life renewed and hope restored!

David Palmer



# WHAT'S ON December 2016

Thu 1	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library	Mothers Union Advent Service, All Saints
Fri 2	Brightside BHLC 10.00		
Sat 3	Ch'Ford and Wellington Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Christmas Fayre PH 14.00-16.00	Quiz Night CPH 19.30
Sat 3	Christmas Bazaar SA 10.00-12.00		
Sun 4	St Andrews Day Roast Lunch CPH 12.00		
Mon 5	Toddler Time 9.00-11.00 BC	Spiritual and meditation development FL 19.00-22.00	
Tue 6	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10.00-12.00	WI FL 19.30	
Wed 7	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30	
Thu 8	Taunton Farmers' Market	History Group CR 19.30	
Fri 9	Hemyock Singers Concert + Supper PH	Tennis Club Social Catherine Wheel	
Sat 10	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets	Coffee Morning Christmas Tree Sale PH	Pre-School Bingo PH
Sun 11			
Mon 12	Toddler Time BC 9.00-11.00	Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 13	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 14	Young Farmers' Christmas Bingo PH	Gardeners Meeting FL 19.30	
Thu 15	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Winter Lunch CR 12.30	
Fri 16		Carols by Candlelight Clayhidon PH 19.30	
Sat 17	Hemyock Market PH 10.00	Wellington Farmers' Market	Mobile Library Taunton Vale Harriers Christmas Bingo
Sun 18			
Mon 19		Spiritual and meditation development FL 19.00-22.00	
Tue 20			
Wed 21	<b>Shortest Day</b>	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30
Thu 22	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 23			
Sat 24	Uffculme Farmers' Market		
Sun 25			
Mon 26		Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 27			
Wed 28			
Thu 29	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 30			
Sat 31			

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7-10, Spiritual & Meditation Development (every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> week) 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Toddler Time 9-11 (every Monday in term time - BC) / 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 <sup>st</sup> 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 <sup>st</sup> 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 <sup>st</sup> 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 <sup>st</sup>
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2 <sup>nd</sup> / History & Archiving 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Clayhidon History Group 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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 <sup>rd</sup>		

# WHAT'S ON January 2017

Sun 1			
Mon 2		Spiritual and meditation development FL 19.00-22.00	
Tue 3	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10.00-12.00		WI FL 19.30
Wed 4		BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 5	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library, Hemyock	Mothers' Union AGM CR
Fri 6	'Brightside' BHLC 11.00-15.00		
Sat 7	Ch'Ford and Wellington Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Sun 8			
Mon 9	Toddler Time 9.00-11.00 BC		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 10	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Tuesday Group FL 19.30
Wed 11			Gardeners Meeting FL 19.30
Thu 12	Taunton Farmers' Market		History Group CR 19.30
Fri 13			
Sat 14	Cullompton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets	<b>PUMP Deadline</b>	
Sun 15			
Mon 16	Toddler Time 9.00-11.00 BC	Bowls Club Lunch 12.30-13.30	Spiritual and meditation development FL 19.00-22.00
Tue 17			
Wed 18	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns FL 14.30	
Thu 19	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	St Mary's Winter Lunch CR 12.30	
Fri 20			
Sat 21	H'yock Market PH 10.00	W'gton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library, Hemyock Moralee Fundraising Quiz PH 19.30
Sun 22			
Mon 23	Toddler Time 9.00-11.00 BC		Young Farmers FL 19.30
Tue 24	St Mary's Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00		
Wed 25			
Thu 26	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 27			
Sat 28	Uffculme Farmers' Market		Taunton Vale Harriers Quiz Night
Sun 29			
Mon 30	Toddler Time 9.00-11.00 BC		
Tue 31			

PH – Parish Hall  
 FL – Forbes Lounge  
 CR – Church Rooms  
 RS – Riverside  
 BC – Baptist Church  
 SM – St Mary's  
 SA – St Andrew's  
 CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall  
 BHLC – Blackdown  
 Healthy Living  
 Centre, Millhayes

## Forthcoming Events

2017

- Fri Feb 17<sup>th</sup> "Who do you think you are?", with Supper
- Sun May 14<sup>th</sup> "A Blast from the Past", (Medieval Musician)
- Thu-Sun 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June "Celebration" Flower Festival

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: 14<sup>th</sup> November

Editor: James Winrow  
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 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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/libraries)

## Brightside

As I write, the sun is shining and "the autumn leaves drift by my window" so the song goes! An ideal time to mull over the 'brightside' year and to think about the forthcoming one.

Activities change monthly, but what doesn't change is the warmth and friendship enjoyed by our members. They have learnt to expect the unexpected, never quite knowing what will be thrown at them, some of which, not even I know about! The sound of laughter and fervent chatter always reverberates around the room and is a wonderful thing to hear, except of course when trying to pass on a necessary piece of information! (hence the little bell, given by one thoughtful member).

If you feel you would like to be part of this happy atmosphere, give us a ring on Mondays and Thursdays and have a chat. You are most welcome to come along for a taster day and I am always willing to visit and explain what we get up to at the Blackdown Healthy Living Activity Centre in Hemyock. Check our posters in the Doctor's surgeries to see what's coming up next!

Christmas begins early in December for us, (first Friday in the month) with Christmas related activities and a Christmas Lunch at the Lakeview, Dunkeswell, on 16th December. Transport can be arranged and needless to say all are welcome to join us and help celebrate. This time of year can be lonely and cold for some, if you feel this may be you, take that first step to keep the sun shining! Give us a ring. HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Janet Elworthy  
01823 680117  
[brightside@bhlac.org.uk](mailto:brightside@bhlac.org.uk)

## Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

I would be grateful if you could give me any information that will affect the details in the Parish Pump by the deadline. It does mean looking 2 months ahead which is not always easy!

I hope this will give the village a more accurate and up-to-date Parish Pump magazine.

Sue Lambert

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[sueliz.lambert@virgin.net](mailto:sueliz.lambert@virgin.net)

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

## History Group Report

Mr Richard Fox gave an interesting talk on the Jurassic Coast at our October meeting. The stretch of our coast from Swanage down to Exmouth represents a continuous history of rock formation through many thousands of years after the English channel was formed due to a tsunami. This walk through time provides a near complete record of the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and is the ideal location to explore the geological history of our country. Richard is an enthusiast and was able to take our group on an interesting walk through time.

Working his way westward he explained how we could notice the various rock formations and how at one stage the Rhine was a tributary of the Thames. The southern coast is also subsiding into the channel while the north of the country is still rising, a process starting with the melting of the ice allowing the land weighed down by the ice, springing back.

Richard's sketches and beautiful copperplate writing represent the detail and effort that he has given to his subject and would provide a wonderful journal of the timeline through our geological history.

Our November meeting included a viewing of the DVD of stories and monologues researched for our World War 1 book. The movement of farm labourers during the difficult times for farming in the area from the west country over to the west of Canada has been catalogued showing how the Canadian Government helped to mechanise farm work with huge traction

engines increasing the farm yields and allowing their produce to be shipped back to the old country at very competitive prices. These imports were followed by the movement back to the UK of these farm workers, among others, to support the armed forces at the western front. The second Devons played an important part in the defence of France when almost 2 million Germans arrived at the front after the collapse of Russia in 1917 to man the advance just where the Devons had been stationed. They were awarded, as an army, the Legion d'Honneur for fighting to the last man at the River Aisne.

Our next meeting includes a talk from Philip Planel of the Devon AONB on Thursday December 8th at 7.30pm in the Church Room. The January meeting on 12th January will be a talk by Brian Lane-Smith on the new museum at Dunkeswell.

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 01823 681034 or email [kazapinder@hotmail.com](mailto:kazapinder@hotmail.com).

## WI

At the October Meeting, the President, Lyn Taylor, welcomed just 20 members as so many were on holiday. The County Business was soon dealt with. Two teams will enter the County quiz in February and several will go to the 'Beauty Day' in Exeter.

Lyn introduced Jocelyn Benson who had brought a splendid array of fascinators which she had made. Jocelyn makes many to order, to match special outfits. She invited members to try them on and it was soon evident that different shapes and colours, suit different faces. Jocelyn judged the hats which were brought for 'A special Occasion'. She awarded Brenda first, Fay second and Cindy third. Karen's perfectly round, orange pom-pom dahlia, won the flower competition.

In November, the Speaker for the evening did not turn up. However, there was plenty of time to talk over the business. Three members had gone to the Council Meeting in Barnstaple and were delighted with the Flower Arrangements created by Michael Bowyer, who was given a standing ovation by the 500 ladies in the Queen's Theatre.

The Group Meeting was enjoyed by Brenda and Barbara, despite a rather cold room and not winning any prizes! The lunch at the Old Well was very good, so thanks to Sandra for organising that. The book being read this month by the Reading Group, is 'Lyric's Alley' by Leila Aboulela. Competition winners were Pat, and Bridget, who also brought the favourite flower.

At the December Meeting, three members will demonstrate a flower arrangement which will then be made by all the members, so all will have something to take home. The competitions will be for a 'Flower' and a 'Hand Made Card'. There will be a Bring and Share supper.

Brenda Calcrafft



**Do you buy from Suttons Seeds?**  
Get **35% off** seeds and 10% off other items from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group.  
Just use the offer code **GC1002C** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

Visit [www.suttons.co.uk](http://www.suttons.co.uk) to have a look at the range of items available!

To find out more information about Hemyock Scout Group visit their website [hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk](http://hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk)





## Hemyock Baby and Toddler Group

**Tuesday Afternoons**  
1.30 pm - 3.00 pm  
Term Time

Puzzles,  
Books, Ride on Toys,  
Soft floor baby play area,  
Arts and Craft and lots more.

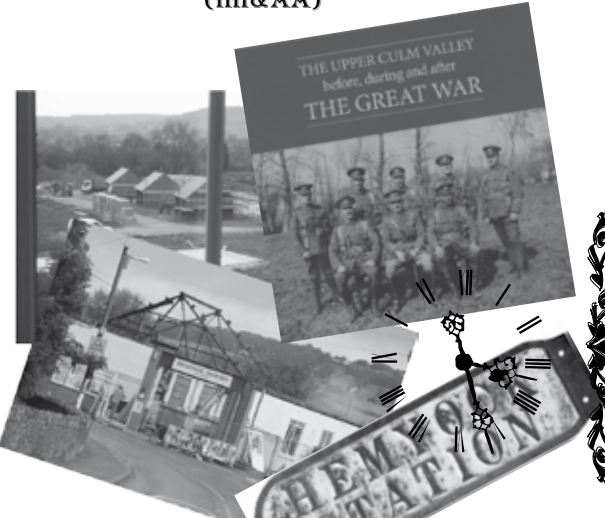
**£1.50 per family**

at  
**Hemyock Parish Hall**

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



**HEMYOCK HISTORY & ARCHIVING ASSOCIATION (HH&AA)**



Established for over 10 years - regular meetings and community projects throughout the year, with invited speakers talking on a diverse array of subjects for local and wider topics also historical events.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in HH&AA talks, projects and excursions. The first meeting for 2017 is in the Church Rooms, 7:30pm, 12<sup>th</sup> January. See local posters in the new year!

<http://blackdownarchives.org.uk/>

## Hemyock Pre-School Report

What fun the children at Hemyock Pre-School have had this term, playing with the leaves and creating a very big leaf pile just like in the story of Clifford and the Leaf Pile.

After the firework display, the children were inspired to create their favourite firework using a variety of the craft materials from our expressive art area.

For a whole week, the Pre-School have been raising money for 'Children in Need' by wearing fancy dress clothes and selling cakes. The children have been learning how important it is to help other children less fortunate than themselves.

With the festive season looming, we are now busy practicing our songs for our Nativity and there are copious amounts of glitter as the children create some Christmas gifts!!!

### Fundraising

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported 'The Duck Race' especially to Alex Russell for wading down the river to collect all the ducks. This event raised £950.00.

The fundraising team also ran the bar at the 'Full Moon Ball' and this raised an amazing £1100. Many thanks to Anthony, Dave and Scott who served the drinks and to everyone else who helped at the event.

Finally, we are holding a Christmas Bingo on Saturday 10th December in the Village Hall. Doors open 7.00pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## Blackdown Hills Beer & Music Festival

Dear Readers,

The Blackdown Hills Beer & Music Festival Committee would like to thank the volunteers, supporters and those who attended the 20th anniversary of the Festival. We couldn't do it without the tremendous support from local community.

We especially want to thank Tricky Cider for the special guest appearance of Guy Davis and Gigaclear who sponsored the festival as they aim to bring superfast broadband to the Blackdowns.

We wanted to ensure that everyone young and old, especially families could enjoy the festival as we continue to be a popular community event that brings everyone together. We continued to hold free activities to U18s which captured the family friendly environment and we were delighted to see you having a great time.

During our 20 years we have raised more than £80,000 to support music making and education in the Blackdowns. Here is a breakdown of the grants we've paid back into the community after last year's festival.

Upottery School	£600
Churchinford Out of School	£500
Hemyock Primary	£1500
Blackdown Music Group	£2000
Churchinford Pre school	£1500
Churchstanton School Music Teaching	£4419



That's a whopping **£10,519** paid out to benefit the local area. We are now inviting applications for funding for music education, workshops and lessons etc. for your group or class. You can state your request with full details and send to us for consideration at this email address - [info@blackdownbeerfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@blackdownbeerfestival.co.uk)

On a final note, we would like to thank Henry Papworth, Pete Kirk, Chris Haigh and Stuart Wright who have announced that they will be standing down from the committee after years of help. We wish you well. If you are interested in joining the committee then please email us or ring Jane on 01460 231221 With thanks from the Beer Fest Committee.



## 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

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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](mailto: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

## Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Show

### Advance Notice

The show for next year has been arranged again at Uplowman Village Hall on 13th August 2017. We have now sent Devon Freewheelers ( Blood Bikes ) the total of £1240 raised at this years show. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the event.

Lindy Astbury  
Secretary

Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicles

## Hemyock Bowls Club

The club would like to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning. We raised £228.70. Thank you!

## The Vale Veterinary Group

### Christmas Time for Pets

Christmas time, full of joy and cheer with the presents under the tree and Christmas dinner smelling better than ever! We as vets want to make sure that you and your pets have a fantastic Christmas without a trip to the practice.

Cats are often more fascinated by Christmas trees than us and like to climb and explore. Make sure your tree is very secure and any glass tree decorations or those with sharp edges are well out of the way of your intrigued feline. Cats also can enjoy a nibble on tinsel. They tend to eat lengths of stringy material which can then cause a concertina effect on the intestines. This can be very harmful and requires surgery to treat, so keeping tinsel and string out of harm's way is much safer!

What Christmas is complete without chocolate? Unfortunately many dogs, and sometimes cats, also believe this to be true! Chocolate can cause vomiting and diarrhoea and in larger doses, liver failure and can be fatal. The higher the cocoa content the more the risk, so keep those expensive dark chocolate truffles out of the way of any investigative hounds in the house! Be wary of chocolates on the tree and wrapped in presents within reach. Remember a small number of extra treats can lead to rapid weight gain which can take a long time to lose.

Dried fruit is also a risk to dogs and can cause renal failure so keep Christmas pudding, mince pies and Christmas cake away from low tables or other places your crafty hound may be able to get to.

For some of us, it can all get a bit much at these festive times. We may like our house being filled with family, friends and music but not all our pets do. For some, the bustle and noise can be very stressful. If you have a timid pet who enjoys the quiet, make sure there is somewhere peaceful that they can go to not be disturbed. They may prefer to have their food and litter tray in a hidden corner.

Most importantly, have a wonderful Christmas with your furry friends and if you have any worries or suspect your pet has eaten something they shouldn't, don't hesitate to call your vet for advice. Merry Christmas!

The Vale Veterinary Group  
Honiton Centre  
01404 44095

## HEMYOCK BOWLS CLUB

Sausage & Mash  
Homemade Puddings  
Coffee/Tea

**£6.00**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
12.30 - 13.30**

**PLEASE TEL. 01823 680036 TO RESERVE**





### 1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello again. Well!! We had our annual sale on 1st October and what a result. Many thanks to all of you that supported us, it was wonderful. On the day we raised over £2300 for our funds. However, we bagged up what was left in the way of clothes, books etc and this raised another £184, so the grand total was just over £2500. Again thanks to you all for your most welcome support. I can remember lots of our sale results and I am fairly certain this is an all time record. All of the monies raised will go towards equipment for our young people.

Moving on. Sunday 13th November, Remembrance Service. We had an excellent turnout of over 40 uniformed members including cubs, scouts, explorers and our young brownies. They were all very smart and we were proud to be able to parade with you from the Parish Hall to St Marys and join the Service in a packed Church.

Next, if you saw at the Service of Remembrance some of our leaders in shorts or kilts, you were not mistaken! I am afraid we must blame our Danish friends from Tonder for this. They have lots of challenges for their young people and one of them is dressing a bit differently- for a year. Yes, twelve months. So over a chat at summer camp this year, leaders Matt, Bing and Tom agreed to be seen only in shorts until summer camp next year. The kilt? That is Akela Julie, she will be seen in a kilt until next summer. Anyone seeing them dressed in anything else please report to Rikki!

Next, I would like to tell you that one of our young men, Josh Archer, has now moved on and is at Sandhurst doing his military training. I hope that his time with us in Scouts will help. I am sure it will.

All of our group are enjoying their Autumn programmes, with all sections being outdoors most of the time. More of that later. Akela, of the kilt, tells me that the celebrations of 100 years of cub scouts will culminate on 16th December with their no sleep sleep over at Exeter University. I will let you know how they got on next time. It will be fun for sure.

That's nearly it for this time, but of course - and finally. A bit different this time. I mentioned above our Autumn programmes. Mostly outdoors. I guess many of you will have heard via press, radio and television at the beginning of November reports on scouting and guiding. The headline I saw in one newspaper was "Scouts more likely to be happy adults". How true! The report stated that researchers found that former scouts and guides enjoy better mental health than their contemporaries, having an 18% lower risk of suffering anxiety and mood disorders in middle age. The main reason? We get young people outdoors and appreciating nature. We certainly do that at Hemyock and I will repeat my oft stated refrain - thankyou to our leaders. The report in the press mentioned our Founder Baden Powell, with his remark, a scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances encouraging a positive outlook. Also a comment from our Chief Scout Bear Grylls: Scouting is helping give young people the ability to develop mental wellbeing throughout their lives.

And so, the final report for 2016. May I, on behalf of all members of 1st Hemyock, wish you all a merry and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

Old Rikki



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

#### Saturdays

Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0850	1115	1415	1715				
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	0900	1125	1425	1726				
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	0911	1136	1436	1736				
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	0920	1145	1445	1745				
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Seaton, opp Health Centre	0904	1204	1504	1704		
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	0908	1208	1508	1708		
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	0913	1213	1513	1712		
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	0920	1220	1520	1718		
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	0929	1229	1529	1726		
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	0935	1235	1535	1732		
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	1242	1542	1739	1740
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746	
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753	
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755	
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758	
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806	
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808	
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811	
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820	
Nicholashayne, Post Box (NE-bound)	0753	1032	1332	1632	1820	
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	1036	1336	1636	1820	
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	1045	1345	1645	1820	
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	1052	1352	1652	1820	
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	1105	1405	1705	1820	

#### Saturdays

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Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	0935	1235	1535	1732		
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### 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

Once more the church looked very beautiful for the Harvest celebrations. We thank the ladies who arranged it all and those who distributed the food afterwards to the charities needing the supplies.

There was a wonderful meal for the parish in the evening, after the thanksgiving service, for so many who enjoy the social occasion with the entertainment to follow arranged by Brenda. Thank you. This is Casey's second time to organise the meal which was much appreciated.

Later in October, there was another happy occasion when we had a double baptism. How lovely to be present for the christening of little Thomas Blackmore and also Casey. They invited the congregation down to the parish hall afterwards for a celebration.

We remember at this time, those who have been ill, including Margaret, Bob and David and pray for their continued improvement and for any others who may be suffering. We will be remembering those who died in WW1 and WW2 when we have our Remembrance Day minutes of silence at the War Memorial on Sunday 13 November.

There is much to look forward to in December, of course.

**Saturday 3rd December**, 10.00 – noon, our **Christmas Bazaar** with many stalls, coffee and mince pies. Please come and support us.

**Sunday 4th December, St Andrew's day roast lunch.** In the Parish Hall. This follows the 10.30 service.

**Sunday 11th December**, 6.30pm **Carol Service.** Do come along and enjoy singing your favourite carols.

**Sunday 18th December**, 4pm **Nativity Service.** A favourite service with the children.

Holy Communion services are at 11.15 Christmas Eve. 10.00 on Christmas Day.



Parish meal and entertainment

The **Christingle Service** is at 4pm on 8th January. A service with Rosemary Lane Chapel is on 15th January at 6.30. Plough Sunday is at 10.00 at St Andrew's on 22 January. Further details will be on the church notice board.

We wish everyone a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a peaceful New Year.

*Pam Reynolds*



Casey and Thomas Blackmore's baptism service

## St Andrew's Flower Rota

Christmas is coming! ...all flower Ladies please on Friday 23rd December at 10.30. I will provide flowers, just bring decorations in gold or silver ...there are lots at the church if you have no spare ones.

Can we then please remove the Christmas decorations on 4th and 5th January.

### For Sunday January 2017

8 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Bullett and Nicola Bendle
15 <sup>th</sup>	As above
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
29 <sup>th</sup>	As above

### For Sunday: February

5 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
29 <sup>th</sup>	As above

May I take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful flower ladies for all their beautiful arrangements that have been done during 2016.

## Clayhidon News

### New-look hall planned

Big improvements are planned for Clayhidon Parish Hall. An architect has drawn up plans for well insulated extension behind the stage, to include new toilets, a small meeting room that would double as a changing room for performers plus a room for a parish archive. The existing toilets would be converted into a storage area for tables and chairs. The hall committee, through the parish council, will shortly submit a planning application, and if successful will then seek funds for the extension and a general enhancement of the building.

At the same time they hope to end parking problems at the hall, thanks to Russell Bendle, who has generously offered to donate a strip of his field beside the lane below the hall for use as an overflow parking space for about a dozen cars. This change will also need planning permission. Watch [www.clayhidon.org.uk](http://www.clayhidon.org.uk) for further information on this.

### Jamie revives old Blackmore tradition

Jamie Blackmore has revived a long family tradition by becoming the fourth generation of Blackmore in 50 years to serve on the council. His great grandfather John and his grandfather Tom were both chairmen and his uncle Richard was also a member for a few years. Jamie, a dairy farmer, of Culmcott, Clayhidon, was the only candidate to put his name forward before the deadline of 4 November. He fills the vacancy created by Alex Hill's resignation. Nick Sanderson, Mid Devon's returning officer, said he had been validly nominated and in the absence of any challenger declared him to have been elected without a contest. Jamie's election brings the number of Clayhidon's parish councillors who are farmers to five out of seven.

### Quiz night challenge

Quiz Night at Clayhidon on Saturday 3 December will be at 7.30, but may be delayed by a few minutes to allow people watching the Hemyock Parade of Lights to get to the Parish Hall. The team to beat will be the current reigning Brains of Clayhidon, the Mad Cows. The Quiz master will as usual be Peter Walter, and there will be a licensed bar. A ploughman's supper will be included in the entry fee of £5 per person. If you would like to enter a team of up to four people please call Caroline Bendle on 681047 or email [carouselle@btinternet.com](mailto:carouselle@btinternet.com).

### Carols by Candlelight

The Clayhidon tradition of carols by candlelight, which the Women's Institute used to organise every year in the parish hall, is to be revived this year on Friday 16 December at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to sing along to Brenda Pike's accompaniment, with mulled wine, mince pies and handbells. Watch [www.clayhidon.org.uk](http://www.clayhidon.org.uk) for more information for more details.

### Film Nights

Clayhidon's monthly film nights have continued to be popular, with an average audience of around 35 through the autumn. Three superb films have been shown since September, Florence foster Jenkins, Money Monster and Love and Friendship. Film nights will continue from January to April. The programme will be announced soon on [www.clayhidon.org.uk](http://www.clayhidon.org.uk)

### Bollhayes attracts international press

This year's Bollhayes Cider pressing was an international affair, when Alex Hill was helped by friends from Scotland, Norway,

Germany and nearer home. They picked tons of apples, bagged them, crushed and pressed them, as they enjoyed a working holiday in Clayhidon.

### Litter lout

When someone kept dumping rubbish at the layby on Clayhidon's riverside road someone else kindly placed a dustbin for their convenience. First the lid was stolen and then the bin itself, but not before the thief had emptied the contents onto the roadside.

### Ten out of ten for Ninebarrow

The brilliant Dorset folk duo Ninebarrow provided a great evening's entertainment for a near-capacity audience at Clayhidon Parish Hall on 9 November with a variety of the traditional and the modern. It was a financial success for the hall, too. Villages in Action, who promoted the duo's Devon tour, again proved their worth as talent spotters as well as rural arts promoters. Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere treated us to a full selection of styles, from purest traditional unaccompanied folk singing to a sound akin to that of Simon and Garfunkel. Exquisite harmonies, beautifully crafted songs and fine instrumental playing are Ninebarrow's hallmark. Despite all the £566 in ticket sales having to be paid to Villages in Action, the event made a £435 contribution to hall funds, through bar and food sales and a raffle.

### Remembrance Sunday at St Andrew's

Clayhidon remembered its war dead in a service of remembrance at St Andrew's Church. The Rev John Stone delivered a thought provoking sermon and afterwards led a minute's silence and read out the names of the seven who died in the First World War and the two who died in the Second.

### Bluegrass heroes

The Thunderbridge Bluegrass Band found a highly appreciative audience in Clayhidon Parish Hall for their 14 September gig. It was their second visit to the hall in eight months and over 60 people turned up to hear their unique blend of Appalachian sounds and English westcountry words. Four fine musicians, four closely blending voices and 90 minutes of top class entertainment featuring their new album, Blue.

### Harvest supper success

Harvest Festival in Clayhidon was a major community event this year, with an almost-full St Andrew's Church service followed by a jam-packed Parish Hall for the harvest supper. A big contingent from Rosemary Lane Chapel helped swell the congregation to hear a sermon by their pastor, Jonathan Hillman. The service was led by the Rector, the Rev David Burton. Afterwards, more than 80 people squeezed into the Parish Hall, for a feast of pea soup, ham and beef salad and a selection of sweets and cheeses, prepared and served by Ashley Persey's Cottage Caterers. It was washed down with Bollhayes apple juice and cider, donated by Alex Hill.

Casey Blackmore organised the event. Before leading the annual community singsong Brenda Persey introduced a new parish troubadour, David Thorne, who donned dark glasses and a cowboy hat, strummed an electric guitar and sang country music. Mike Reynolds ended the evening with another jolly rewrite of his evergreen anthem Clayhidon on the Hill, in which he somehow managed to include references to rioting Russian soccer fans. A raffle raised more than £100, with prizes again donated by Rumwell Farm Shop.



## Clayhidon Friend's

### October and November

Christmas is not so far away, and members have been able to make attractive decorations for the festive season over our last two meetings.

Margaret Brotheridge, with help from Tina Barns, set up a craft studio in the Parish Hall with a work table, on which there were little wooden Christmassy shapes, acetates, paint, glitter and glue. We painted and decorated at the first meeting, then after further embellishments and trimming at the second meeting, completed our decorations.

Refreshments were on tap while we worked, and everyone enjoyed the industrious yet sociable occasions. Many thanks to Margaret and Tina for all the hard work they put in to these very enjoyable and creative sessions.

The programme for our meetings next year has been planned, and new members are very welcome to join the group. Please contact Anne on 01823 680086 for information.

Anne Langford

### News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

As we begin our news we have just heard that Donald Trump is to be the new U.S. President. Brexit was a surprise and now this result is a surprise but neither was a surprise to God who continues to be sovereign and is working His purposes out according to His thoughts which are not ours. Our sure hope is in our risen Lord Jesus Christ who is preparing to return to usher in His eternal Kingdom.

As we look back we have much to be thankful for. Once again we appreciated fellowship with our friends at St. Andrews as we joined with them for their St. Luke's Day service in October. The Sunday Strollers had a good walk around the woods at Wellington Monument and plan next to go up to Culmstock Beacon. The weather for the Bonfire Night was great with a good crowd who enjoyed the traditional bangers and soup – Emma Williams (pastor Steve's wife of the Baptist church) gave the epilogue encouraging us that God can use us whatever our circumstances might be. On Sunday 6th November we had a representative from the London City Mission who is working in the Downham Estate in S.E. London – he emphasised the challenges of witnessing in a multi-cultural society and explained how the Food Bank was giving openings.

The Autumn programme has had a helpful start for our young peoples work on Sundays with the Bible Class and Sunday School as well as the meetings on alternate Friday evenings for the Adventurers (primary) and Teenscene (secondary). This is also true for those who continue to be involved in the Lunch and Tea Clubs in partnership with the Blackdown Support Group: the Gideons; Open the Book; Street Pastors and the Torch Fellowship – the latter are having their Christmas meeting on 3rd December with the Beckhelling Handbell ringers. Later that day we will be having our Annual Church Meeting!

Over the Christmas period our young people will be taking our morning service on Sunday 18th December with a Christmas theme – then in the afternoon there will be a tea with carols

### Funding for community projects

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and a quiz especially for the Lunch and Tea Club folk. On Christmas day itself we will have a short service at 10.30 a.m. Our Winter Bible Studies are planned to continue in the New Year under the theme "Changed from Inside Out" based on Ephesians Chapter 4 – David Herring will speak on 'The Power to Change' on Tuesday 17th January.

As we bring our news to a close it has just been Remembrance Sunday and we have combined this with a visit from a missionary family serving in Rwanda (Chrissie Mulindabigwe and her Rwandan husband, Jano, with their boy Mugabo – see pic taken at the service). As we remembered those who had given their lives in conflict we were also able to remember the thousands who were killed in the genocide not so long ago both in that country and neighbouring Burundi. Much of their work is still with those affected by HIV/Aids, refugees, the widows and child headed families.

It is not difficult to make the transition to the little family in Bethlehem who themselves went on to be refugees in Egypt. As we remember the Christmas story and areas in the world still in the midst of grievous conflict our hope is in the angles'

wonderful proclamation to the shepherds:-

"—in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.! Luke 2 v 11.

We trust that you will have a very happy and peaceful Christmas with God's blessing in the coming year.

On behalf of the Leadership Team.

Geoffrey Dearlsey

### Clayhidon Parish Council Update December 2016

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

#### Finance

Income - interest.

Expenditure - clerk's pay and expenses, audit fee, Queen's birthday celebration event and donation of £130 to the Cameo Club.

#### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/01471/FULL – Bolham House Farm, Hemyock. Erection of 3 biomass boilers and associated infrastructure to provide heat to existing poultry operation.
- 16/01604/FULL. Ten Oaks Farm, Clayhidon. Variation of condition (2) of appeal decision APP/Y1138/W/16/3145647 relating to planning application 15/01622/FULL to allow the substitution of previously approved plans.
- 16/01657/HOUSE. Ashcott, Battle Street, Clayhidon. Erection of a two storey extension.

#### 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

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#### Defibrillator for the Parish

The defibrillators will be fitted soon. The South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's training session, open to all, will be held on Wednesday 30th November at 7-9pm Parish Hall, Hemyock.

#### Housing Needs Survey Hemyock & Clayhidon

Many thanks to those who completed the survey. The results of the survey can be found on the village website [www.clayhidon.org](http://www.clayhidon.org) under the parish council section. The survey identified a local need for 26 affordable homes and 18 open market homes within the next 5 years.

#### No HGVs signs

The parish council has purchased a number of 'no entry for HGV' signs which will be erected at various positions within the parish. It is hoped these will prevent large vehicles from using inappropriate routes.

#### Election

Jamie Blackmore is welcomed to the parish council following the recent uncontested by-election.

#### First Aid Training

The parish council will be organising a half-day First Aid Training Course on Saturday 25th February next year. The course covers Primary Survey, Basic Life Support, Choking, Wounds & Bleeding, Shock, and Hearts/Stroke/Seizures. Please let the clerk know if you are interested in attending.

#### Wiltown Turbarry

The parish council, with part funding from Devon County Council, has just installed a boardwalk on footpath No 14 so you should be able to walk through the woods without sinking!



#### Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a newly trained lengthsman who the council may call upon to complete works in the parish. Please report any problems with ditches/drains to the clerk or any councillor.

#### Local Tradespeople

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

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 12th December. (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](http://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](mailto:clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com).



## Friends of Coldharbour Mill

The WORKING WOOL MUSEUM is now closed for the winter (open for pre-booked tours). It will be open for Steam Day on January 1st 2017. The MILL SHOP is open every week, Monday to Friday 11am- 3pm. The Waterside Café is 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](mailto:info@coldharbourmill.org.uk) or view the Mill website: [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk).

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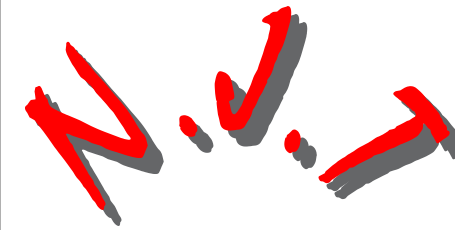
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