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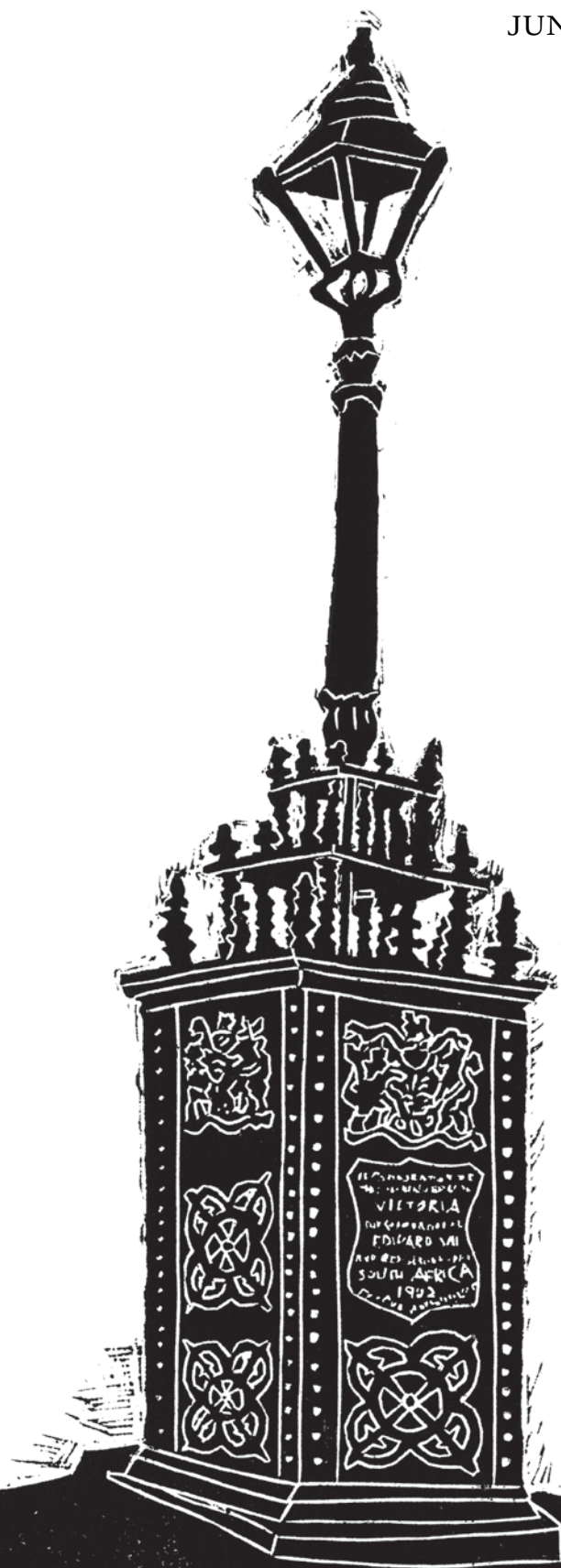
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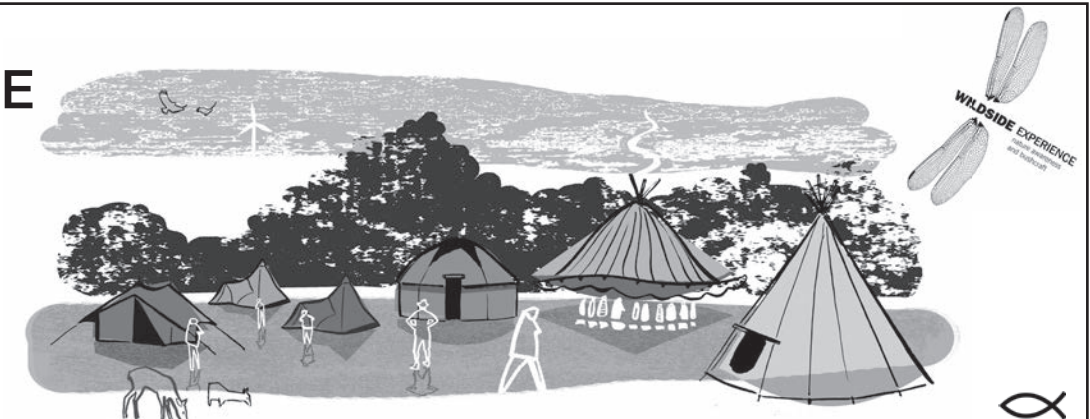
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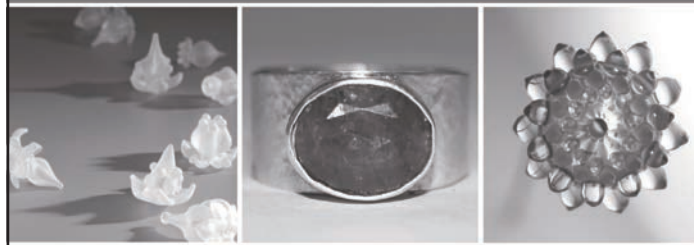


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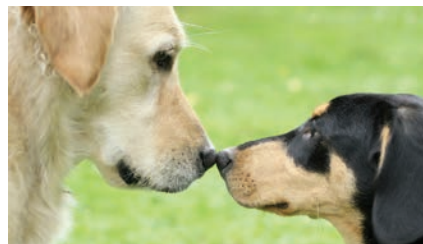
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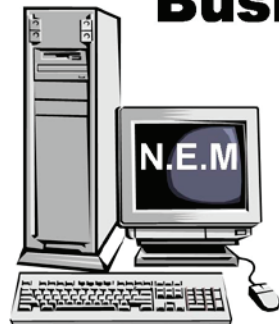
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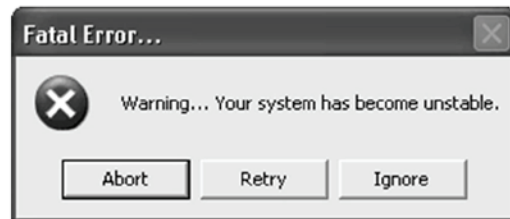
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June & July 2019**

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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'
2 nd June <i>Easter 7</i>	3.00pm <i>Helpers Service & Cream Tea</i>	<i>No Service</i>	8.30am HC (BCP)	10.00am HC (CW)
9 th June <i>Pentecost</i>	10.30am Benefice Eucharist at St Andrew's Clayhidon <i>Penetecost (Whitsunday)</i>			
16 th June <i>Trinity</i>	11.15am MP (CW) <i>& Baptism</i>	<i>No Service</i>	3.00pm <i>Open Air Service at Fields Farm</i>	9.30am HC (CW)
23 rd June <i>Trinity 1</i>	11.15 HC (CW) <i>Rogation Procession</i>	3.30pm EP (BCP)	11.00am <i>Joint Service at Rosemary Lane Chapel</i>	8.00am HC (BCP)
30 th June <i>Trinity 2</i>	10.30am Benefice Eucharist at All Saints Culmstock			
7 th July <i>Trinity 3</i>	10.30am FS (CW)	<i>No Service</i>	8.30am HC (BCP)	10.00am HC (CW)
14 th July <i>Trinity 4</i>	11.15am MP (CW) <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.00am HC (BCP)	10.00am FS (CW) <i>Cyclists Service</i>	6.30pm EP (CW)
21 st July <i>Trinity 5</i>	11.15am HC (CW)	<i>No Service</i>	6.30pm EP (BCP)	9.30am HC (CW)
28 th July <i>Trinity 6</i>	11.15am HC (CW) <i>Family Service</i>	3.30pm EP (BCP)	10.00am HC (CW)	8.00am HC (CW)

Regular Mid-week Services: Tuesdays - Morning Prayer, 10 am at All Saints', Culmstock

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An Unknown God?

There is a famous story in the Bible about St. Paul waiting in Athens waiting for two of his friends to arrive. Just like tourists today, finding he had time on his hands, he began to look around their temples. In one of them he found an altar dedicated "To an unknown God." So he began to proclaim to everyone that this was the God he had come to tell them about. This was the God who had made the world and everything in it. The God who had given life and breath to human beings, but did not live in temples and was not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being." This was a quotation from one of the Greek poets. Paul was having to use poetic language to try to describe God. There is no human language which is adequate for that task, because God is not a physical God he is a spiritual God. St. John, in his gospel says, "God is spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and truth."

On June 9th we shall be celebrating Pentecost, or Whit Sunday. It is one of the most important celebrations of the Christian year. It is the day when we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The Bible says it happened with a sound like a violent wind and that tongues of flame appeared and rested on each disciple. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages so that Jews from other countries who were gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost could hear them talking about God in their own languages. We cannot use human language to provide an accurate description of the Holy Spirit any more that we can to provide an accurate description of what God is like, but Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is the power which God uses to work in the world today.

Just like God, the Holy Spirit is not far from each one of us. When Jesus was baptised the Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. When Babies are baptised in church today we pray for God to, "Send your Holy Spirit upon them to bring them to new birth in the household of faith...". So in the form of the Holy Spirit, God lives in every baptised Christian.

As the opening words of the marriage service have it, "Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them."

Christians may not be able to describe the totality of what God is, but he is not an unknown God. As St. Paul put it, "Now we see as in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." We know him now on earth, but eventually we shall know him much better, in heaven.

Rev John Stone



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with a
1950's theme
Sat 13th July
2.30-4.30pm
at
The Church and Churchyard

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David on
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St Mary's Hemyock

This issue:

- ◆ Sea Shanties
- ◆ National Bell Competition
- ◆ 50th Hemyock Holiday Club
- ◆ Cream Tea



Annual Church and Vestry Meeting

The annual church and Vestry meeting of St Mary's with Culm Davy Chapel, Hemyock has taken place under the chairmanship of David Bawler as the benefice is in a vacancy.

Re elected as Churchwardens were Jenny Doble and David Bawler for St Marys and Mark Fitzgerald for the chapel. Reports on the workings of the Parochial Church Council and from the various groups showed an active life within the two congregations. Numbers on the electoral roll had increased and the financial reports showed a healthy balance.

Regular lunches and donations from coffee served after services raised money for mission support in Uganda and Bradford along with maintenance and running of the parish church. Other financial support has been given to Children's Society and Mission to Seafarers. The highly successful charity and coffee shop continues to annually present a percentage of its takings to local charities whilst the Friends of St Mary's have held a number of successful events with funds supporting the upkeep of and special church projects.

The church acts as a collecting point for clothes for Syrian refugees and supports the work of Devon charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe with humanitarian aid and Christmas shoeboxes for all ages going to Moldova. Locally it supports the Taunton/Wellington food bank, Musgrove Neo Natal unit whilst books are bought for prisons and goods provided for the homeless further afield. At the primary school local churches provide Open The Book with Seekers providing activities for young people. No major work has been needed at the chapel but the church has seen the completion of toilets, boiler house and reorganisation of the church north aisle to provide a community area. At the Church Room a shed has been installed and the garden is to be tidied to allow a patio area.

The bell ringers, choir and special services team along with various other groups have all added to a year of change. Special thanks we're expressed to the retired Clergy and Wardens who along with the lay team had ensured all services in Hemyock as well as Clayhidon and Culmstock - the Upper Culm Mission Community - have been covered following the retirement of Rev David Burton as they await a new appointment.

Sea Shanty Evening

Almost 100 people attended St Mary's church, Hemyock to enjoy a delightful free evening of sea shanty songs. The Barnacle Buoys, a group of five singers from North Somerset, kept the audience entertained for an hour of almost continuous singing before a short break when light refreshments were available after which they performed for a further 30 minutes.



Their opening number Drop of Nelsons Blood followed by Fire Down Below quickly gave the audience a taste of what was to follow drawing warm applause. Sea shanty songs were mainly about drink and women it was explained. There were no rude words!

Lifeboat Girl, Clevedon Bay and The Bristol Ship, The Matthew were three songs amongst those enjoyed in the first half of the concert and later in the evening New York Girl, Cruising Down The Coast of Barbary and Mermaid were included in the Buoys programme. A number of songs had West Country references and with an occasional word change even Hemyock received a mention!

Audience participation took place during some numbers including the final song What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor? which brought a hugely enjoyable evening to a close.

Since the groups formation they have supported charities Children Hospice South West and the RNLI raising over £10,000 in total. The evening was arranged by the Friends of St Mary's and after expenses had been paid £240 was made towards to upkeep and maintenance of the church and special projects.

Janice Bawler



Palm Sunday

The congregation of St Mary's church Hemyock were joined by those from St Andrews Clayhidon, All Saints Culmstock, Culm Davy Chapel and members of Hemyock Baptist for the Palm Sunday service. Assembling at the Parsh Hall the group walked through the village led by the church choir and a pony ridden by Wilfred appropriately dressed and a grandson of a Clayhidon member.

The service attended by almost 90 began simultaneously at the hall and the church with a reading and blessing of palm crosses by Rev John Stone and Rev Chris Hudson. Singing along the route was led by Ron White on accordion.

During the service of Holy Communion a dramatised reading from St Luke's Gospel of Christs Passion involving members from the different churches was given.



St George's Day Service

Churchwarden of St Mary's church Hemyock David Bawler welcomed members of the local Scout Group and Brownies for the annual service to celebrate St George's Day. The young people paraded through the village from the Parish Hall to the Church accompanied by leaders and supporters.

The service which was arranged in conjunction with the leaders saw the reading and prayers given by young people and the talk given by John Northan better known to members by his Scout name Rikki.

He spoke of the Groups history and their strong ties to Scouts in Tonder, Denmark. His interesting talk ended with members past and present wearing camp blankets and the congregation forming a line to circle the seats as they were led in the numerous Elephant dance.

A number of awards were presented to the young people and a long service award to Rikki by Group Scout Leader Andrew Batten all of which brought warm applause. The retiring collection in support of the church appeal to purchase a Shelterbox for Malawi raised just over £120.

Janice Bawler

St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

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On

**Saturday 1st
Tuesday 11th
Tuesday 25th**

All 10am - 12noon

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singing, story, craft & more!

Dragonflies en masse

Explaining death to very small children is not easy. Some have found the story of a dragonfly's life is a helpful aid to explain the changes we undertake. Other people also find that story mirrors Christ's Easter change from crucified dead body to living Lord.

In Wellington Parish Church there is a display based on this story, which features over 2000 dragonflies and invites reflection on the Easter story. There is indeed something very thought provoking in having the vast spaces of St Johns taken over in this way.

The display runs from Easter until Pentecost (June 9th). and is free to see. St Johns is at the Taunton end of Wellington High Street.

Brian Samuels

The National 12 Bell Striking Competition

Major competitions in a large number of physical activities tend to take place in a fairly limited number of locations. London, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow are all used to being the stage for a whole variety of national and international finals. One activity where this is slightly different is in Bellringing.

The National 12 Bell Striking competition can be in any of the country's towers with 12, or more, bells, and this year it comes to Exeter. Although world wide there are now nearly 6000 towers with bells rung in the "full circle" English style, there are just 132 where 12 bell ringing is the norm. It is not just the Cathedrals that claim this honour. Fairly locally we have Withycombe Rayleigh, Crediton and South Petherton parish churches all in that "12 club", along with Buckfast Abbey and St Mary Magdelene, Taunton.

So 12 bell ringing is a specialist skill within ringing. The ringers will be aiming to ring a test piece with accuracy and musicality. Given that there are over 4,000 million ways of ordering numbers 1 to 12, and the bells will all be striking within about 4 to 5 seconds for each change, it is a test of concentration and memory. Add in the fact that

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SMCCS

It seems almost unbelievable that the Charity and Coffee shop has been running for 7 years, April 25 saw the start of our eighth year.

So thank everyone for all the support you've given us, which has enabled us not only to help keep the church operating for future generations but also to pass on some financial help to other charitable groups in the village, or groups like the Devon Air Ambulance which help us all.

This year's recipients were the Cameo Club, to help pay for an art tutor, the Scouts for their Tonder trip expenses, and the Holiday Club Committee as they prepare for the 50th Summer event. That took our total given away to over £5200. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

Brian Samuels

Food!

St Mary's recently received a certificate from the Trussel Trust, who run Food Banks around the country. This was to acknowledge the fact that our donations to the local food bank in Wellington had topped the 1000kg mark. So a sincere "thankyou" to everyone who has supported this initiative.

The Trust recently reported that over the past 5 years the number of food parcels given out has risen by a staggering 73%. Last year they gave out 1.6 million parcels. Nearly 600,000 went to children.

They state that one of the main problems for many people is that a change onto Universal Credit benefits results in at least a 5 week wait for a full payment. A campaign for a change, "5weekstoolong" is currently underway."

Brian Samuels



the Cathedral's tenor bell (which is called Grandison after the Bishop of that name) weighs in at 72 cwt and is the second heaviest bell rung "full circle" and you can see that the task is also a real test of physical skill for the ringers of the heavier bells.

For comparison the Hemyock tenor weighs just under 18cwt. Bells are still weighed in the way they have been since about 1400 and if you are not used to these old Imperial measures, well, call it about 907kilo. So for Grandison, as they say in the car ads, you can do the maths.

The competition takes place on Saturday June 22. On the day there will also be lots of additional activities going on on the Cathedral Green. So a "once in a generation" chance to hear the country's best ringers in a local setting. Don't miss it!

All the churches in the Mission Community have rings of bells, Culmstock 8 bells, Clayhidon and Hemyock 6. If you want to know more about this ancient art which calls people to worship then contact the appropriate Tower Captains.

St Mary's Church, Hemyock



Summer Lunch
Hearty soup, pudding & coffee

Thursday, 20 June
in The Church Rooms, Hemyock
(serving at 12.30pm)

Donations towards Building Projects at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

(We will be taking a break in July & August, back in the autumn)

Spring Concert

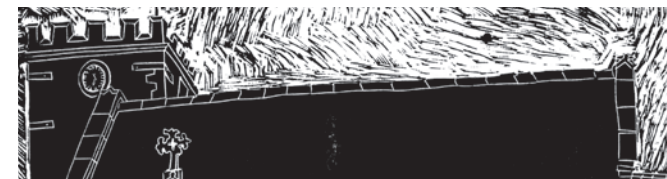
The annual Spring concert given by Hemyock Singers and held at St Mary's Church is always a free event with retiring donations presented to charity. This year the group are pleased to be able to donate £375 to the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton

Mozart's Requiem was the work selected and performed by the 29 strong member choir, conducted by Musical Director Matthew Bale and accompanied flawlessly on organ by Nigel Atkinson. The strong opening chorus Requiem produced a lovely sound which the Singers sustained throughout the concert. The bass line was strong but not overpowering, the soprano solo by Jenny Doble was superb and the ending a triumph.

During Tuba Mirum and Recordare Jenny was joined by soloists Sue Bennett, a very confident alto, Matthew Bale, tenor and Malcolm Best a welcome new member to the group. The diction of all four being extremely clear and voices well balanced. The strong base line was again obvious at the opening bars of Confutatis and this chorus was followed by the very solomn Lacrimosa with the choir again showing crystal clear clarity.

The sound produced by the sopranos and altos in Hostias was smooth as was all the remaining work with clear and concise entries and exits. The final chorus Lux Eterna and Let eternal light shine upon them, Lord brought long and warm applause from an appreciative audience.

Hemyock Singers next concert will be of light music followed by a dinner and will be held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 30th November. Tickets usually sell out within an hour so do look out for details nearer the time. Rehearsals for this start Monday 9th September, 7.30pm at Hemyock Baptist Chapel. New members are always welcome and the ability to read music is not essential.



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Saturday, 29th June 7.30pm

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THY KINGDOM COME

30TH MAY - 9TH JUNE

Christians from churches in the Upper Culm Valley, including St. Mary's and the Baptist Church in Hemyock, All Saints Culmstock, St Andrew's Clayhidon, Rosemary Lane Chapel, and Culm Davy Chapel, will be praying for all the people in their villages and surrounding areas for 10 days from 30th May - 9th June as part of a Worldwide Programme of Prayer called Thy Kingdom Come. We believe in the power of prayer and welcome any prayer requests. Look out for further information in the churches and on local Notice Boards and other locations in the villages.

See your local village and church boards for more information and events.

50th Hemyock Holiday Club

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August 2019 at Hemyock Primary School

Yes, we really will be celebrating 50 years of Hemyock Holiday Club this year. Please put the dates in your diary and join us for another fun-packed week with special items to celebrate this special 50th year of Holiday Club. We will have another fantastic week of fun, games and craft.

Any child of primary school age is very welcome. They will need a packed lunch, but drinks are provided. It will run from 11.00 to 2.45 every day and the cost is only £1.50 per day or £6 if pre-paid for the week.

The holiday club is jointly run by volunteers from St Mary's Church and Hemyock Baptist Church. If anyone is interested in volunteering, we would welcome some more helpers, especially anyone interested in presenting the Watt family drama.

Please contact us on 01823 680111 if you can offer any assistance. Many thanks.

Opening Times

Hemyock Surgery

Mon – Fri 08:30 – 18:00 – *Please note the dispensary is closed between 13:00-14:00*
 Sat 08:00 – 11:00

Churchinford Surgery

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 Wed & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days
 Weekends Closed

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 Weekends Closed

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 Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

The Backdown Hills Wednesday Club

We had our AGM on April 10th which was very well supported by our members. We had a recap of our meetings over the past year and very varied, fun and interesting they were. The Treasurer told us that our finances were in good shape, not least because of a grant from the Somerset Community Fund to help with the Christmas Lunch and because we had a lot of speakers who charged us nothing or very little. (It won't always be like that - some speakers are charging quite a lot these days).

Churchstanton Church is holding a Flower Festival in June and we put it to the members to see if we as a Club wanted to participate. The members said they did and also voted to pay for the flowers. The helpers who give up their time to run the meetings and make such delicious food for tea were thanked by the Chairman. Then we got onto the fun part of the afternoon and played Bingo. Our thanks to Neil Arnold for calling and Kathy for helping and to Dorothy for buying all the prizes.

On April 24th we welcomed Clare Lucker from the Wellington Foodbank who gave us a comprehensive talk about the 2000 food banks in the UK co-ordinated by the Trussell Trust, a nationwide charity based in Salisbury, run on Christian principles, with the objective of reducing poverty and hunger. Clare gave us various reasons why people need the Foodbank: Universal Credit is not getting to people fast enough, they have to wait up to 6 weeks for any money. Benefit delay also happens because sanctions are applied if people miss their benefit appointments; some people are on benefits or on a low income and are just not managing and some people have too much debt. Homelessness or sickness or domestic abuse contributed to short-term money problems. The government has put £1.7million into improving the system and Clare said that perhaps some issues are being resolved.

Some Foodbanks are large enough to provide holistic support: budget management advice, basic cookery instruction, job skills,

how to apply for grants. There are 1.3 million people living below the poverty line in this country and Foodbanks can be said to prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and health problems.

It works by having donations of non-perishable goods from various outlets such as churches, offices and supermarkets which can be stored at the Foodbank and some perishable goods, in Taunton from M&S and in Wellington from Waitrose, which come on the days the Foodbank is open. Professionals such as nurses, social workers, the Job Centre, schools, and churches hold and give out food vouchers and recipients must have a food voucher in order to receive a food parcel at the Foodbank. Volunteers are told what size of box to give depending on whether it is for a single person or a family and what non-perishables to take off shelves to make up the box and then clients are offered fruit and vegetables of their choice. Clients are allowed 6 vouchers in 6 months but Clare said that no-one is ever turned away. Taunton opened in 2012 and has helped over 3000 people including 1300 children since then. An amazing talk giving us a real insight into the work of the Foodbanks and some frustration and dismay that they should be necessary in this affluent country. Thank you, Clare.

Meetings in June and July:

June 12th: Strawberry Tea at Pear Tree Cottage, Stapley courtesy of Pam and Colvin Parry

June 26th: Helen Allen talks about the Transylvania Florilegium and her work in leading the project for the Prince of Wales

July 10th: Blackdown Hillbillies in concert

July 24th: Summer Lunch at 12.30 for 1pm

All meetings at Churchinford Village Hall at 2pm for 2.30pm unless otherwise stated. We always welcome guests - and membership is only £1. We have some good talks and lively meetings - why don't you join us?

Sally Milnes



To mark Volunteers Week 2019

we would like to welcome all of our volunteers and prospective volunteers for coffee and cake at the

BLACKDOWN VOLUNTEERS SOCIAL HUB

Drop in and see us on Tuesday 4th June 2-4pm at The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre

- Meet other existing volunteers and share experiences
 - Find out more about our organisations
- Discuss relevant topics in the world of volunteering
 - Find out how you can get involved

Please RSVP to bsg.elizabeth@nhs.net or call 01823 681 036



Hemyock Gardeners' Association

The upcoming months are the busiest for all gardeners until we reach the end of July when we can just look at our gardens and enjoy them! Hemyock Gardeners' Spring Show was held on Saturday 6 April and the Parish Hall, as ever, was filled with fabulous entries in classes ranging from daffodils and tulips to sloe gin!

Congratulations to all those who won Spring Show 2019 Trophies:

Phyll Kallaway Rose Bowl Awarded for the best exhibit in class 1-5 (One Bloom): Pat Jenkins

Val Wakeling Cup Awarded for the most points in classes 1-30 inclusive: Annette Hart

Webber Vase Awarded for the best exhibit of Cut Flowers: Jean King

Carnival Cup Awarded for the best exhibit of Pot/Bowl in growing bulbs: Jane Attlee

HGA Shield Awarded for the best Pot Plant: Jane Attlee

HGA Cup Awarded for the best exhibit of Flowering Shrubs: Barbara Heaton

Percy and Olive Salter Memorial Trophy Awarded for the best exhibit in Hobbies and Handicrafts: Sandy Coe



News from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre



We are celebrating Volunteers' Week at the BHLAC. Our volunteers are invaluable; we wouldn't be able to do what we do without them. People choose to volunteer for a number of reasons and time given can make a difference in so many ways. Volunteering can provide an opportunity to:

- Make a difference to the lives of others
- Feel valued and part of a team
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Learn new skills
- Make connections in our community
- Have fun and make new friends.



WE NEED YOU

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the Blackdown Stay & Play Hub which runs on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm-3pm during term-time. If you have any experience of working with children and would like to join the team we would love to hear from you.

We are hoping to launch a community CINEMA club at the BHLAC soon and are keen to recruit some additional volunteers with an interest in film. We are hoping to screen movies for EVERYONE and will be looking for input from the COMMUNITY as to what they would like us to screen. So if you are keen to get involved with setting up and running the CINEMA club please email centre@bhlac.org.uk or call 01823 680687.

Peta Dayus-Jones
 Centre Manager

HGA Rosebowl Awarded for the best exhibit in Floral Art Classes: Monica Smith

Carnival Shield Awarded for the most points gained in the Floral Arts classes: Monica Smith

Hemyock W.I Shield Awarded for the most points gained in the Culinary Classes: Colin Mitchell

Mac's Trophy The Peoples choice in Class 43 (River scene painting): Janet Dolton

The Butterwith Cup Awarded to the exhibitor with the most points overall: Annette Hart

We take a break from our monthly Wednesday evening meetings in the Parish Hall until September with the Gardeners' travelling away for a weekend to visit Gardens in Staffordshire. Day visits are planned in July and August to gardens open at Fenny Bridges and Kenton under the National Garden Scheme.

The Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 7 September with Ploughman's lunch, afternoon refreshments, a plant stall and the chance to buy raffle tickets to win super garden-themed prizes.

Susan Scantlebury 01823 681393

50TH HEMYOCK HOLIDAY CLUB

(St.Mary's, Baptist and Rosemary Lane)

July 29th – Aug 2nd 11am – 2:45pm
for all Primary School children in H.P.S.
£1.50 per day or £6 if prepaid for the week.

Plans are underway for a week **packed with fun, laughter and enjoyment**
– See you there?

If you are able to help please ring 01823 680111.

Upper Culm Twinning Association presents

A Question of Taste

General Knowledge Quiz – with a difference. At the end of each round, a bonus question to identify food ... and drinks. Challenge your tastebuds!
Teams of 6. Prize for winning team

Hemyock Parish Hall
7.30pm Friday 5 July 2019
Pay Bar Buffet Supper
£6.50 per person

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CRAFTERNOON!

HEMYOCK. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 2.00-4.00.

Come along to CRAFTERNOON!
Bring your sewing/knitting/crochet.
Join our friendly group for a chat and a cuppa.
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Hemyock History Group Report

We can report another successful season of history talks in Hemyock which have attracted a regular group of interested locals. From Devon based archaeologists such as John Allan from Exeter Cathedral, Bill Horner, our Devon CC archaeologist and Derek Gore from Exeter University we have had a full range of subjects to interest our members. Plus amateur historians like Colin Vosper talking about the world's canals and Des Atkinson on Canonsleigh Abbey and Peter Marsden on Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose we have been royally entertained.

The initial intention was to have more of a literary and debating Society with members participating on subjects that interest them. However the format of booking learned figures to talk about the subjects that they have studied has been more acceptable to our members.

We also have our database of historical images and documents available to search through and discuss. Perhaps we should have an evening where members can access the material, print out copies for them to study, research the background and then return to share the information with the group. You never know this may highlight new material that has become available in the public domain which would be of interest to a wider audience.

Universities are always on the lookout for mature students to research various subjects and provide dissertations and reports in the course of obtaining MA's or even PhD's.

With distance learning you do not have to travel far from Hemyock to participate on these courses although they do prefer the successful students to appear at the award ceremonies in various gowns during the summer celebrations.

Hemyock has also become a suitable place for groups from Devon and Somerset to come on guided tours including the Castle, the Pump, St Marys, the Baptist Church and the High Street Congregational. Even with the expansion of new houses the old part hasn't changed that much over the last 750 years. Aren't we all lucky to have this on our doorstep.

Brenda Calcraft

Ballroom Dancing Tuition

In addition to the monthly Ballroom dance nights there is now the opportunity to join in Ballroom Dancing lessons with a professional dance tutor. These take place fortnightly from 2pm-3.30pm on a Wednesday afternoon in Hemyock at The Garages in Millhayes (opposite the Healthy Living Centre).

There is a modest tuition fee per person and a contribution to the cost of the Hall. If you would like to learn how to waltz, cha cha, foxtrot and quickstep, please get in touch to book in. Beginners and not-so-beginners all welcome!

Susan Scantlebury
01823 681393 r 07976 611238



News from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre

A capacity audience at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre was treated to such an incredibly high-class afternoon of entertainment on Sunday 19th May that they thought they had been transported to the West End!



Music Theatre legend Liz Robertson and her equally versatile daughter Briony Deuchar dazzled a captivated audience with a wide variety of songs from hits such as The Sound of Music, Les Miserables, Hairspray and Wicked. The mother-daughter repartee was as beguiling as their singing, and they were sensitively accompanied by musical director Simon Beck on the piano.

In the interval, the audience enjoyed a glass of prosecco with strawberries and clotted cream, and the excited buzz in the packed studio throughout the event was palpable. Overall a significant amount was raised for the BHLAC in this fundraising concert – hopefully the first of many!

Peta Dayus-Jones, Centre Manager

Arts & Crafts
Music & Singing
Sensory Play
Snacks & Story
Tea & Biscuits

Blackdown Stay & Play Hub
Thursdays 1.30-3pm
Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre
TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS CARERS
£1.50 PER CHILD OR £2 PER FAMILY
www.bhlac.org.uk

Celebrate at the BHLAC

We are the perfect party venue if you are celebrating a birthday, a christening, a wedding anniversary or holding a party just for the fun of it.

Call 01823 680687
www.bhlac.org.uk

Hemyock WI April/May 2019

Lynn Taylor was re-elected as President at the April Meeting. With help from the County Adviser, Roz, members decided if they wished to support the two resolutions which will be voted on in June at Bournemouth.

Rural Bus Services and Cervical Screening made interesting topics. Brenda Calcraft will represent Hemyock at the National A.G.M. Julie said she would be interested in making a piece of buntin to represent Hemyock WI for the Devon Federation. Cindy and Andrea said they would make an effort to walk on the 'Women Walk the World Day'. (So they walked around the Byes, stopping off for a glass of wine at Lower Cottage.) Edith was the main Competition winner that night.

For the May Meeting, the President introduced a lawyer from Torquay. Such a nice gentleman and so informative, everyone thought he would be ideal to help with all their financial problems, but a bit too far away. However, he answered all the queries and left helpful literature. He judged the competition for 'Something Devonian' and chose Lucy's old book on Devon Customs as first.

Cindy and Julia had a fascinating time when they attended a 'Re-enactment Day' which was organised by County. Brenda and Cindy had a most interesting time when they attended the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay. With two excellent speakers and a chance to meet other WI members from all over the County.

In June there will be a talk on 'Fashion through the ages' by Daphne Hilsdon. The competition will be for a piece of Vintage Clothing. In July there will be a fish and chip supper in Sidmouth. Hemyock WI meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Forbes Lounge. Visitors welcome. More details from the President on 01823 680104.

Brenda Calcraft

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Autumn Show 2019



Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 7th September

<http://hemyockgardeners.org.uk>



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

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		
Stay & Play Hub	Every Thursday 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in stay & play session for parents, babies and toddlers. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories run by Peta Dayus-Jones (01823 680687)		
Phoenix Group	On the first Tuesday of every month 10am –12pm, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)		
Brightside	On the 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 or to book on 01823 680687		
Monday	Watercolour Art	1.30 - 3pm	Sally Clark
	Yoga (2 classes)	4.30 - 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 - 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates (2 classes)	5.45 - 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Tai Chi	10 - 11pm	Alice Ringrose
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 - 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Yoga	9.30 - 10.30am	Steph Leitner
Complementary Therapies	Acupuncture Aromatherapy, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology, TCM. Please contact therapists direct to book appointments.		

Call 01823 680687 for further information and details of our classes or visit our new website www.bhlac.org.uk

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

As the last issue of the Pump went to press we heard that **Tola Spiller** had died. Since then we have also been informed of the passing of **Roy Rattray** and **Sally Woodman**. Love and condolences are sent to the families of all who have recently lost a loved one. Sally's niece Elaine has sent to following :

Melita Sally Ann Woodman (known to everyone as "Sally") was born in Ealing, London on the 21st August 1932 to Miriam & Leonard Cook. She had an older sister "Jean".

During the war Sally & Jean were evacuated to Wellington to live with their Auntie Mabel. She attended Primary School in Wellington and in 1945 attended Courtfield School for Girls, Wellington. On leaving school she went to work for Eggerton Burnetts, South Street, Wellington as a Tailoress.

In the early 1950's there was a huge fire at the premises and they relocated at Fox Brothers Ltd. Around this time Sally met Anthony who worked for Fox Brothers Ltd together with other members of the Woodman family. They both enjoyed dancing and travelled all around the area on Anthony's motorbike. In 1957 they got married and moved into Shan-gri-la, Westown which Anthony helped to build, they lived there for the majority of their married life. Sally had a great love for cats and had various cats over the years. She also shared Anthony's passion for gardening and they spent hours tending their garden, which always looked immaculate. Sally's artistic flare made the garden look spectacular with a display of flowers and plants in vibrant colours all year round.

In 2002 they moved to Sunny Nook Hemyock. Sadly in 2011 Anthony passed away and Sally was lost as they always did everything together. Around this time she joined several clubs in the Village, such as Acorns, Brightside and The Art Club, where she developed her skill of painting. At this time she met Bridget Chown who became her best friend.

They went everywhere together, i.e. bus trips, outings, coffee mornings shopping etc. On one occasion they went to a Rod Stewart concert in Taunton, she thoroughly enjoyed this. She led a very busy life and enjoyed herself. She also enjoyed spending time with the family especially her great-great-nephews. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Good wishes are sent to the many people who are unwell at present. We remember in particular **Brian Clist** and **Juliet Andrews** who are both extremely poorly as I write.

A very warm welcome is extended to those who have moved to Hemyock over the last two months. This page welcomes news from one and all so do get in touch if you feel you have something you would like to share. However and wherever you spend the coming two months, I hope it will be really enjoyable.

Janice (Your news is always welcome at jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk)

Cream Tea Afternoon

This year's **Cream Tea afternoon at Prings Farm, Madford** will be held on **Sunday 16th June 2019, 2-5pm**. As usual, there'll be delicious scones and cakes along with a plant stall, cake stall, raffle and auction. Everyone is welcome!

If you are able to donate a raffle prize or help for an hour or two on the day please get in touch with Judy Barton (680975).



Thank you.

Around Hemyock June – July 2019

Congratulations to those who were recently elected to serve as Parish or District Councillors. This can be a rewarding as well as sometimes thankless task but we should all appreciate the great deal of hard work that goes into caring for the benefit of parishioners and for the beautiful area we are lucky enough to live in.

Congratulations to **George Clist** of Uffculme School whose film of a ski trip was chosen to be part of a promotional video for a professional company. He has been awarded £300 worth of filming equipment.

Many will be aware that our **Scout Group** are looking forward to celebrating a special anniversary in the not too distant future with fellow Scouts from Tonder, Denmark. It was interesting to hear at the St Georges Day service **Ricki (John Northam)** relating some of the history of the twinning followed by the fun the young, and now not so young, enjoyed at the end of his talk by circling the pews as the Elephant dance was performed. The talk and dance brought back happy memories for many.

We've been informed that some of our young folk have successfully taken part in the Exmoor Challenge and 10 Tors events. Well done to all and as ever many thanks to all who were involved with their training. Celebrating their 50th anniversary has been the **Acorn group**. As someone was heard to say "Where have those years gone?"

Looking to the future - 1921 was a very special year in Hemyock. Why? you may ask. The reason being a **Calf Club** was formed which in time led to the Young Farmers Clubs. Many will be looking forward to hearing of celebrations being arranged by them when we enter their centenary year.

The coming couple of months will see the usual variety of summer club activities and events taking place. Looking through the Pump centre diary pages always sees me, and no doubt others, noting down things of personal special interest. The **school fete in June** and that of **St Mary's in July** will be welcoming folk to spend, spend, spend during what are usually very enjoyable occasions for all.

Thanks to local folk and visitors the Baptist Chapel and St Marys are able to continue supporting various charities both local and further afield. One of these is through knitting by both men and women with the items produced going to various groups such as the homeless, children's hospice and local hospital. Good people quietly getting on with helping their neighbours. Our thanks to all concerned.

With the cricket season upon us the Recreation Field is looking well cared following some hard work by a group of volunteers. Hopefully our local club will have a successful season. It has been interesting to read **Phil Bell's** press reports about our football club. One recently said 'Big decisions will need to be made whether or not there is enough interest for the club to continue or what can be done to make sure there is light at the end of the tunnel' When moving here from Cornwall in the 1950's my father was a huge supporter of the club as have many others over the years. That support remains to this day but without players we have no club. It has been great to read more recently that over the season Hemyock reached the quarter finals of the Devon Senior Cup. Well Done! Hemyock Youth continue to bring forward players to the senior team so it certainly looks as if there is light at the end of the tunnel!! We wish the Manager **Darren Salter** and the team continued and even more success during the 2019/20 season.

The new design of the Pump has caused various reactions from readers with many expressing concern over the black edging and in places smaller print making it harder to read. It will be interesting to see if there will be any changes in future issues.

Many will remember **Vicki Sherwood** younger daughter of our past Rector. The Exeter Fringe Festival approaches and Vicki has been selected to take part. If this is an event you support do look out for details about when and where she will be bringing her sense of humour. Exams are a stressful time for students and many families. We send all good wishes to those who will be sitting this in coming weeks.

The Violet Chapman Trust

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

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

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

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

There are many examples that we could give of the patients we have helped recently and would cite one that required their bathroom to be modernised to enable them to continue to live at home; another patient who needed a chair that would help them in getting in and out without assistance. Another example is a patient who had severe back pain and a grant was given for them to have remedial massage.

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

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

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

COULD WE HELP YOU?

What's On June 2019

Sat 1	Ch'ford, Well'ton FM's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	Hemyock Christmas Club Quiz Night PH
Sun 2		
Mon 3	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 4	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10-12	WI FL 19.30
Wed 5	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30	Ladies Netball Club 19.30 L'Mead Parish Council FL 19.30
Thu 6	Taunton Farmers' Market	M.Un. Lunch, K Simson's, Culmstock, Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30
Fri 7	Brightside, BHLAC	
Sat 8	C'mpton & Yarcombe FM's	
Sun 9	WHITSUNDAY	
Mon 10	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s) Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 11	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00 Tuesday Club FL 19.30
Wed 12	Empty Spaces 16 Castle Park 14.30-16.00	Ladies Netball Club 19.30 L'Mead Gardeners' Meeting PH 19.30
Thu 13	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30	
Fri 14		
Sat 15	Hemyock & Wellington Farmers' Markets	Mobile Library SCHOOL SUMMER FETE
Sun 16	FATHERS DAY	
Mon 17	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 18		
Wed 19	Acorns FL 14.30	Ladies Netball Club 19.30 L'Mead
Thu 20	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Market	Summer Lunch CR 12.30 Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30 History Group CR 19.30
Fri 21	LONGEST DAY	
Sat 22	Uffculme Farmers' Market	
Sun 23		
Mon 24	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s) Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 25	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 26	Crafternoon 10 Lower Millhayes 14.00-16.00	Ladies Netball Club 19.30 L'Mead
Thu 27	Taunton Farmers' Market	Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30 Mobile Library
Fri 28	Tiverton Farmers' Market	
Sat 29	"Around the World", Somerset Songsters, St Mary's, 19.30	
Sun 30	Summer Quiz at the Catherine Wheel 19.30 - 21.30	

	Parish Hall	Forbes Lounge	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2nd and 4th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group Mature Movers (Over 50's) (GS) 11.00-12 md
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	7.15-9.45 WI every 1st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Club every 2nd	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed	7.30-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2nd	12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1st 2.30 Acorns every 3rd 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1st	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1st week
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2nd / Hemyock History & Archiving 3rd (CR) / Clayhidon History Group 3rd / Bl'down Stay & Play(BHLAC)
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (Fri before Market ONLY)		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3rd		

What's On July 2019

Mon 1	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 2	Phoenix Carers BHLC 10-12	WI FL 19.30
Wed 3	BSG Lunch Club FL 12.30 Parish Council FL 19.30	
Thu 4	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mothers' Union, Janet Dalton's, 14.30 Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30 Ladies Netball Club 19.30 LM
Fri 5	Brightside, BHLAC Twinning "Quiz Night" PH 19.30	
Sat 6	Ch'ford, Well'ton FM's	Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00
Sun 7		
Mon 8	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s) Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 9	Memory Café BHLC 10.30	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00 Tuesday Group Fun Eve F+Chips
Wed 10	Empty Spaces 16 Castle Park 14.30-16.00	Gardeners' Visit
Thu 11	Taunton Farmers' Market Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30	
Fri 12		
Sat 13	C'mpton & Yarcombe FM's	ST. MARY'S SUMMER FETE (in the Churchyard)
Sun 14	PUMP DEADLINE	
Mon 15	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 16		
Wed 17	Acorns FL 14.30	Ladies Netball Club 19.30 LM
Thu 18	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Market	Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30
Fri 19		
Sat 20	Hemyock & Wellington Farmers' Markets	
Sun 21		
Mon 22	"Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s) Young Farmers FL 19.30	
Tue 23	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop CR 10.00-12.00	
Wed 24	Ladies Netball Club 19.30 LM	
Thu 25	Taunton Farmers' Market	Bl'down, Play & Stay BHLC 13.30 Local schools' END OF TERM
Fri 26	Tiverton Farmers' Market	
Sat 27	MID DEVON SHOW	Uffculme Farmers' Market Repair Café PH
Sun 28		
Mon 29	50TH HOLIDAY CLUB! (to Aug 2nd) "Mature Movers", 11.00-12.00 Garages (Over 50s)	
Tue 30	Holiday Club	
Wed 31	Holiday Club	Crafternoon 10 Lower Millhayes 14.00-16.00 Ladies Netball Club 19.30 L'Mead

Forthcoming Events		
July 29 – Aug 2	Holiday Club	
Aug 11	M. Union, Special Evening Service, All Saints, 6.30 Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Show	
Aug 17	Hemyock Market	
Aug 26	Bank Holiday	
Sept 07	Autumn Show, PH	
Sept 28	Repair Café, PH	
Oct 05	Scout Annual Sale	
Oct 23 - 26	VASS Show	
Nov 23	Repair Café	
Nov 30	Hemyock Singers, Concert & Dinner	
Dec 14	Hemyock Market	

- PH – Parish Hall
- FL – Forbes Lounge
- CR – Church Rooms
- LM – Longmead
- RS – Riverside
- BC – Baptist Church
- SM – St Mary's
- SA – St Andrew's
- ASC – All Saint's Church
- CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall
- BHLC – Blackdown Healthy Living Centre

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!).

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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

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.

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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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.

Valley Arts AGM

The AGM was on Friday 29th March. The new committee are: Chair; Caroline Pinder, Vice-chair; Sally Cartledge, Treasurer; Stuart Summers, Secretary; Lynn Pulman, Booking Secretary; Alison Robson, NODA and Subs; Gillian Hawkes, Stage and Health and Safety; Andy Pulman, Alice Martin and Hilary Moles.



The Happy Days 50s themed evening, was a good fun social evening. The hall looked like an American diner, the music was spot on, the food delicious, the bar, raffle and quiz helped the evening go with a swing and the icing on the cake was the arrival of Roger who gave us Jiving tuition.



This year's Pantomime is Sleeping Beauty, it will be a family friendly, magical fairy tale, with some popular songs for all age groups.



The production team are Stuart, Zeldia and Caroline, Stuart has almost cast the show, Zeldia has already had a music rehearsal and Caroline has put together ideas for the medieval theme, Stuart has many ideas for staging and effects. It is all starting to come together and promises to be a very good Pantomime. If anyone is interested in helping behind the scenes, we always need help with props, costumes, scenery etc, just contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk. Or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com Come and see what it's all about you will be most welcome.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

Acorns

Meetings

2.30pm Forbes Lounge
19 June: Coldharbour Mill
17 July: Tai Chi in a chair
New members always welcome.

Outings

27 June: Bournemouth & Compton Acres
25 July: Totnes and Dartmouth
Seats often available.

For details contact Joan Fewtrell 680674.

Swarms of bees wanted for amateur beekeeper. Please no chimneys or roofs.
If you have one, please phone Hilary on 07967 283444.

HEMYOCK VILLAGE FETE 2019
'A Day at the Beach'
Saturday 15th June 2019 | 12-3PM
At Hemyock Primary School EX15 3RY

Soul Food Crow Dawn Make a pot Climbing Wall Wild Beginnings
Usbourne Books Joe Taylor
School Choir Baby & Toddler Group
Tropic Skin Care Face Painting
Card Creations Dirty Old Goat Soap
Bouncy Castle Somerset Ices Cocktails
And Much More!

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Hemyock Baby and Toddler Group
at Hemyock Parish Hall
£1.50 per child or £2 per family

Tuesday Afternoons 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm Term Time

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers... Everybody is welcome.

For further details contact Vikki 01823 680138 or Heidi 07771771980

What? Puzzles, Books, Ride on Toys, Soft floor baby play area, Arts and crafts, singing, space to run around and lots more. Including Tea, coffee and biscuits for adults and a drink and snack for little ones

The Catherine Wheel Hemyock Summer Quiz

Sunday 30th June 7pm to 9:30 ish (First question 7:15 sharp!)
At The Catherine Wheel Hemyock
£5 Entry, Teams of Four £100 First Prize!

Come have some fun in the sun! And test your brains against Hemyocks best!
Lots of fun and laughs and questions from easy to OMG!

Acorns Group

Hemyock Acorns, formerly 'Hemyock Over Sixties', enjoyed a lovely April Meeting. It included an excellent musical presentation by Chris Avis plus, Prosecco and Birthday Cake. Each Member also had an Easter Egg and a commemorative Card.

All of this was thanks to Val White, Acorns Secretary, who, when looking at an old Scrap Book, read about the Over Sixties celebrating their 25th anniversary. So the Committee decided that another celebration was now due. Unfortunately, the Club Chairman, Alan Craig, was on holiday, so the Vice Chairman Chris Brown, chaired the event. A toast to the Club's future was proposed by Mary Hawkins, the longest serving Member.

Brenda Calcraft



Left to Right: Val White, Chris Brown, Mary Hawkins). The cake was made by Karen Pinder.

Left Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

The Mary Waldron Trust may be able to assist you financially in vocational and further education (including Richard Huish College) with purchases of books and equipment, including computer requisites. Those applying should normally be resident in Hemyock or Clayhidon and must have received full time education at one or more of:

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course. More details and an Application Form can be obtained from the Secretary,
Rev Ron White, 10 Hollingarth Way, Hemyock, EX15 3XB
Phone 681020 email revron@btinternet.com

Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update June 2019

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

Congratulations to the following who were elected as parish councillors following the election on 2 May:- Tim Barton, Roy Calcraft, Simon Clist, Paul Doble, Jo Fouracre, Penny Lawrence, Nick Moon, Lance Povah, Sean Ritchie & Alex Russell.

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Tim Barton was elected as Chairman and Paul Doble elected as Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 19/00345/HOUSE. 40 Castle Park, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey side extension.
- 19/00459/LBC. Listed Building Consent for erection of single-storey annexe and alterations to existing front porch. Shoebrooks, Hemyock.
- 19/00572/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extension and insertion of 2 light tubes on existing roof. Hillcott, Hemyock.
- 19/00536/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extension with balcony and stairs and new render finish to house. Lower Mackham Farm, Hemyock.
- 19/00631/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing siting of an ISO 10 shipping container to house a biomass boiler. Brookridge Timber Ltd, Hemyock.
- 19/00609/FULL. Conversion of 13 flats to 5 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access. Old School Court, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock.
- 19/00666/HOUSE. 27 Parklands, Hemyock. Erection of rear single-storey extension and front porch.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 19/00146/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing installation of 4.2kW solar panel array on roof. Orchard Lea, Culmstock Road, Hemyock.
- 18/01872/FULL. Change of use of former veterinary practice and conversion of former workshop to ancillary/incidental residential accommodation. 29 Station Road, Hemyock.
- 16/01772/MOUT. Outline for the erection of up to 40 dwellings (including affordable housing), public open space and associated infrastructure. Culmstock Road, Hemyock.
- 19/00112/NMA. Non-material amendment for 17/00495/FULL to allow changes in size and position of roof lights, changes to window and door openings and change to roof material for lean-to roof. Hill Farm, Clayhidon.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, precept, grants, wayleave and rent. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, improvements to Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre, toilet cleaning and consumables, subscriptions, pavement project, noticeboard and

bank charge.

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.

Parking

Problems with vehicles parking on pavements around the village have been reported to the council on numerous occasions. Please don't park on pavements and ensure that emergency vehicles and large vehicles have room to pass.

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. Or report the problem online www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

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.

Parish Pump

The pump will be temporarily dismantled whilst some remedial works are carried out to the paintwork. At the same time, Devon County Council is taking the opportunity to fit a new LED lantern. It will look the same as before but will be LED, more reliable and energy efficient.

Longmead Play Area

Sadly, the pc has had to close the play area as the equipment is not fit for purpose. Brookridge Timber has kindly agreed to arrange the refurbishment of the play area. It is hoped that the refurbishment will be completed before the start of the summer holidays.

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 5th June 2019. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/index.php?topic=parishcouncil and may 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



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello again, summer is well and truly here now with some rather good weather. All of our scout sections are making the most of it with meetings outdoors.

We recently joined you for St Georges Day Parade and Service. There was a splendid turnout with nearly fifty young people in uniform, with cubs, scouts, explorers, brownies and older members of the group in attendance. As David, Church Warden said at the service, it was organised and prepared by our young members, even to writing the prayers. We are proud of them all, they are a fine example of our future. We even had an elephant dance around the Church, which I believe was well enjoyed with nearly all the congregation joining in! Thankyou St Marys for letting us join you on our Patron Saints Day, We look forward to being with you all again next year,

After the Service we went down to the Garages for our AGM, which I said last time is an annual must for all groups. Ours was well attended and I am pleased to say that we have five new members of the group executive. This is what I might call the back room boys and girls, who actively support our band of leaders behind the scenes. Our group scout leader and section leaders gave their annual reports, which I think can be summed up in one word-- Excellent. I must add here that we now have what we call a network section for older members after Explorers. This is Tiverton District based, but well supported by Hemyock. They are currently planning an East to West European tour for July. I believe they may well put in an appearance in Denmark when our scouts are over with our friends in Tonder. The fun continues.

The next bit deserves a paragraph to itself. In leader Andy's report he stated that over the last year Hemyock had the largest increase in leaders helping out in the COUNTRY! County leaders phoned Andy to congratulate him and find out how he managed it. The general view and reasoning are that Hemyock does not follow the prescribed new scouting programme but has devised a programme based on traditional Scouting principals which the children find fun and exciting to do and works well for Hemyock. Rikki adds – probably not what our higher leaders wanted to hear, but Hemyock has always promoted original scouting in the great outdoors since 1960. Long may it continue. Thankyou leaders.

Leader Matt has asked me to put a sort of advert here. Does anyone have, or know someone who has a bit of land in the vicinity of Hemyock that our young people could use on a regular basis for outdoor activities? Please contact GSL Andy, his number is on the back page.

Another ad, don't forget our Annual Sale, on 5th October. See you there. I mentioned last time our Bingo night back in April, it was a huge success and raised a goodly sum for our funds.

Thats about it for this time but of course there is a finally. This has to be Camp Fire Yarn no: 5, Life in the Open. Our Founder Baden Powell was a soldier back in the Eighteen hundreds and spent a lot of time in South Africa. Here he observed how young boys of the Zulu and Swazi tribes learned to be scouts before they were allowed to be considered men. They were taught how to look after themselves in the great outdoors. Baden Powell took what he learned from these people and used it as the basis of the Movement he started in 1907- Scouting. I think you can see why I chose this Yarn. Hemyock Scouts embody the original principals from all those years ago and long may it continue. It will!!

Bye for now,

Old Rikki

Poet's Corner

Fresh Pasture

Those sheep, in that same field
Too long have spent,
They need fresh green to taste,
to smell the scent of change;
And they know that just o'er the hedge,
The neighbour's field of sprouting wheat,
Would bring much joy to ovine minds;
But the wise shepherd
Opens fresh pasture for his sheep,
Clean, green grass and sweet herbs,
The things they need.

For the shepherd knows that sheep,
Often only see wheat as grass!

David Palmer

LEAP News

The next time that you stroll around Longmead, take a look up into the trees alongside the stream and on the mature trees around the edges of the area. You will be sure to spot the addition of some 'Des Res' for the local bird and bat populations.

Longmead Environmental Action Project enthusiasts were in action during April when volunteers met to site the bird and bat boxes; making sure that the bird boxes (for blue tits, great tits and robin-sized birds) were facing where possible between north and east and the bat boxes faced south to west. Given that the desired height for the bat boxes was at least 3 metres from the ground, this required a head for heights and not too wobbly knees.



We know that wildlife can be extremely fussy about where they want to nest or roost, but we are hopeful that at least some will eventually be occupied in the not too distant future. Apparently, it is good practise to site more than one bat box on a tree, as different bat species prefer slightly different aspects. Pipistrelles, Noctules and Daubenton's bats have been seen in the area, so hopefully we may have some residents in time. Coming up will be the Scarecrow competition, to take place in early September, so hang on to your hats and any other old clothes to make your scarecrow look dapper. Prizes to be won- think Penny for the Guy, but with a more rural attitude. Look out for more information on the village notice boards and in the next issue of The Pump.

Trish Slater



Do you buy from Suttons Seeds?
***NEW CODE**
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 **GC1001E** to get the discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

Visit 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



BLACKDOWN Support GROUP

At a training event we held in February each BSG volunteer who attended was asked what they enjoy most about working with us. Without exception everyone there said that they enjoyed the contact with the people we help, the relationships they developed and the stories and laughter they shared. They also told us how much they had enjoyed the opportunity to get together and spend time with each other as a group.

With this in mind we are very excited to be joining forces with the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre and the Blackdown Hills AONB in hosting the first "Blackdown Volunteers Hub" between 2-4pm on Tuesday 4th June at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre.

This event is taking place during National Volunteers Week (1st-7th June). Voluntary organisations across the country will be hosting events to celebrate and thank the people who do so much in so many different ways for their local communities. We hope this event will be an opportunity for our volunteers to get together, to share experiences and laughter with each other and to find out more about our organisations and the wider world of volunteering. We also hope it will be a chance for anyone interested in getting involved to find out about more about what we do. Look out for the posters or for more information about the work we do please get in touch!

Call in to our office at the Blackdown Practice. Call us on 01823 681036, email d-ccg, bsgadmin@nhs.net, visit our website at www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk, or find us on Facebook.

HERE TO HELP

The Blackdown Support Group is here for you. We help people of all ages in the Blackdown Hills who are finding life difficult - because they are experiencing physical or mental ill health, disability or the effects of old age, suffering from loss or simply struggling to cope.

Advice & Support

Social clubs

Transport

Someone to talk to

Please help us to help others by becoming a Volunteer or by supporting our work as a Friend

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WE ARE RECRUITING!

Part Time Office Assistant - £8.21 per hour

The Blackdown Support Group is a well-established local charity, working from premises within the Blackdown Practice in Hemyock. We feel passionately that the work we do is critical in improving the independence, health and well-being of local people, particularly those who are isolated, experiencing poor health or times of difficulty.

Our activities are co-ordinated by a team of 3 part time staff and overseen by a board of Trustees working closely with the Practice management team. Due to growth in demand for our services we are now seeking to expand our office team.

We are looking for a sympathetic, patient and friendly person who has great organisation skills, is hard-working, efficient and discreet. You will be able to use your initiative and to think on your feet in a busy office environment. You must be familiar with MS Office Word and Excel, some experience of managing databases is also desirable although training will be provided on our in-house system.

An excellent telephone manner is a must.

- Minimum 4 hours per week, preferably Monday 9am-1pm.
- Some flexibility to cover staff holidays/sickness would be desirable.
- This role is initially a 6 month fixed term contract with the possibility of being extended to a permanent position.

Please apply in writing with your CV and a cover letter highlighting any relevant experience and skills and explaining your interest in working for our organisation. You should address applications to Vicky Norton, Chair, The Blackdown Support Group, c/o The Surgery, Station Road, Hemyock, EX15 3SF or email them to bsg.elizabeth@nhs.net.

The successful candidate will be asked to provide 2 references and to complete a DBS check. Closing date is Friday 14th June, interviews will take place w/c Monday 24th June



Empty Spaces - Bereavement Support

One to one or group sessions via the Blackdown Support Group

No one can prepare you for the empty space left after a bereavement:

The long days and nights

The empty house

Feeling out of control

Being alone

The strength needed to go out by yourself

New decisions to be made

Sharing these small issues with others helps you to focus on yourself. We host an informal monthly session of listening and sharing for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The meeting takes place at 16 Castle Park in Hemyock on the second Wednesday of each month, 2.30-4.00pm. Our volunteer can also arrange to speak to you privately if you prefer.

Please contact the BSG office in confidence on 01823 681 036 for more information.

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	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	---
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	---



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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	1242	1542	1740	0705	0942	1242	1542	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 Clayhidon

This issue:

- ◆ Thy Kingdom Come Events
- ◆ Big Breakfast News
- ◆ MET Police Officer Talk
- ◆ Art Group Grant



St. Andrew's Church News

As Lent came to its end, there was a Palm Sunday service held at St Mary's which was attended by congregations from all the Mission Community. The choir gathered in the village and everyone sang 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' waving their palms as they followed Jesus on a donkey to the church.

On Maundy Thursday, the joint service was held at Culmstock; on Good Friday the service was at Hemyock, and Clayhidon held a joint service in a field at the top of Grays Lane for the sunrise on the glorious Easter Day. The Archdeacon took this lovely service and this was the first year that we actually saw the sun rise over the trees. Each church held its own Communion service later, perhaps with an Easter egg hunt around the churchyard and refreshments for adults. The annual Parochial Church Council meeting took place at the end of April when we were pleased to appoint Stephen Bullett and Denis Sanders to be our churchwardens for another year. We thank them for their hard work during the last year when it has been more difficult during the absence of a permanent priest. We look forward to a new incumbent and in the mean time give our grateful and sincere thanks to the retired clergy who have been such a wonderful help in so many ways.



We have been fortunate too, to have the help of David Major, who took our annual Rogation Day service. This is a delightful service which Clayhidon alone in this area, continues to celebrate in its rural setting, walking through the ancient Half Moon, on to its garden, around to the historic Garlands Bower, and back to the Rectory and church. To the surprise of any strangers who see us, they hear the hymns which are sung, accompanied by Ron on his accordion while someone carries the Cross for everyone to follow. I am sure that once more, the refreshments were much appreciated afterwards.

Sunday 9th June at 10.30 will be Pentecost. It will be Clayhidon's opportunity to hold the joint service of Holy Communion for everyone in our parishes. We do look forward to seeing you on this very special day of celebration. On **Sunday afternoon, 16th June**, we will be holding another open air service for families at **3pm**. It is developing into a tradition to hold this lovely occasion at **Fields Farm**. All will be welcome.

There will be great happiness during the coming months when two weddings take place. We send our very best wishes to the families and to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries.

P. Reynolds, PCC

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
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PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION
about anything which happened during
the last 100 years in Clayhidon.
People, events, celebrations, transport, war, school,
water, electricity, telephone, postal services.
Any changes which have taken place.

EXHIBITION
1919 – 2019
St Andrew's Church. August 24, 25, 26

Proceeds to Clayhidon Parish Hall

In aid of Clayhidon Parish Hall improvements

Enjoy a Cream Tea



and a

Gentle walk

In the Upper Culm Valley

Sunday 7th July 2019

Clayhidon Parish Hall

Walk starts at 2.30pm Teas from 3pm

£5 (£2.50 under 16's) Price includes walk and tea
Enjoy a short guided walk or just a tea—or both

Be sure of a place !

Call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047, or
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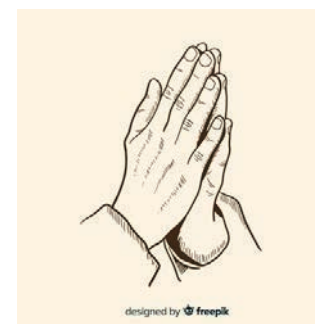
'Thy Kingdom Come' Events

'Thy Kingdom Come' events taking place in Clayhidon Parish:

- From Ascension Day Thursday 30th May until Pentecost Sunday 9th June, St. Andrew's Church will be open every day for private prayer. Refreshments being served Monday to Friday mornings from 10.30 – 12.00.
- 'Prayer from on High' in the Clayhidon Parish is on Saturday 1st June @ 8.00am.
- On Saturday 8th June from 10.00 – 12.00 we are holding 'Craft Church': an activity for the younger members of our community.

Booking is essential, by contacting Julie Bullett (01823) 680561 or Maurice Bendle (01823) 680401.

Julie Bullett



St Andrew's Flower Rota

June

- 2nd Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
- 9th Julie Bullett and Bridget Drew
- 16th as above
- 23rd Nicola Bendle and .?
- 30th as above

July

- 7th Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith

On Saturday 13th July, Lizzie Bendle and Tim Gittins are getting married in St Andrew's, so please all flower ladies on Friday 12th at 10.30 to decorate the church...we will make it beautiful!!

- 21st Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith

- 28th Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn

August

- 4th Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes

On Saturday 10th August Richard Drew and Jennifer Batstone are getting married in St Andrew's, so once again all flower ladies on Friday 9th please. More info to follow!

Big Breakfast for Cancer Research

Pam Reynolds has been organising a Big Breakfast for Cancer Research in Clayhidon for many years and has raised more than £16,000 in the process. The events not only provide a tasty full English, but a lovely social occasion as well.

Now Pam is going to hang up her pinny, but the occasion is going to carry on with the three Bendle sister in laws.

Nicola, Maureen and Caroline have been helping with the occasion for several years and plan to continue next year.

Pam, now 82, has been thanked by Cancer Research for her hard work for the charity over the past 17 years, and especially for the event she began with Margaret Wenham in 2002 in the Church Room.

Now a team of helpers takes part from teenagers to grannies as the event has grown bigger over the years.

Pam said that this year's breakfast had gone very well, with more than £1,200 raised over the morning. She began her fundraising when she worked in an Imperial Cancer Reaearch shop after retirement, and after the shop closed she just carried on.

And now the Bendle sister in laws plan to carry on a great tradition in the parish.

Any queries 01823 681093.

Alison Weekes

Clayhidon Friends, May 2019

We were very pleased to welcome Tony Cooper as our Speaker. He entertained us regaling his life in the Metropolitan Police from the 1960's when he joined as a Cadet. He comes from Somerset and had originally applied and been rejected from that County's Force for being a half inch under the required height.

Tony started his 13 week training course at Hendon with accommodation in the Section House. From there he was thrown in the deep end to the Station at Commercial Street, in the East End of London. This was the time of the Krays and their successful 'Insurance Company'. Along with the Krays contemporaries there were petty thieves, drunks and vagrants. At one shout he was called to a murder at the Blind Beggar public house, but all 72 of the people drinking in the Pub insisted they were in the toilet.

Whilst he was attending Court to be a Witness in the trial of Ginger Marks, for GBH with a Machete, he was interested to see that The Profumo Case was being held in a court adjacent. This MP was brought down for sleeping with Christine Keeler, who was also sleeping with a Russian Spy. At the height of the Cold War, this was treated very seriously.

In those days the Police acted as Stewards for the Boxing. He was honored to have been on duty during the fight between Cassius Clay and Henry Cooper – and having a ring-side view!

Not long after his marriage he was transferred from Forest Gate to Staines in Twickenham where he became what was nicknamed a "Noddy Driver". They didn't have car radios in those days and when an incident occurred they had to find the Blue Box to phone it in. One incident he had to attend a Break-in. The window was smashed, so they entered and searched the place and found the perpetrator hiding in a cupboard. The man, Gary Arthur Cook and his accomplice Raymond Paul the driver were well known to Tony and they 'met' over several years. So much so that Raymond Paul complained of Tony harassing him. Nevertheless at the time of his Mother's funeral Raymond contacted Tony and asked for him to be the Police presence at the Funeral Procession. Tony stood saluting, as seventy two untaxed cars processed by him.

At Christmas it was guaranteed that there would be call outs for Matrimonial Disagreements. They would arrive at the house to find a drunk husband and a beaten up wife. The next day the wife would always drop the charges. Tony would attend the same family the next Christmas for the same GBH. Delivering bad news was also a side of the job that was very hard. You never knew how people would take hearing of the death of a loved one. One incident though beggared belief when Tony had to go round and deliver news to a well-known petty criminal. The door was answered aggressively by the man in white singlet. He swore and asked what he was there for. When told that his son had died the answer from the man was "What do you expect me do about it then". By then he had been joined by his equally aggressive wife and answered the question of would you come down and identify the body, she said that they always did their shopping on a Friday and couldn't come till the next day. Which they did.

In 1973 he was the Policeman called to the Ashford Hospital after the Pilot of a Trident Jet had had a heart attack. Luckily the Co-Pilot was able to take over the controls. The Press were besieging the hospital and Tony had to fend them off. From then on a Policeman is always on duty at a Hospital.

Tony had become a reluctant Social Secretary by then but enjoyed arranging visits out. One such visit was to the Courage Brewery in Reading. The Reverend Sam Kemble the Vicar of Staines was invited and announced "And he came upon an Inn and took Courage". Sam became a well-known character and was often bumping into Tony at Events such as the Rugby. He was renowned for keeping one cigarette in a packet, the rest in his pockets, so he couldn't share.

In 1977 Tony became Community Policeman for Stanwell, encompassing Heathrow Airport. This was something Tony believed in and he thoroughly enjoyed giving Talks at schools and making friends with people whilst on the Beat. In those days every reported crime got a visit from the Police and was followed up. One day he got a call from a Headmaster to say a boy was stealing money from his Mum's purse. He was the son of a well know thief. He gave the boys a talking to and said he would remember him. Every time he was out on the Beat and saw this boy he would make a point of talking to him. He hoped by keeping up a rapport and the boy knowing how Tony knew him it would deter the boy from following his Dad into a life of crime. He also was Chairman of the local Youth Club for 19 years and loved helping to mould youngsters into holding good values.

As part of his further training in his career he had become a Marksman. One time he had to help protect the Queen Mother at Kempton Races. She was there to enjoy the races but also to present the Winning Cup to the Owners. Her horse won. She presented it to the Trainer instead. On returning through the Tunnel one young spark pointed to her Horse and went "Ere Missus – I bet on that one and won!" not knowing to whom he was addressing. She just sweetly smiled.

He was also in attendance at the Iranian Embassy Siege. There was a lot of hanging around waiting for things to happen and across the radio came a Yawn and an "I'm Bored!". The Superintendent shouted "Who's BORED!" "Bored" obviously kept quiet.

Tony loved his job and in 1992 was proud to be awarded the BEM and Community Police Officer of the Year Award. He stayed on doing this job for a further six years and the thanks he got for working past retirement was £6,000 taken off his Golden Handshake.

He now runs the "International Dog House Club". This raises money for the Sunshine House for the Blind Charity to help the Underdogs. The one in the Chair is Top Dog, the second in the chair is Deputy Dog. Their wives are called The Leash Holders. On one visit to the Home a young boy came up and offered to show Tony round. Taking him round the Home he told him what room was for what. Then they came up to a Piano and the boy pointed it out and asked if Tony would like to hear him play. He then played Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, all the time with his blind eyes shut. Tony's eyes filled up in the telling of this story and you could see what a sincere, caring and Man of This World, retaining a brilliant sense of humour. We are so grateful for people like him who choose to serve the people in The Police Force of the British Isles.

Lynda Ridout

Art Group Wins £500 Grant From County

Clayhidon Art Group has won a £500 grant from Devon County Council to help fund a project to celebrate and commemorate the Camden Group artists who visited Clayhidon in the early 20th century.

The aim is to establish a collection of materials which can be used to stage local exhibitions, including historical information on the Camden Group, representations of their work, and contemporary works by members of the group.

So far, the group has spent around £470 of the grant money on a large concertina display screen, four free standing display easels and four table top display easels.

Clayhidon Country Music Club

Well, folks, it is with a heavy heart we are closing our club. Even though we have had good support over the years, numbers are dwindling.

As many of you know, we started our club at the Half Moon pub later moving to the Village Hall. We have had great support from Hemyock and surrounding areas, some travelling quite a distance. We have made some very good friends along the way. Unfortunately we have also lost some wonderful friends, but sometimes a certain song will remind us of one of them.

Many thanks to all our regulars and helpers. We hope to keep in touch with a lot of them.

In the past we raised a lot of funds to re-furbish the Hall - including re-decorating, flooring in the toilets and other improvements.

We are donating the remainder of our funds to the SW Children's Hospice - an amount of £1,920 - which we are very proud of.

So folks, this is it - we closed our doors for the last time on 16 February after 33 years.

Goodbye for Now.
Phil & Linda
John & Margaret

No Summer Party
The Clayhidon Parish Hall
Committee is disappointed to
report that, due to unforeseen
circumstances, there will be no
Summer Party this year.

Anne Takes The Chair

Clayhidon Village Hall Committee has a new chair person - at least for the next three months. Anne Langford was elected at the annual meeting on April 24, taking over from Gareth Weekes, who has stepped down after five years. She agreed to take the chair for three months "to see how it goes".

Caroline King was re-elected secretary and David Bearn signed on for another year as treasurer. It has been a busy year for the committee, organising a record number of events, including a big brunch and a midsummer barn dance and party, as well as film nights and live music and theatre.

Having added a new roof, paid for by Viridor Credits, the committee has installed two new induction cookers, a glass washer and new safety glasses, and achieved numerous other improvements. It is now raising funds to build an extension with new toilets, a parish archive and a meeting room where performers can change.

The treasurer reported that events and film nights had raised more than £9,000. A further £8,000 had come in donations and the parish council had made a grant of £2,000. Lettings had raised £2,494. Thanking the committee for their efforts and generosity, Gareth apologised for overloading them, but said they had achieved a lot.

Anne then thanked Gareth for all the hard work he had put in during his term as Chairman. This included the successful Viridor Grant bid for the Hall improvements, grappling with the bats problem and overseeing the excellent roof replacement. He was presented with an ornamental tree as a thank you for his hard work and achievements.

Help With performances

If you enjoy performances we put on at Clayhidon Parish Hall, would you consider helping the Hall team with further gigs? Extra pairs of hands are a great boon, especially during larger Hall events.

Also, we are looking for help with accommodating performers in local homes. The artists often come from other parts of the globe and sometimes require an over-night stay with breakfast, and perhaps an evening meal.

We are working hard to raise funds for our Hall improvement programme, and any help would be much appreciated.

If you would like to know more, please me on 01823 680086.

Anne Langford



Clayhidon Parish Council

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

Congratulations to the following who were elected as parish councillors following the uncontested election on 2 May:- Maurice Bendle, Jamie Blackmore, Richard Brown, Richard Drew, Nick King and Alison Weekes. The parish council has one vacancy and it is hoping to co-opt a new member to the council shortly.

Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

Maurice Bendle was elected as Chairman and Richard Drew elected as Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the parish council in May.

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 19/00196/FULL. Retention of change of use of field shelter to workers' rest room, fence and compost toilet. Poachers Rest, Clayhidon.
- 19/00585/HOUSE. Erection of extensions. Hollydene, Rosemary Lane.
- 19/00550/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land to touring caravan site to include widening of existing access. Land at NGR 317842 109812 (Adjacent to Smeatharpe Stadium) Clayhidon.
- 19/00695/FULL. Erection of an agricultural storage building. Land at NGR 316185 115758 (Hidonfields) Clayhidon.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 18/02002/FULL. Conversion of former smithy building to dwelling. Workshop Searles, Clayhidon.
- 19/00186/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey extension. Rosegarland Barn, Clayhidon.
- 19/00243/HOUSE. Erection of side extension to dwelling and erection of garage. Hart Bungalow, Clayhidon.

Refusal noted for:-

- 18/02054/FULL. Erection of multipurpose agricultural building including livestock housing, farm workshop and storage. Tickle Penny, Clayhidon.
- 18/02011/FULL. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Smiths Farm, Clayhidon.

Finance

Income – interest, rent, grants, precept and vat reclaim.

Expenditure – lengthsman's work, clerk's wages and expenses, footpath works, subscriptions, insurance and annual parish meeting expenses.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting was held on Monday 29th April. Elizabeth McNabb from the Blackdown Support Group gave a presentation on the varied help and support the group offers to parishioners.

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).

Or report the problem online www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

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.

Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a trained lengthsman. Please report any problems with ditches/drains to the clerk or a councillor.

Hedges

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges 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.

Snow Warden Volunteers

The parish council has joined Devon County Highways' 'Snow Warden Scheme'. In winter, Devon County Highways salts major routes leaving the roads in Clayhidon parish untreated. Through the Snow Warden Scheme Devon County Highways will provide advice, training and salt to parish councils willing to organise help on a voluntary basis.

The pc is looking for volunteers who are willing to help clear snow and spread grit/salt on roads in the parish when necessary. Please contact the clerk if you are interested in volunteering.

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 10th June 2019 (a planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month, if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings may be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

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

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

There is evidence of new beginnings all around us: In the countryside, the trees, fields and hedgerows now teem with new life. It is the cause of much reflection upon a time in our church which has also resonated with new beginnings during the past couple of months.

At the start of April, many members of Rosemary Lane Chapel joined up with the fellowship and friends of Bishopswood Chapel for a thanksgiving service celebrating the re-opening of the chapel in Bishopswood after a devastating fire took the building out of use for just over a year. However, the faithfulness of God and the commitment of his people has seen the Chapel re-opened. It was a great joy to celebrate this new beginning alongside a fellowship whose connection to Rosemary Lane through the Blackdown Hill's Mission remains close. The following weekend saw further celebrations with the wedding of Phoebe Adams and Josh Hamidullah taking place at Rosemary Lane Chapel. Marriage is one of life's new beginnings and it was wonderful to see two people come together with the love of God at the centre of it all.

The greatest new beginning of all is the one Jesus offers each of us, a new beginning made possible by His own death and resurrection. On Good Friday we were joined by David Herring (Quantock Ministries) who helped us explore the significance of this new beginning through the life of Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. Both the 3.30 and 6.30pm services were well attended with many people travelling to be with us, providing the opportunity for renewed fellowship, particularly around the tea served in the interval. On Easter Sunday, having remembered the death of Jesus on the cross, we welcomed each other to with the news that He who died, is Risen! I had responsibility for leading the family service as we considered the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection from John 12:20-50 – the young people proved to be a great help as we explored the themes of God's glory, our forgiveness and the establishing of a new life in Jesus.

Though Easter is behind us this year, the significance floods future days with anticipation. As a church we have many plans as we seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus and draw alongside members of our own community with a heart to serve and share the good news of the gospel. In June we look forward to several events, many of which come as a collaboration between churches. On the 15th June (7pm) we look forward to a Blackdown Hills Christian event taking place at Hemyock Baptist when the Rev. Alan Dodds will be sharing his story 'From Pop to the Pulpit', a journey which will include the story of how a young David Bowie joined his band. The following week at Rosemary Lane Chapel we look forward to welcoming the fellowship from St. Andrew's to a combined service.

A busy month in June will culminate in Rosemary Lane Chapel's annual Fun Day on the 29th June (2-6pm) on the chapel field (see attached advert). Inflatables, food and a lot of fun will be the backdrop for a day together as a fellowship when we would extend a warm welcome to members of our community to join us.

We have much to give thanks for in this season of new beginnings (re-opened buildings, weddings and births), but the cause of our greatest joy is the new beginnings made available to each of us through Jesus Christ – He is the one who releases us from our past, from our pain and our brokenness – He is the one who gives new life – hope and a future. We would extend a warm welcome to any and all who long to know more about the maker of new beginnings – that we may together grow in him and share in our song of thankfulness.

He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see what he has done and be amazed.
They will put their trust in the LORD.

PSALM 40:3

Jonathan Hillman – Rosemary Lane Chapel

Community Fun Day

2-6 pm
Rosemary Lane Chapel

Inflatables - face painting
Tea and cake tent - tuck stall
BBQ (served from 4.30pm)
baby and toddler play area
and lots more fun and games!
FREE EVENT
Everyone Welcome

We just want you to have a great day but any donations towards food would be welcome

BLACKDOWN HILLS CHRISTIAN EVENTS
hosts an evening with

Rev. Alan Dodds

From Pop to the Pulpit
An amazing story of the man who started David Bowie's first band, The Konrads, and wrote Bowie's first recorded song in 1963.

Saturday 15th June @ 7:00pm
Hemyock Baptist Church
Free Entry

For further details please contact
Jonathan Hillman - 01823 681164

Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - Focus on Domestic Plastics

My previous article about rubbish and recycling dealt broadly with what personal measures we could be taking to improve recycling, both on the "doorstep" and also using municipal facilities. This month I am focussing on what we can do to identify and isolate non recyclable plastic wastes at home.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group have been considering how the "Ecobrick" initiative could be used to collect plastic waste that either cannot, or is currently unable to be processed by Somerset Waste Partnership.

At our April meeting we were fortunate to have Ben Bryant from Devon Recycling Network in Totnes, who came to talk about EcoBricks and their use. Please check on the internet to see how these are being used in the world, especially where poorer countries and their environments are blighted by plastic waste materials. The following link is a good place to start: www.ecobricks.org

Their experiences in dealing with the threats caused by this type of pollution are uplifting, especially as the approach requires little input apart from physical effort to isolate those materials into plastic drinks bottles. Whilst EcoBricks could not be used in mainstream building projects in the UK, it is possible that they could be incorporated into ancillary structures such as building composter bins or sea defences. Ben will be looking into where these can be used and reporting back to the group soon.

My own quest to isolate any non-recyclable plastics and produce EcoBricks has resulted in stopping over 5.5 kg (12.1 lbs) of material going into landfill, since the beginning of the year.

What could you all do? Why not come and join us at our next meeting on June 5th at 7.30pm at The Holman Clavel pub? You will be most welcome to join in the conversation.

Neil Arnold, Blackdown Hills Transition Group



Culm Valley Model Railway Club

For a free viewing come along to Sampford Peverell Village Hall on Sunday June 16th (11am until 4 pm). For the last 5 years the members of the Culm Valley Model Railway Club have been working on a model of Tiverton Junction Station as it was in the late 1950s to early 1960s, when there were still some steam locomotives running as well as early diesels.

Many of you will be aware that the station was at Willand and closed in 1986 when Tiverton Parkway opened. We are modelling it when it was a junction for two lines, one to Tiverton and the other to Hemyock. Features of the station area included an Esso oil depot, milk trains to the Hemyock dairy and Lloyd Maunder's siding all of which will be modelled.

After a lot of research, studying photographs, checking plans, reading umpteen books and chatting to local villagers who used the station we started work on the model. All the track has been laid, some of the buildings have been constructed, and we have started on the scenery. Over the next few years we will continue to work on the buildings, general scenery and detailing.

The layout measures approximately 9' x 27'. We are about to have a full testing session and have booked Sampford Peverell Village Hall on Sunday the 16th June between 11:00am and 4pm for this purpose. You are welcome to join us (No Admission Charge) to see a large OO gauge layout under development and have a chat. Additionally we will have "SOLDOR", our Thomas the Tank Engine based layout, for accompanied children to operate and tea, coffee and cakes will

be available. Further details of Tiverton Junction, Sodor and other activities of the Culm Valley Model Railway Club can be found on the net at www.cvmrc.co.uk.



Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Hemyock Parish Hall
Saturday 27th July 2019
10am to 12:30pm
 Bring along your items for repair

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The Blackdown Hills Repair Café is an initiative of the Blackdown Hills Transition Group. Contact blackdownhillsrc@gmail.com for more information. Village Hall Postcode is EX15 3JW. Bus Route 20.

Find us on Facebook - RepairCafeBlackdowns

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

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- FURNITURE
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- GENERAL REPAIRS
- CLOTHING & TEXTILES

30% of items brought in require some electrical knowledge, but you don't have to be a qualified electrician. We always have a PAT tester on hand.

Please contact blackdownhillsrc@gmail.com to find out more about this exciting community project.

Complimentary tea, coffee and homemade cakes for all our volunteers!

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Quiet Day at Sheldon

On Thursday 20th June we will be holding one of Sheldon's traditional Quiet Days. Come for a special chance to soak up the atmosphere of Sheldon, spending the day in silence with 4 short addresses.

Plenty of space in between to find a place to quietly read or reflect, pray in the medieval chapel, walk our Chartres labyrinth, explore the grounds and visit the shop to stock up on our home-made preserves and other goodies.

The theme of the day is 'Making friends with anxiety in praying' and it will be led by Martin Shaw, who is an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Exeter, having been a Bishop in the Scottish Episcopal Church. He has a special interest in music and being with people who want to learn to deepen their praying. Recently he has written a book about an imaginary pilgrimage with St Francis of Assisi using St Matthew's Gospel: 'Matthew in Your Pocket'.

These events are always very popular so be sure to book early. £22 (20% ministry discount) including lunch, coffee served on arrival and tea after final prayers. 10:30am to 4pm.

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AT CUMSTOCK ALL SAINTS

6.30pm - Worship with song
6.50pm - Tea, cake and chat
7.10pm - More lovely singing
7.25pm - Parting prayers

* Subject to change, please see notice board monthly for up to date information.

Craft Evenings
Every 2nd Thursday

Culmstock All Saints Church

Stitching, sewing, knitting, crafting ...

Everyone welcome

Painting, drawing, sketching, journaling ...

Bring your own project or join in with ours

Learn and teach each other

Tea, coffee and yummys

7pm start

Our Thatching Life, featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, his apprentice Daisy and Jelly, her dog...

The month to date has very much been the month of the motor. With my VW Transporter parked up in Wellington waiting for a tiny part that always seems to be, "...2 weeks away, mate, it's in a factory in Germany", my options for getting to work and moving reed to and from the yard are poles apart.

I've got 'The Old Girl', a wonderful Bedford J-Type tipper, perfect in every way for transporting reed on a dry day, except that I need a lollipop person to get me across the A30 as there is little hope of achieving 0-60 in anything less than ten minutes, or in fact achieving 60mph at all! At the other end of the scale Daisy has a super little car, bought for her eldest to learn to drive in. It's comfortable, nippy and does 50 to the gallon, but obviously can't carry any materials....so every day involves a juggle of keys and cars, from A to B, then B to C and back again. Some vital tool always seems to be in a different vehicle, in the wrong place... I can't wait to get my van back!

Meantime Daisy found herself musing on a very modern problem; with one daughter joining Extinction Rebellion, and the other starting to learn to drive. We seem to live lives of constant conflict and compromise. We comfort ourselves from 9 till 5 that the work we do and the materials we use have very low environmental impact. The reed we have just bought is grown with low or no inputs; the steel and twine are recyclable, the old reed compostable... and then we return home in our combustion engines to a meal that seems to always involve half a dozen plastic packets.

Mind you after a day trip to Dartmoor, Daisy's steaks are about to arrive in much better packaging...and on cloven hooves in the form of 3 Galloway store cattle; 'Tips' is all white with black ear tips and magnificent eyelashes; 'Red' is a nice little red heifer and 'MandM' is Black with a white patch. I have pointed out it might be a mistake to name your future food... we might end up vegetarian after all!

Commercial Advertising

Advertisements are renewed on an annual basis commencing with the April edition. However, we do accept advertisements with each edition, if there is space. The charge will be on a pro-rata basis for the remaining editions before the next annual renewal. If you would like to place a commercial advertisement, please contact: **pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk**.

Next deadline for enquiries: **1 March 2020** for the April 2020 edition.

Tiverton Town Band

Tiverton Town Training Band appeared at the Uplowman Show recently and entertained the crowds to a high standard. Led by Tina Pillivant the group, who's ages range from 12 to 92, have been rehearsing hard for what was their maiden performance.



Music ranged from pop classics to TV themes culminating in true style with a typical brass band March. New members are always welcome to the training band on Wednesday evenings at Tiverton rugby club at 6.30pm. Although a training group it would be expected that members have an understanding of playing an instrument and could possibly read music. Non musicians need not worry as we are in the process of putting into place a beginners group.

All players in the training band will be given the opportunity to move to the senior band when a suitable level of musicianship is reached. Tiverton Town Band begin their season within the next few weeks and have also been rehearsing new music for a variety of play outs and competitions coming up.

Fundraising events are planned to provide much needed funds for instruments, music and uniforms and to cover any insurances or transport costs. Regular car boot sales are being held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Tiverton rugby club car park. The next being on Saturday 8th June.

Vacancies also exist in the senior band, for more information about vacancies or other events please visit our website www.tivertontownband.co.uk.

For businesses around the area there is also the chance to become one of our band sponsors, please contact tivybandmaster@gmail.com.

Graham Pillivant, Bandmaster
Tiverton Town Band

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THE BLACKDOWN HILLS TRUST

The Blackdown Hills Trust is looking for local volunteers to help check stock fencing around the grazing units in the Neroche Forest area. These sites are managed by the Blackdown Hills Trust in the Blackdown Forest for grazing conservation : they are a magnet for rare butterflies such as Wood White and Duke of Burgundy and an array of plants, insects, birds and mammals. The areas are part of a Higher Level Stewardship and are grazed by English Longhorn cattle in the summer months.



Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve. Image credits Peter Eeles, Butterfly Conservation.

What will the volunteer role involve?
The role will involve walking the stock fence twice a year during the spring and autumn in the grazing compartments to check for any rotten posts or damage to the wire, and reporting back to the Trust. There may also be opportunities to get involved in practical conservation work, for example clearing conifer re-growth to allow native flora to thrive.

Full training will be provided for the role, including maps of the sites, appropriate contact information and information on what to look out for.

Interested? Contact John Greenshields on 01823660764 or parkfarmwoods@talktalk.net

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Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Show

The show this year will be on Sunday 11th August at Uplowman Village Hall. Once again the charity will be the Devon Freewheelers also known as the Blood Bikes.

This is an important and well deserving charity which transports blood and transplant organs to the various hospitals in the county As always any type of vehicle welcome, no age restrictions, craft/trade stands too!

For more information and application forms or if you would like to help out please contact Lindy Astbury (Secretary) on 01884 820527 or lindyastbury@gmail.com.

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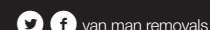
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