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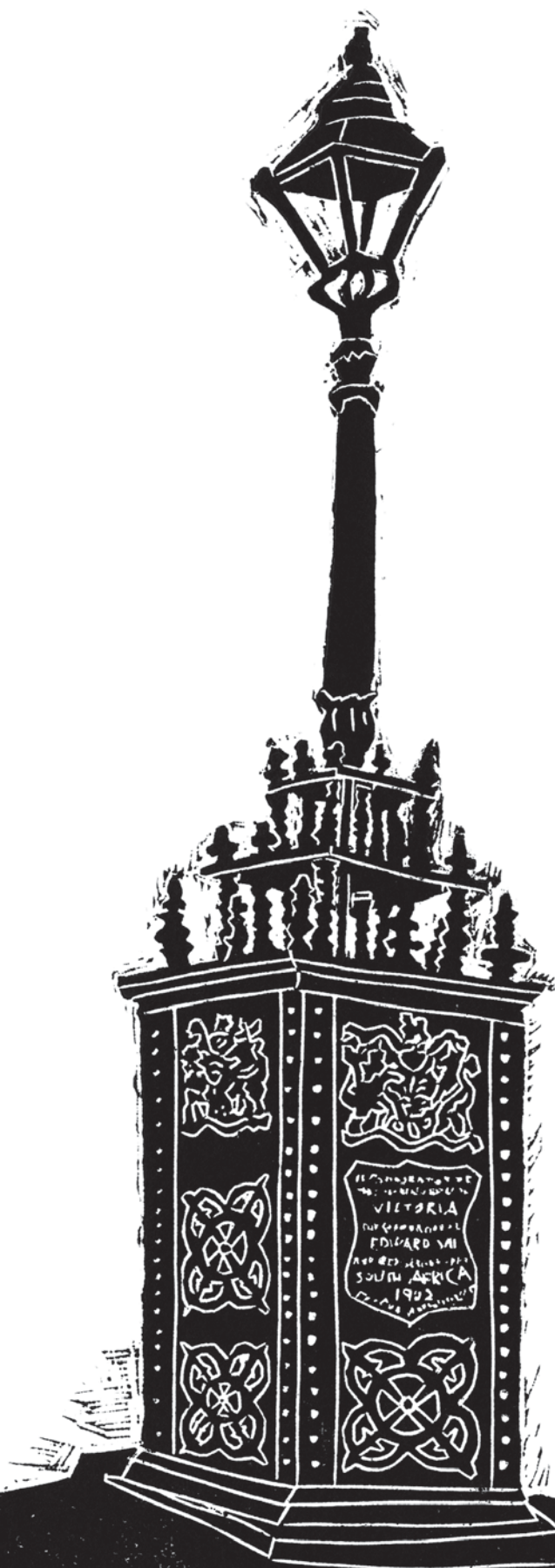
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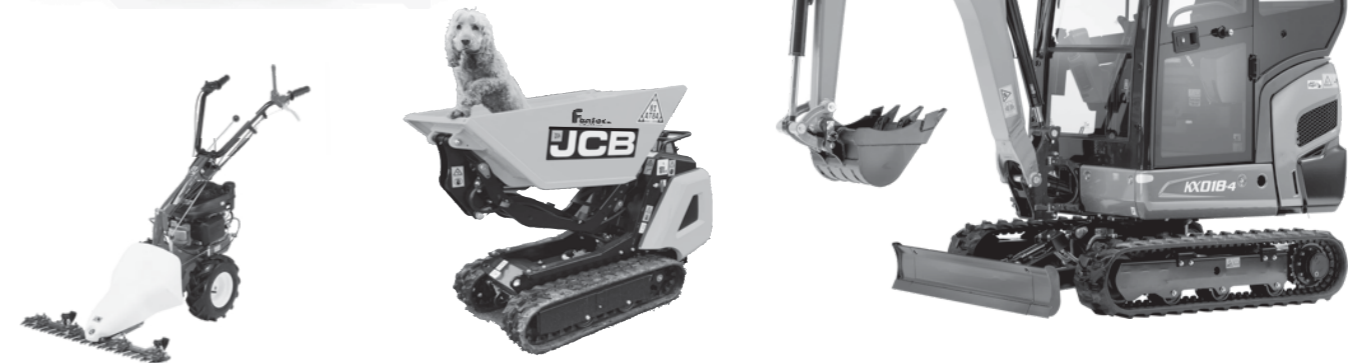
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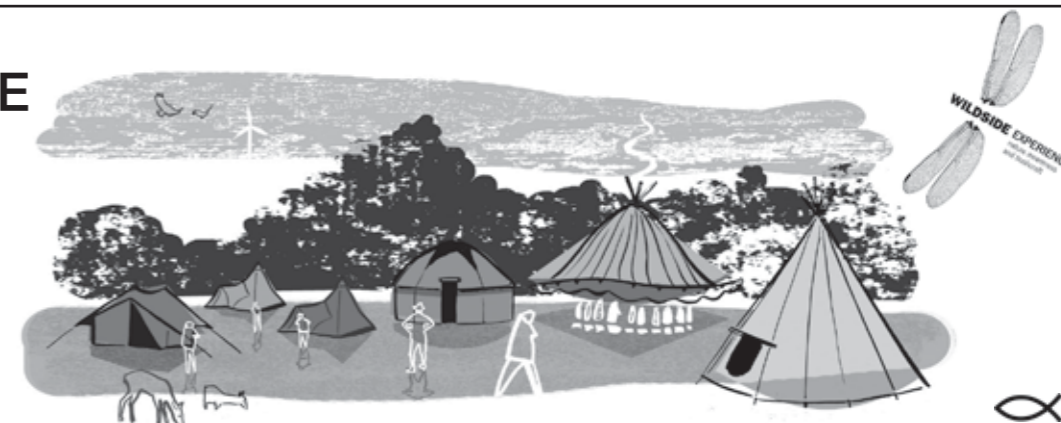
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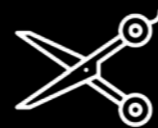
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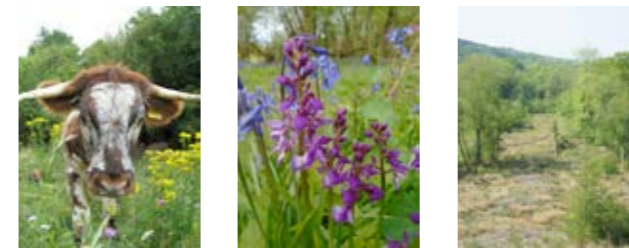


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Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve. Image credits Peter Eeles, Butterfly Conservation.

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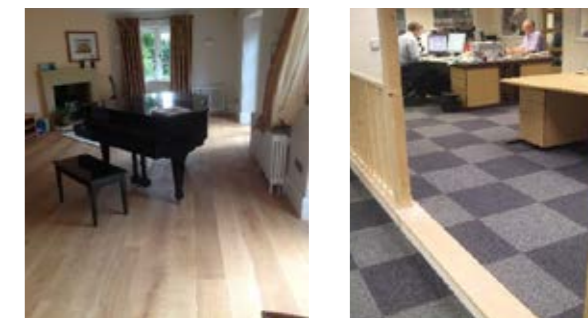
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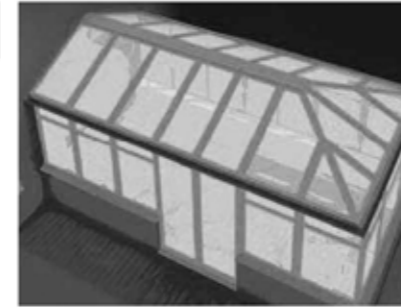
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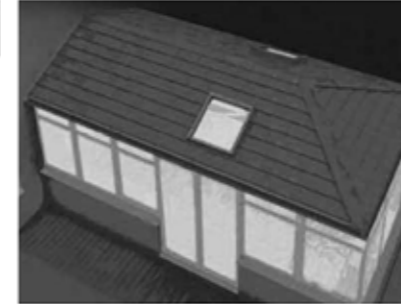
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SERVICES SCHEDULE : HOLY WEEK – END JUNE 2021

Holy Week

Monday 29 March 8.00pm zoom service
 Tuesday 30 March 8.00pm zoom service
 Wednesday 31 March 8.00pm zoom service
 Thursday 1 April 8.00pm zoom service

Good Friday

Culmstock and Hemyock churches will be open from 10.00am – 5.00pm
 11.30-12.00 noon Passiontide organ music played at Culmstock church
 11.30 –12.00 noon Passiontide organ music played at Hemyock church
 2.15-3.00pm A Good Friday service will be held via zoom

Easter Sunday

Please note that you will need to book in advance to attend any of the Easter Day services. This is so that we can ensure the social distancing is maintained once you are seated inside.
 To book by phone, call Hilary Clements on 07495-639826. Leave a message and your phone number.
 To book by email, send to: ucvmission@gmail.com or book via the website.

9.00am Culm Davy Chapel, Holy Communion 1662
10.00am All Saints, Culmstock, Holy Communion, Common Worship
10.00am St Andrew’s Clayhidon, Holy Communion, Common Worship
11.00am St Mary’s Hemyock, Holy Communion, Common Worship
6.30pm Zoom Easter Songs of Praise (no booking required!)

Services from 11 April – 27 June 2021

Date	Time	Place and service	Date	Time	Place and service
Sunday 11 April	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Clayhidon Communion	Sunday 23 May: Pentecost	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Benefice communion Clayhidon Zoom Songs of Praise
Sunday 18 April	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Hemyock Communion	Sunday 30 May	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Hemyock Communion
Sunday 25 April	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Culmstock Communion	Sunday 6 June	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Culmstock Communion
Sunday 2 May	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Clayhidon Communion	Sunday 13 June	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Clayhidon Communion
Sunday 9 May	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Hemyock Communion	Sunday 20 June	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Hemyock Communion
Thursday 13 May	8.00 pm	Ascension Day service Via zoom	Sunday 27 June	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Culmstock Communion
Sunday 16 May	10.30 am 4.00 pm	Zoom Morning Worship Culmstock Communion			



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March winds and...

My parents taught me many rhymes and sayings. Some of them are well known still and some of them are and were confined just to my family. Some of you will know that the saying above which starts ‘*March winds and*’ goes on to say ‘*April showers bring forth May flowers*’, a West Somerset saying which is by one of my favourite authors, Mr Anonymous.

“We are used to the natural progression of the seasons and we delight in the changes which we see and smell and feel as winter gives way to spring.”

However, God’s creation, wonderful and varied though it is, is also fragile and under attack in many places from the Great Barrier Reef to Antarctica and the Amazon Rainforests to the rivers and lakes of Europe. So, both as individuals and as parishes and churches we need to be constantly looking for ways to conserve and renew the environment which surrounds us.

We are used to the natural progression of the seasons and we delight in the changes which we see and smell and feel as winter gives way to spring. It is all part of God’s promise that as long as the earth remains there will be day and night, summer and winter and seedtime and harvest. The rainbows which we have seen painted in many places in recent months are symbols of our hope for the future not only for our country and the NHS but for all of God’s creation.

On an individual level I am reminded of the Amish Saying which goes, ‘*The person who sows seeds of kindness will have a perpetual harvest*’

With all good wishes

Chris Hudson



St Mary's Hemyock

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- ◆ Hemyock Market's 40th Anniversary
- ◆ Romans in Devon



Our return to the Churches!

I am writing to let you know that we hope to return soon to meeting in our Church buildings for Sunday worship.

For some of you that will be very welcome news and not a moment too soon! Others I know will be much more cautious and not wish to return just yet to meeting with others. So we plan to have two streams of worship running after Easter Sunday: we will continue with our weekly zoom worship at 10.30am on Sundays, but add to that a 4.00pm service in one of our Benefice churches each Sunday. We will rotate around the three largest churches – Culmstock, Hemyock and Clayhidon. The one exception is Pentecost Sunday when we will hold a Benefice communion at St Andrew's Clayhidon in the morning, and a zoom Songs of Praise in the evening at 6.30pm.

If the weather is kind, we might hold some of the 4.00pm services outdoors in our churchyards rather than inside. If so, seating will be available outdoors.

The afternoon, 4.00pm service, will be a Communion service, but it will include the same readings, sermon and musical items as the morning service. Those receiving communion will, if they wish, be able to receive the wine of communion as well as the bread, by receiving a wafer which has been dipped in the wine.

At the afternoon services we will still need to wear face masks and keep socially distanced, and avoid mingling afterwards. Sadly, congregational singing is not allowed, and that is not likely to change for many months, even if we are meeting outside. However, we will include hymns and worship songs in our services, though only one person among those leading the music may sing on behalf of the whole congregation.

We will also continue to hold the short, Tuesday evening service of Night Prayer at 8.00pm, via zoom. Overleaf is the schedule for services for Holy Week, Easter, and

then from Easter Sunday to the end of June. You might like to have it pinned up in your kitchen or stuck to the fridge so that you don't lose it!

It will be lovely to see you in person if you feel able to attend a service, or virtually if you prefer to continue worshipping via zoom. It is important you do what you feel is right for you.

With our love and prayers,

Becky – on behalf of all the Ministry Team and Church wardens

'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'
Jeremiah 29:11

IF THE PANDEMIC AND THE GOVERNMENT ALLOW!

St Mary's Church Summer Fete will be on Saturday 10th July at 2pm in the Churchyard

It may be smaller than in 2019, we may still be socially distancing and wearing masks, but hopefully there will be something for all

Look out for posters nearer the time



The Next Job....continued

The news about the work on the bells in the last issue led to a few questions being asked, so we will try to answer them.

Do bells really last 400 years?

Yes. Obviously it depends on how often they are rung to some extent and how they are looked after. You will find a few bells from the 1200s still being rung and bells from the 14th/15th centuries are relatively common.

One problem is that continued striking of the clapper in one spot wears a dent in the bell, which is treated by turning the bell so that the clapper hits a different spot. If you don't the bell may crack. The first Exeter cathedral had 7 bells in 1050, and given that Bellfounders were in the habit of melting old bells down and casting a new bell from the metal, some of that metal could well be swinging in a tower near by. Mind you bells not rung last longer. You'll find some in China about 3000 years old.

Why is only the treble being looked at, not bells 2-6?

The back 5 bells have a frame all to themselves which is not attached to the church in any way. The oak beams seen in the clock chamber and at floor level in the belfry take the weight of the bells down to the top of the Norman walls seen in the ringing room. The tower walls are like a sleeve not a support.

What jobs need doing besides the treble frame?

Quite a bit of attention to the walls. Some years back a silicone spray was used on the outside of the walls because the interior was getting very wet. This proved effective, in fact too effective as the walls dried out and the damp areas turned to dust with no water to bind them together. Stresses and vibrations can then loosen the dust, so we need a major repointing exercise as well as getting the walls "solid" again. Dust is not a good thing to have around the bells' bearings. These fortunately are self aligning sealed units and have given no problems at all since being put in in 1983.

There is also all the woodwork needing a refresh of preservative treatment, all the metal of the frame needs rubbing down and then re-painting (3 times), the bells' head stocks need painting and a non slip surface put on the top of the frame. (For this we use our "patented" budgie grit method). The roller boxes which guide the ropes need a little attention and then there's quite a bit of wall to paint. And a window to replace in the clock room.

How much do the bells weigh?

Bells traditionally are measured in Hundredweights (1cwt =112pounds) So Treble 5.cwt, 2nd 7.25cwt, 3rd 7.75cwt, 4th 10.5cwt, 5th 14cwt and tenor 17 cwt, 3 quarters and 12lb. So, approximately 3 tons. And that is just the bells. It does not include the clappers, the head-stocks and all the other bits or the frame. Just goes to show that the Normans didn't do a bad job. Bet they'd be a bit surprised though!

If you wish to know more please ask. We cannot at present do "tours of the tower" but hopefully by summer we may be.

Last word! Did you note that one radio station has had in advertising their programme recordings had an intro on the "sounds we've missed during lockdown". The second sound was children playing and laughing, the first was bells ringing!

APCM

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, basically the church's AGM, is like many meetings, subject to the state of the nation's health and the Government's guidelines.

At the time of writing we are hoping to hold it in the evening of Thursday April 15th, hopefully socially distanced in the church, but possibly by Zoom. We will try to give as much warning as possible but look out for messages in the Link sheet or additions to the official notices.

St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop

The Charity Shop crew have missed all the chat and banter that usually accompanies the shop being open, but hopefully that will be altered shortly.

We anticipate re-opening towards the end of April, along with other "non-essential" establishments. (Non-essential being the Government's view not of those of us waiting for a haircut!) The Coffee section awaits clarification of what is allowable; we know it is missed by many of you.

So at the moment we are looking at Tuesday 27th of April or May 1st. to re-open. Look out for the posters. And we still have a little bit of money to pass on from last year, we'll aim to do that on the first Saturday of June (Government permitting!).

Foodbank

Continued thanks to those of you supporting the Food Bank via the collection point in the church and now too the one in the Station Road Spar shop.

It really is much appreciated. The demands on Food Banks nationally has gone up across the country, and even down here in the west country having to queue to be attended to is a now regular occurrence.

St Mary's we can report has nearly met the next milestone of 2000kg of donations the current total being 1951kg. Hopefully we'll get there by Easter.



HEMYOCK MONTHLY MARKET 40th ANNIVERSARY

It is hoped to restart the Hemyock Market on Saturday 18th September 2021. It is held on the third Saturday of the month from 10am - noon in the Parish Hall. This will be the 40th anniversary of The Market - a really noteworthy achievement that needs celebrating. Come and join us.

Lots of stalls, coffee and chat. The Market Cafe is famous for its bacon butties!

Have you started a new venture over Lockdown? Would you like to sell something?

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

All enquiries to Heather Stallard on 01823 680237 or email heather@culmpyne.com.

Hemyock Parish Hall Management Committee (HPHMC)

By the time this article is published, the second stage of easing of lockdown restrictions should have taken place, and we must be optimistic that the Covid infection rate continues to fall as the roll out of vaccinations continues apace, and that local clubs and societies will begin to feel confident in meeting and socialising once more.

The childrens play area has been locked off recently, not only because of Covid restrictions, but also because maintenance is necessary on some of the play equipment. We thank you for your patience, and hope to have this area open again as soon as repairs and renovations can be made.

Due to the pandemic, no AGM was held in 2020, but as soon as restrictions and conditions allow, the committee are keen to get regular meetings back on track, and to hold the AGM.

Hall Bookings - Sharon Mitchell 01823 680517 (Mon - Fri, office hours). Secretary - Bob Hawkes 01823 680047

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners' Association meet on the second Wednesday of every month, except at the moment due to the COVID restrictions

April and May are such busy months for the gardener. With lawns mown, seedlings growing and waiting to be potted on or planted out, gardens are springing into life.

The PM has announced his roadmap and if all goes to plan, restrictions will be lifted on Monday 21 June. Our Committee decided that it was just too soon to travel to Essex for the Weekend Away so the whole trip has been postponed until the same weekend in 2022 - Friday 24-Sunday 26 June. If the roadmap continues going to plan, it may well be that we can start our self-drive Summer garden visits but the Committee will review the situation carefully.

In the meantime, the Hemyock Gardeners' Association website and Facebook page are regularly updated with gardening tips and views. Enjoy your gardening.

Susan Scantlebury
01823 681393

Neroche Grazing Project Vandalism

As part of what is in fact a rewilding project, conifers were removed on over 500 acres of forest to allow the broad leaved trees underneath to flourish and to encourage the shrubs, wild flowers, gorse and bramble to establish itself.

Longhorn cattle were introduced to graze the areas in the summer and the two farmers who look after the cattle overwinter them on their farms.

We have recently introduced ponies to continue the suppression of species such as bramble, during the winter. One of the objectives is to improve the habitat for wildlife particularly butterflies, and in fact there are some SSSI areas within the project.

Recently we have experienced some vandalism at Culm Davy, where someone has been repeatedly cutting the fence wire. We have had to remove the ponies, as a result, because we cannot have loose ponies on the road. I would ask anyone who walks up at Culm Davy to keep an eye out for anyone acting suspiciously and report it to the police on 101. If we cannot stop this vandalism, the whole project will be effected.

Neil Carter, Chairman of the Blackdown Hills Trust.

Do you have unwanted tools? Good time to have a clear-out and spring-clean?

Are those old tools just cluttering up your shed or garage? Do somebody a good turn! I can collect and forward these on to find a new home and be used to improve lives of others.

Following a recent appeal for tools via the weekly link sheet of the local Churches and also via their website www.culmkirks.co.uk, I received nine different offers of tools! These included tools for woodwork, brickwork, gardening, household repairs, hinges and 2 sewing machines (and 2 more promised). Some of the tools have already been given new handles. The tools are now in a barn awaiting collection, hopefully in April.

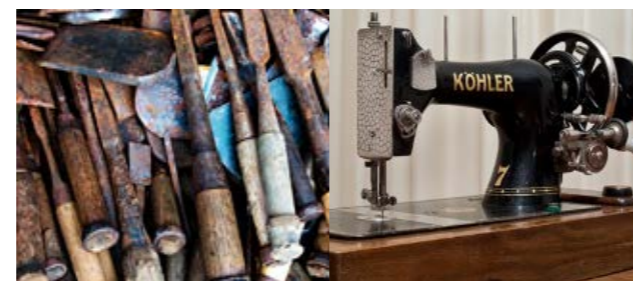
So, if you want to have a clear out, then I am very happy to collect and forward these tools on for use by others in poorer countries where tools of almost any kind can be, literally, a Godsend. There are many such charitable groups sending aid but the group we are particularly in touch with is Kira Farm, Uganda run by Amigos. This is a training college where students are giving training to set up in business. Tools for gardening, woodwork, mechanics, building, hairdressing and needlework all help students to learn their trade. Sewing machines are particularly precious. When students complete their training, they are sent home with the necessary tools to carry on their work.

You can learn more about the farm here: www.amigos.org.uk/about-the-farm

As well as training at the College, another project overseen by Kira Farm is the Sustainable Community Development Programme. Over 1,000 rural farmers within this programme will regroup and begin to learn the amazing benefits of practising conservation farming, the importance of planting trees, and a plethora of simple, innovative ideas that will transform their humble lives.

If you have any unwanted tools, then please contact me – David Berkley on 01823 680692 or davidberkley@uwclub.net.

Thank you.



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), Mrs Penny Browning, Dr Susan Brocklesby and Mr Tom Baker.

COULD WE HELP YOU?

Hemyock History Group

We have been fortunate in being welcomed by other Devon History Groups to join them on a series of History Talks over zoom to entertain our evenings. We will continue to monitor such activity and notify our members accordingly. We have also started planning actual meetings at the Church Rooms when hopefully we will be able to enjoy social company again from the Autumn. Further information will be made available at the appropriate time. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing time between now and then. Should anyone wish to join our members circulation list please contact the email below.

Colonising the Culm

Greg Chuter, previously the County archaeologist for E Sussex and now a member of Halberton History Group gave an interesting talk on prehistory in the Culm Valley. Based on discoveries of artefacts as a result of field walking, Lidor, geophys, crop marks and the National Mapping Programs from Historic England a detailed understanding of life through the Pliocene, Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras has been documented. The Culm was formed when sea level was 30m below OD. The most interesting finding was that sea level in the Peleolithic era was 22.5m below OD when the first humans were active with flint tools and cave paintings being found. In the Mesolithic era sea level was 9m below OD when the impact of humans could be detected and the forming of Britain. The growing of crops could be detected in the Neolithic era with sites such as the Hembury Iron Age Fort. Causeways have been documented across the Culm Valley marking the cross country routes taken by early humans. Cullompton would appear to have been a favourite location for Human activity at this time with sea levels in the bronze age being 3m below OD. During this period axe heads and sites of enclosures with post holes have been found and ritual burial mounds at Ballbarrow and Craze Lowman. Greg Chuter would be available should any of our members wish to research this era in more detail.

Romans in Devon

Bill Horner, the Devon County Archaeologist, gave a fascinating talk over zoom to History Group members throughout Devon on Friday 12th March.

Bill started by mentioning Belerion, which is the term for the SW peninsula of Britain included in the first century BC testimony of Caesar and Diodorus as having a civilised way of life and welcoming to strangers so that trade could take place with important items such as tin, copper and iron ingots and precious metals of gold and silver also available. Timber of every kind was available and there was evidence of many enclosures, farmsteads and hill forts.

After Caesar came Cladius who used the further invasion of Britain as the prestige required to maintain his position in Rome. Significant evidence of Roman buildings have been found in the SW with military layouts of forts for legions of up to 5,000 soldiers from across Europe who could claim Roman citizenship after 25 years of service. Exeter has significant evidence of Roman building with a Legionary Bath House heated in the usual way, found under Exeter Cathedral Close and garrisons maintained within the Exeter City walls. Chains of such fortresses have been found along the path of the movement of the legions up country

from Oakhampton, Cudmore Farm, Bampton and St Andrews Hill, Cullompton and Bolham Roman Fort at Tiverton. Initially these would have been built of Turf and Timber and after several years of occupation rebuilt in stone. Various artefacts have been found at these locations including amphorae, used for the transport of Olive Oil, Wine and Spices, and Samian ware, and courseware similar to those found in Dorset and further up country. Of course eventually these forts can be found all the way up to Hadrians Wall and by 150ad the extremity of the Roman Empire represented by the Antonine Wall from the Clyde to the Forth. Found at all these sites are roof tiles with curved joining

tile and Faience beads. The site of the Oakhampton Roman Fort is close to the local primary school serving the area who have become very involved in organising exhibitions for the community imagining the type of food stalls surrounding the fort, including the Greggsius concession.

The Legions also travelled East from Exeter following the route of what is now the A35, where during the building of this

road the foundations of the Roman road was excavated showing a road 30m wide with chalk drainage and a metal surface and modern camber to Straightway Head, the Yarty, and Axe, and Pomery Wood and Clyst Honiton and Craze Lowman. Aller Cross has been excavated as has Kings Kerswell. At these sites were found exotic glassware, pewter plate due to the proliferation of tin and lead at Mount Folly, Bigbury. A stone corndrier was found at Sherford. A bronze age mirror was found at Crediton and in the Quantocks a villa with a mosaic floor adopting the trippings of Romano British houseware. A current site close to Halberton and Sampford Peverill is being excavated with the help of Tiverton archaeology Society where many Roman items have been found. This was a time in the 3rd Century when Britain was stable with an expanding economy while the rest of Europe was riven by wars.

Tacitus records the Invasion of Britain and the setting up of the Civil Administration including the achievements of his father Agricola as Governor of Britain. The design of the Civil Basilica in Exeter with the town houses, now known as the St Catherine Almshouses. Topsham was Exeter's port where Roman beakers with chariot decoration were found as well as evidence of what had been a fish sauce factory, very popular with the Romans.

The Blackdown Hills of course was rich in iron smelting and Britain produced a plentiful supply of cereals that were shipped to feed the Continent. The Seaton Down coin hoard of 22,000 roman coins together with 3 billets of iron bars buried around 340AD were found in 2013 as a result of a metal detectorist.

Soon after this period the sons of Emperor Constantine fought against each other resulting in a troubled period and a slump in the economy of the Empire and its eventual collapse. Of course in 1450 the Ottoman Empire invaded Constantinople as the centre of Islam and solved this problem by allowing each ruler to murder all his brothers on his accession.

Many thanks,

Mike Cooper – Hemyock History Group
blackdownarchives@btinternet.com.



Blackdown Support Group Update

Transport

We continue to offer transport to medical appointments, including vaccination appointments. When restrictions are eased we also hope to offer transport for social journeys if volunteer availability allows, so please let us know if you have a request, advance notice is appreciated! We also continue to offer shopping and prescription delivery to those who would otherwise struggle with this.

Vaccine clinics

Our amazing volunteers have been providing stewarding support to our local vaccination clinics since early January, initially at the Integrated Centre for Health in Cullompton and then at the 3 Blackdown Practice sites as well. Feedback from the GP Practices and the general public has been fantastic and we are hugely grateful for the volunteers' continued commitment, flexibility and cheerfulness in assisting with the delivery of this important service!

Volunteers

We have recruited over 20 new volunteers since the beginning of the year, thank you so much to those new to the team who have come forward and to all of our long-standing volunteers who have adapted admirably to the whole situation over the last year. Without them there would be no Blackdown Support Group.

Footcare

We are in the process of restarting our home footcare service for those in particular need, please contact the office to register for this.

Bereavement Service

We continue to provide regular telephone sessions with our bereavement volunteer and hope to be able to resume face to face meetings in the not too distant future.

Carer Respite

We are happy to accept referrals to our sitting service, Time For You, which offers volunteer sitting support, allowing regular respite for unpaid family carers. Please contact your GP or call us directly at Blackdown Support Group to enquire.

IT Support

AbilityNet is a national charity providing IT training and support for older or disabled people. They have specialist volunteers in our local area who can provide FREE technology advice to help you connect to the internet, connect with other people online and give you access to essential online services. The AbilityNet volunteers are all DBS checked and can also provide specialist advice on technology for those living with vision, hearing, cognitive or motor impairments.

FREE helpline 0800 048 7642
enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk
<https://abilitynet.org.uk>

Other services

We will be working hard in the coming weeks and months to safely restart some of our other face to face services such as volunteer visiting and our social clubs. If you would like to register your interest in these services or any of those mentioned above, either as a volunteer or as a client, please contact us for a confidential chat on 01823 681 036 – Phoneline is available 9-11am Monday to Friday.

Please leave an answerphone message if you are unable to reach us and we will call you back as soon as possible.

d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net
www.blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk
Or find us on Facebook





In line with current Covid-19 restrictions, the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre has remained closed to the general public.

Ruth Bell, massage therapist, Sue Moore, chiropractor and Martha Price, osteopath are working throughout the current Covid-19 restrictions and are following the strict guidelines issued from their professional associations regarding Covid infection control procedures and use of PPE.

Although we haven't been open, we have been able to continue working on our Men's Sheds project over the past few months. Just as we went into the first lockdown in 2020, we wrote a piece for the Pump, all about Men's Sheds and how we were looking for some land to build a shed. We have actually converted the storage room at the end of the Garages instead. Many thanks to the Garages Committee and the Parish Council for all your support. We have decided to call the Men's Shed, the Blackdown Community Shed.

Hopefully, once indoor restrictions have eased later in the year, we will be able to open our doors and welcome those of you who would like to find out more about what's on offer and how to join. If you shop in the COOP in Wellington, please support Men's Sheds by choosing us as your local cause to help raise funds.

Many thanks,
Peta Dayus-Jones
Centre Manager



Above Storage room pre-conversion



Above More work to do but it's taking shape!

Poets Corner

The Falcon

Far away a falcon flies,
In the vastness of the sky,
Long sharp wings and sharper sight,
It glides and hangs and soars in flight,
And from his ambush in the sky;
He spies a pigeon flying by,
He stoops and hits the bird mid-flight,
A puff of feathers drifting light;
The falcon crouches mantling
O'er the body warm,
In Falcon Law there is no harm,
The hunter kills to fill his need,
And does not kill for hate or greed.

David Palmer

A Life

For his Lord he'd fight,
He'd die,
Sure of how brave he was,
How true;
But now his Lord
Was before the court,
All but condemned,
While Peter watched;
"You were one of his."
A girl was standing there;
The blow struck home,
Twice more the challenge,
"You were there with him."
Winced Peter
"No! Not ever me!
Jesus' sad look of love
Broke on the rock of Peter's,
Spent bravery
Dissolving it to tears.

David Palmer



ITS BACK!

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

In 2021 the Hemyock PTFA are inviting the whole village to once again join them on a Bear Hunt.

The bear hunt will take place from 29th May - 12th June. Entries for displays will open on 1st May. For more information contact: hemyockptfa@gmail.com



Around Hemyock

Way back in February **Chris and Shirley Dracott** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and it was omitted from the last Pump. Although very belated we send them warmest congratulations and apologies. With so little local news for this copy I have been looking through the Cullompton Deanery Book dated 1901 -1910 to see what had been reported about St Marys church and Culm Davy Chapel. With this issue of the Pump covering April and May I've picked out the following from the year 1910 some of which may sound similar to present times.

April - The measles epidemic appears to be at an end with no new cases reported since March 1st. The Three Towns Church Extension Scheme (what was that I wonder) saw the Rector hoping the parish would be able to give some support to the scheme but he said for several years it had been a struggle to raise sufficient funds for its own very pressing needs. He also expressed thanks to all those who had contributed to the cost of moving a patient to the Exeter Infirmary.

18 names had been nominated for the Parish Council and for the first time in many years a poll was to be held to decide who would form the Council.

The marriage of Edwin Morrele and Jane Lowman had been celebrated and the funeral of Emma Hart (39) had taken place.

May – saw reports from the church Vestry and annual meetings with the Church and Chapel Wardens along with Sidesman all re-elected.

St Mary's church expenses for the year amounted to over £17 and the Chapel over £4. The forthcoming year will see the church clockface renovated those attending the meeting were told.

A donation of £3.3s had been made to both Wellington Cottage Hospital and Exeter Eye Infirmary with almost £5 going to Taunton Infirmary. £9 went to the Foreign Mission Fund with a total of £7 sent to various Home Missions including Dr Barnardo Homes.

The Rector, **Rev John B de Forbes**, said that a Flower and Egg service held on the second Sunday after Easter had seen some of the most beautiful flowers and over 35 dozen eggs donated and these had been distributed to the aforementioned hospitals. Taking eggs to a St Marys Eastertide service for local hospital continued until the early 1960s I believe, whilst bunches of primroses were sent by train to London for Mothering Sunday. No one thought that in the 21st century we would need to be making donations to food banks.

There had been no marriages or deaths recorded but a John Browning had been baptised.

April and May also remind me of a poem I learnt for a public speaking competition whilst at school which I'm sure many will know when the poet speaks of the joys of nature during the Spring months–

Home-thoughts, from Abroad by Robert Browning
O to be in England, Now that April's there...
With the second verse beginning...
And after April when May follows...

At the same time I also learnt the humorous Sir Smashum Uppe by E.V.Rieu and read a passage from The Small Woman. This book was turned into the film Inn of the Sixth Happiness telling the story of Gladys Aylward and her evangelical church missionary work in China and the children she saved. (The team I was in won the competition!). Perhaps there are others here who remember the same competition.

Bringing things up to date - life seems to very slowly returning to a kind of normality with students returning to school and other restrictions being eased. Once again thanks go to all those who have worked so hard and supported our community in so many ways through the pandemic including all those working in our local shops, supermarkets and chemists. A year none of us will forget.

In the Scout Group report of the previous Pump, it was mentioned that **Andy Batten** had relinquished the role of Group Scout Leader and had been awarded a Medal of Merit from Scout HQ for his work both here and in the Tiverton District. As someone who has experienced Andy's work with young people this was well deserved. The new GSL is **Rob Walster** and we wish him good luck as he takes over an enormously successful group. No doubt **Old Rikki** (aka John Northam) will continue to keep us all up to date with the group activities especially as their 50th year anniversary camp approaches. Our daughter, a past Venture Scout and later a leader has always maintained "Once a Scout always a Scout" and I'm sure there are many who would agree including Old Rikki and Andy who remains as assistant Scout leader.

Its also good to hear a football coach has offered to train 3-6 years old with a view to setting up a football club for them. Whilst the Blackdown Community Shed prepares for it opening.

A recent bone of contention here seems to be the amount of dog mess, which is known to be a health hazard, being left on playing grounds. The request to owners is please bag it up and dispose of.

All good wishes and prayers are sent to those who are unwell including **Joan, Tony, Brian** and the **Revd Margaret Cameron**. Whilst we remember all those in care homes who have been without visitors for so long.

There will be people who remember **John Browning** who recently passed away at the age of 93years. We send our love and condolences to his wife Pam and her family and to others known to us who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one.

A very warm welcome to those who have moved here recently. If you would like to know more about the history of Hemyock and have the opportunity do read **The History of Hemyock** written by Brian Clist and Chris Dracott (pub. Halsgrove) and Brian's book **Make Hay While the Sun Shines**. Both give fascinating insights to life here.

Take care everyone and remember - Tomorrow will be a Good Day.

Best wishes,

Janice

Please email any news you would like to share to jbawler1947@jhotmail.co.uk

Wellington Monument News

Iwanted to share some positive news with you about the Wellington Monument project. It is still on track to finish at the end of May. This is incredible considering what difficult times we are going through. We're planning how to open the monument when the project finishes and restrictions are lifted. Anyone who has been inside knows the top viewing platform will safely fit only two people so we need to plan carefully. We've loved hearing the hilarious stories that you have told us from the days when dozens would climb up at a time. Those were the days of candles in jars and getting the key from the local farm!

A lot has happened since our last newsletter: -

The scaffold to the obelisk is now down and our contractors are concentrating on repairs to the curtain wall around the base of the monument. As with the rest of the monument, the replacement stone is Chicks Grove limestone. They are replacing a total of 250 of the limestone facing stones estimated to weigh approximately 80 tonnes. The team will then be re-grouting, re-pointing and using mechanical ties to improve structural integrity. The curtain wall is 6m high with a 1m cornice on top. It was one of the last areas to originally be built and the quality suffered as they ran out of funds during the nineteenth century.

- We are replacing stones on the cornice at the top of the curtain wall. There are 13 replacements to this course, with the largest being 600kg prior to cutting and shaping. These replacements will be made from a Bath stone named Park Lane.

- Work continues to complete the repairs inside the spiral staircase so that people can once again climb to the top. This consists of 5 replacement treads and 30 newel replacements. We will be pinning the cracks and stainless supports to 6 upper treads. The stone is Ham Hill stone.

- The window guards at the top have now been replaced to prevent birds from getting in and nesting inside the pyramidion. We are awaiting the arrival of a new door for the bottom of the staircase of the main tower to stop them getting in that way too. This will be an



Valley Arts

After some thought Valley Arts has decided that although we may be free to rehearse in the Summer,

but there is too much uncertainty about the Autumn, so this year we are going to concentrate on the social side of VASS and try to make 2022 the best pantomime ever. Happy Easter and enjoy catching up with family and friends and maybe a staycation in the Summer.

Caroline Pinder

oak door with steel lattice panels. Nesting birds cause a range of health and safety issues, so better for all concerned for them to nest in woodland at the site.

- Replacement capping stones will be fitted to the top of all 3 buttress heads to prevent water ingress to the stonework below.
- The entrance step needs replacing. It is a grey Pennant sandstone from the Forest of Dean, approximately 1.2m long x 0.6m wide. It will be placed at the doorway in the next few weeks.

We have been overwhelmed with the incredible feelings people have for the monument. Funds have come from the Wellington Monument volunteers who have raised a whopping £4,000 collecting donations for unusable stone that has been removed from the monument. This fundraiser has been put on hold due to current restrictions, but don't panic, there will be more available!

I also want to thank the fabulous volunteers for the litter picking they do. Their invaluable help keeps the meadow, avenue and car park clean for all of us. We are still doing presentations though they are on zoom. If there any groups out there that would like an update, just get in contact and we can work out a suitable time to do a "virtual talk".

There is a lot of good news when talking about Wellington Monument. So, even though these are tricky times, I just wanted to let you know that all is good with the project.

Thank you for all your support. This project would not have happened without you. If you ever want to get in touch, either email us or ring me directly on 07779 454246. It would be lovely to chat! Best wishes, Emma and the Wellington Monument project team.

Emma Jones, Community fundraiser and engagement officer (Wellington Monument)

National Trust – Somerset Coast & Countryside, Fyne Court, Broomfield, Somerset, TA5 2EQ, Mobile: 07779 454246.

What's On (Or What's Off!)

April / May 2021

COVID 19: All events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to government restrictions.

April

Thu	01	Local Schools' Term ends
Fri	02	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun	04	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon	05	BANK HOLIDAY
Sat	10	Cullompton Farmers' Market
Mon	12	SHOPS OPEN + Pub gardens, Hairdressers etc open,
Mon	19	Local Schools Summer Term starts?
Fri	23	St George's Day
Sat	24	Cullompton Farmers' Market

May

MAY	03	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs	06	ELECTIONS
Sat	08	Cullompton F.M, Hemyock Cricket
Fri	07	No Blood Donors
Thurs	13	Ascension Day
Fri	14	Pump Deadline
Sat	15	Hemyock Cricket
Mon	17	Meet inside pubs, + 2 families, groups of 30 etc.
Sat	22	Cullompton Farmers' Market
Sat	29	Hemyock Cricket
Mon	31	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
31 – June	04	Half Term for Local schools?

Repair Café – this is continuing to operate during the pandemic. Stefan Lehner hopes to be able to repair your items in his garage, as mentioned in the last Parish Pump (page 48). Contact Stefan - 01823 421760

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 at her email address - sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com by the "Parish Pump" deadline date. (This may stop too many clashes of dates!)

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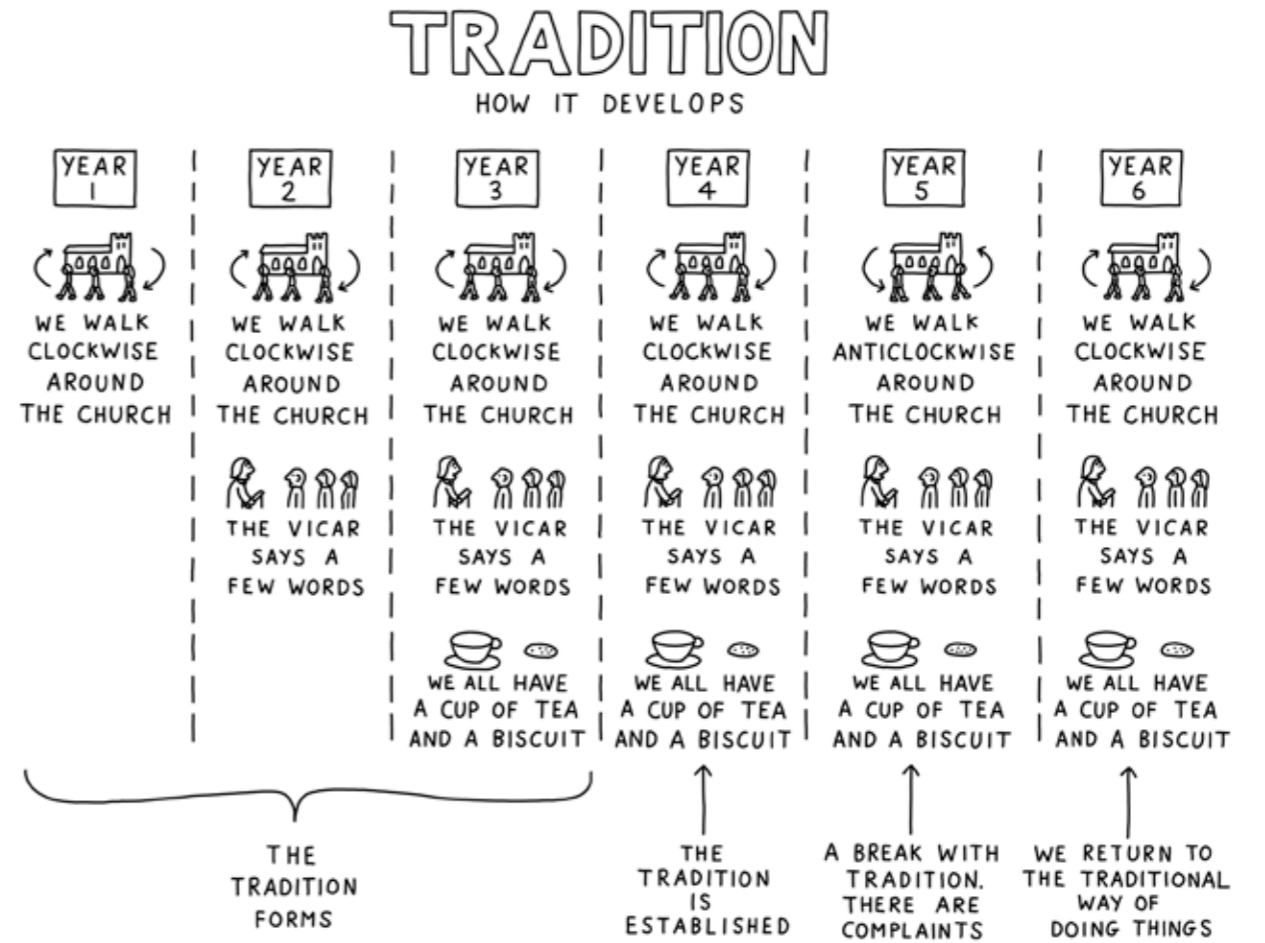
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Forthcoming Events

JUNE	08	Tuesday Group
	21	Longest Day. Restrictions ALL CLEAR! (?)
JULY	10	St Mary's Summer Fete, 2pm, Churchyard
	24	Repair Café 10 – 12.30 Parish Hall
	24	Mid Devon Show, Knightshayes
	27	Local schools Term ends?
AUG	5 & 6	Honiton Show, Gittisham, Honiton
SEPT	05	Uffculme Show & Country Fayre
	18	Hemyock Market

Cartoon Church

Cartoons by Dave Walker,
CartoonChurch.com



Opening Times



Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

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

Mon, Tue & Thu 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00
Wed & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days
Weekends Closed

Dunkeswell Surgery

Mon & Wed 08:30 – 12:30 and 15:00 – 18:00
Tue, Thu & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days
Weekends Closed

If you require urgent medical assistance or advice outside of normal surgery hours **please call 111. In a genuine emergency you should call 999.** Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute an emergency.

Hemyock Tennis Club

We very much look forward to seeing our courts open again soon. At the time of writing this, from 29th March, social play, organised or otherwise, coaching, and competition should all be possible. More detailed information will be emailed to members and posted on the club website, (details below).

There will of course be a need to satisfy 'track & trace' requirements, so we'd like the court booking system to be used, and for organised social play and competition, we'll maintain records of attendees. The club will also make sure that everyone is aware of their responsibility to make playing tennis as safe as possible.

The club has entered two teams into the West Somerset League, and fixtures can be expected to be available in early April. We'll be trying to make the A team as competitive as can be, and use the B team to give as many members as possible the opportunity to play league tennis.

This last lockdown prevented any of our friendly matches from taking place, but we're optimistic that once our courts reopen, as the Covid infection rate diminishes and the number of vaccinations rise, play will be able to resume throughout the rest of the year as things slowly return to a more normal state.

Some may be keen on coaching to either help brush away the cobwebs since the racket went away in January, or to brush up on their skills, and I'm sure that our coach, Dan Sizer will be keen to oblige. His details are below and on the club website.

Should restrictions allow, we hope to run a number of events this season. Look out for 'Rusty Rackets' sessions, 'Strawberries & Champagne', if possible an open day with a BBQ, and the 'Mince Pies & Mulled Wine' event. We look forward to making announcements soon. We also hope to hold our AGM this year, and will announce this when we feel confident.

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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



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, tel. 01823 680664,
sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com.

Editor, James Winrow, pump@lickam.co.uk

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.



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1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello, I hope you are all looking on the bright side. In scouting we are. We have had information from HQ and we are on the move. From March 29th we move to our Amber level which means that we can meet outdoors in groups of no more than fifteen with up to five leaders. It's a start! Then from April 12th we can meet in or outside with the same limit on numbers. We will also be able to organise day trips and visits if we wish. Longer term our chaps at HQ are talking with members of the government to plan for camping and larger group sizes as we progress into summer. Lets hope that the vaccination programme continues apace and that we will be able to return to some normality from June 21st.

We have more positive news. We have a new Group Scout Leader. So we say thankyou to District Commissioner Andy Ellis for being our acting GSL and we move on. Our GSL is Bob Walster who many in the Group already know as an assistant cub leader with Akela Julie. She knows how to pick them! Rob joined us from a successful Group in Somerset when he moved to Devon in 2019. We wish him well and he will continue the success of 1st Hemyock which started way back in 1960 with Old Skip.

We recently held a Zoom Executive meeting with some reports from our leaders. Akela Julie has been zooming for the beavers and cubs, but is very much looking forward to 29th March to be able to meet outdoors again. Julie with cub leader Tristram has also been zooming with the scouts, some ten of them joining in. George Hodges tells us that Network and Explorers are also on the zoom, but much looking forward to camps and activities as soon as these are allowed. Andy Batten for the scout section realistically expects us to get back outdoors from summer term (which fortunately is not too far away). Even though we have been somewhat in limbo for some while, we still have some forty young people waiting to join 1st Hemyock. Our wonderful leaders must be doing something right!

Alas we will not be able to have a St Georges Day Parade and Service again this year. But looking on the bright side third time lucky in April 2022. So Old Rikki has to store his props yet again and will continue with a virtual talk/chat for the day. We will put it on our facebook page and I will send a copy to Warden David who can share it with you if he wishes. Haven't written it yet but have it mapped out in my little grey cells.

There we are, a short but I believe positive report that we are getting back to scouting and that we are all looking to better times.

And finally. This time I am leaving it to three Old Soldiers

First Old Skip Lowman, our first GSL. He was sitting at camp supping a tea, or it might have been something stronger watching our young people having fun. His comment, they are young men and I trust them to do what is right.

Second Captain Sir Tom Moore, a fine man you all know. He had many sayings. Here is one. The sun will shine on you again, the birds will sing and we will all have a lovely day tomorrow. Tomorrow will be a better day.

Third Our Founder Robert Baden Powell. From his last message. Be prepared, in this way you will live a happy life and even after you cease to be a boy, God will help you do it.

Words of wisdom from three wonderful gentleman. And from Rikki, you can guess, always look on the bright side. We always do at 1st Hemyock.

Old Rikki

Longmead

The Pavilion is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings.

The building 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.

Funding for community projects



Do you have a project which will have an environmental, social or economic benefit?

The Blackdown Hills AONB's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) gives grants of up to £3000 to encourage individuals, community groups, schools and businesses to try to achieve a more sustainable way of living in the Blackdown Hills.

Find out if your project qualifies and apply for a Sustainable Development Fund grant:

Tel: 01823 680681
Email: blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk

Dear Residents

We have come to the end of another term for me, it runs out in May. I have enjoyed working for this community and hope I have been able to help in various ways, working with Parish Councils and so on, can't always please everybody, but I try to do what I can. I do thank everyone for your support.

As I have said I have enjoyed what I have done, to the extent, that I will be standing for another 4 year term.

As you know, we have announced our budget for 2021/22 and there has been unavoidable increases, the increase will be 4.99%, 3% for the adult services which is agreed by Government and 1.99% which is the maximum increase level set by Government.

Over and above the figures stated below, there will be an additional £600k going into road maintenance. We will be putting £300k into Climate Change over the next two years, to help, together with District Councils to help bring about zero carbon by 2030.

There looks to be light at the end of the tunnel on COVID, This tremendous effort to fight coronavirus, support Devon's communities and keep the county operating has cost the authority significantly.

The increased number of people eligible for help with Council Tax, coupled with more firms being forced to go out of business and leaving properties empty, is contributing to a financial shortfall for authorities at a time when spending demands are increasing.

The increase in Government funding for the authority is £3.7 millions or 2.2%. The Government has also announced Devon's share of national Covid funding for 2021/22 is £14.823 millions. In total, our spending in 2021/22 is due to rise by 6.6%, an overall increase of just under £35.7 millions from 2020/21. We will continue to do all we can to support all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the knowledge that we will come out of this pandemic with new and innovative ways of working to ensure we continue on our journey as a learning organisation.

It was hard to imagine that a return to normal would happen quickly. The rapidly changing circumstances led to a review of the Targets. Some savings previously identified did not seem feasible and the other areas needed bolstering to increase the resilience of the authority. The detailed budget targets were set by Cabinet on 13th January which total £578.5 millions. The total includes funding for budget pressures of £47.3 millions that mainly relates to additional expenditure to allow for service growth to cater for demographic changes such as increased children and adult service users and unavoidable cost pressures. Savings and income initiatives of £11.6 millions are required to set a balanced budget. The targets set for each service area have been subject to different pressures and influences. We have achieved this budget, without dipping into any reserves.

The figures below shows the 2021/22 Budget Targets by service area, of course there are masses of figures to support

the budget process, these are just heading figures and departments.

Adult Care & Health, 20/21 year, £260,757m, Inflation £26,235m (£4,557m) 21/22year, Budget £282,435m, Net change £21,678m +8.3%

Children's Services, 20/21 year, £146,869m, Inflation £13,787m (£2,389m) 21/22 year, Budget £158,267m, Net change £11,398m + 7.8%

Community Health, 20/21year, £39,792m, Inflation £1,039m (£958k) 21/22 year Budget £39,873 81m Net change + 0.2%

Corporate Services, 20/21 year, £37,566m, Inflation £4,436m (£1,615m) 21/22 year Budget £40,387m Net Change £2,821m + 7.5%

Highways, Infrastructure, Development & Waste, 20/21year, £57,827m. Inflation £1,804m (£2,111) 21/22year Budget £57,520m Net change £307k -0.5%

All Totals; 20/21 £542,811m Inflation £47,301m (£11,630) 21/22year £578,482m Net change £35,671 + 6.6%

Just a few statistics you might be interested in of the infrastructure we operate;

Service/ Activity Unit of Measurement 2020/21

Estimate Size of Network Km 12,978; Bridges No. 3,340 (23) 3,317. Structural retaining walls (>1.35m height) No. 1,749. Structural retaining walls (>1.35m height) Km 125 1 126. Street lights total No. 80,244. Street lights to have been converted to part night lighting No. 53,886. Rights of way Km 5,012 Length of road salted Km 2,664. Illuminated road markings and signs 10,694 Gullies emptied No. 165,000 Total grass area cut m2 7.6 million. Surface dressed Km 0 443 443. Resurfacing / reconstruction Km 126.

Another interesting fact, we have 65 farms, it was 100 but some have been amalgamated and others made bigger, totalling 9,965 acres, we have not sold any farms to raise revenue like some County Councils have had to do, we are very financially stable, and we have ample reserves . North Devon Healthcare Trust is the Primary Provider for personal care in Bideford, Torrington, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Tiverton and Cullompton.

A decision has been made which means that Devon County Council will take back the day to day direct management of those care arrangements

If you need me to do anything, just let me know. Once again, thank you all for your support for the last 4 years.

Regards,
Ray Radford,
Your Devon County Councillor.

Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update, April 2021

The parish council continues to meet remotely via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join a Zoom meeting will find the meeting code on the agenda or may email the clerk for the code. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 21/00006/HOUSE. Churchill's Barn, Hemyock. Erection of two-storey rear extension.
- 20/01537/HOUSE. 19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Retention of timber outbuilding to be used ancillary to the main house, retention of decking and proposed installation of water supply and drainage pipes underground.
- 21/00195/HOUSE. Studleys, Hemyock. Variation of condition 2 and 3 to allow revised and additional plans.
- 21/00252/FULL. Collard Hill Farm. Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling.
- 21/00315/FULL. Luggs Barn, Culm Davy. Removal of condition 3, change of use to holiday let.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 20/02138/NMA. 24 Station Road, Hemyock. Non-material amendment to allow removal of chimneys and replace vertical tiles with render finish.
- 20/02019/LBC. Woodside, Hemyock. Listed building consent for the erection of a porch.
- 20/02018/HOUSE Woodside, Hemyock. Erection of a porch.
- 20/02003/HOUSE. 13 Hollingarth Way, Hemyock. Erection of two-storey side extension following demolition of existing garage, erection of single-storey rear extension and front porch.
- 20/01443/HOUSE. Sunnycroft, Hemyock. Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling, erection of a garage following demolition of existing garage and outbuilding.
- 20/02068/FULL. 29 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing garage.20/01537/HOUSE

Application withdrawn noted for:-

- 19/00038/MOUT. Culmbridge Farm, Hemyock. Outline for a mixed use development of 40 dwellings, 600sq m of employment space, public open space, access and associated works following demolition of existing poultry sheds.

Finance

Income - included interest and cemetery. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity and website. Grants were made to:-

- Citizens Advice £250.00

Longmead

The footbridge at the northern end of the football field will be removed during the last week of April. Whilst the bridge is refurbished and bridge abutments are built on site, members of the public may walk around the edge of the football pitches. New bins have been installed at Longmead.

Another Bin

After a long wait a new bin has been installed by Mid Devon District Council at Byes.

Community Land

As part of the development adjacent to the cemetery, the parish council will be offered just over 7 acres of community land. The parish council has formed a working group to look at how this land might be used in the future. It will update the parish via the Pump, website and social media.

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.

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 at 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.

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 (but due to coronavirus the meetings are currently being held remotely). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.

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Our Thatching Life, featuring Ferrari the Thatcher, Daisy his apprentice and animals various...

It has been a bitter winter, not just raw hands and frozen sheets on the roof, but the deep chill of loss all round us.

People who I've known as a boy growing up in the village or through working on their roofs over the years, who have been the fabric of village life, known for their exhaustive knowledge of moths and butterflies and joy at the natural world; or held in high regard by a generation for their herd of cows looking as good after winter as they did in summer, whilst nurturing a cricketing talent that in another lifetime would have been amongst the best in Somerset; someone else younger than us with children only just grown up, too soon, too young.

The old farmers used to say that we need a good hard winter to rest the ground, maybe to rest ourselves as well for as spring seeps in there are plans aplenty for filling lighter evenings. Daisy's got one pile of telegraph poles, another of aggregate and a shopping list that includes, tin, timber and enough friends to build a pole barn.

So after a more than usually tough time for family and friends, we look back and raise a glass to the winter and turn our heads, hearts and hopes to the spring warmth and summer sun.

Alan Ferrari.

Blackdown Hills Community Bus

Your Community Bus needs YOU! The CBO (Churchinford, Buckland & Otterford) minibus has been running on a non-profit basis in the Blackdowns for more than ten years, providing community transport, bookable by groups and individuals.

These include Churchinford Cricket Club, Smeatharpe WI, the Blackdown Hills Garden Club, local football teams, schools and musicians. We purchased a nearly new minibus a few years ago (changing the charity's name to the Blackdown Hills Community Bus) largely paid for through fundraising events. We rely on volunteer drivers and operate our budget to ensure that running costs are covered.

Until Covid struck, we also ran not-for-profit monthly shopping trips, the new bus becoming a lifeline for many elderly residents who were no longer able to drive. Understandably, the minibus has been off-road since March 2020. With the prospect of the country reopening soon, we need a new committee to take the charity forward.

The bus is in good condition, having been stored indoors over the winter, and our finances are secure. Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to hire out the bus until a new committee is formed. The positions we need to fill are not onerous, requiring attendance of an hour or so at roughly one meeting a month. If you would like to volunteer, or need more information, please contact the secretary, Ken Pearson, by email at ken_pearson@icloud.com.

Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

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Data Provided by South West Public Transport Information (SWPTI) - 33 - 06/09/16



Can you help us, please?

Culmstock Cancer Research Committee would normally at this time of year, be holding a Big Breakfast to raise money for Cancer Research UK. This event is always well supported and the amount raised is over £1000 each year. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our Big Breakfast and therefore have decided to try another way in which to raise money for this worthy charity.

Diana Clegg 07525 330081 dianaclegg@icloud.com

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This service is financially supported by Devon County Council

St Andrew's Clayhidon

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St. Andrew's Church News

We have all spent a quieter time in church services since Christmas but this year has of course been even quieter still at the actual church building. The annual Plough Sunday service could not take place though prayers would have been offered in our homes for our rural community. However, many of us have enjoyed combining with people from other churches in our mission community by joining zoom services which have seen perhaps sixty people uniting in prayers and praise and probably singing with enthusiasm at home.

Lent has started and each Wednesday evening we can use zoom again to be with Revd. Chris Hudson to take the forty day challenge to "Care for God's Creation". So far we have discussed light, water, land and plants. If you would like to join us for the remaining weeks, you will be welcome and administrator, Hilary, will supply you with the details. There will be a zoom **Good Friday service** at 2.15-3.00pm. It will not be possible to have our special service for Mothering Sunday but again we can make our own arrangements for thanking our important member of the family. On **Easter Sunday Clayhidon** church will hold a Communion service – possibly outside - at **10.00 am**.

Before Palm Sunday, we will be delivering paper bags to people which will include a lovely variety of treats. For **adults** who are shielding and unable to attend church, these will include a Palm Cross, a mini paschal candle, an Easter card and a small chocolate egg. For **children**, it will include an Easter activity, an Easter card, a butterfly fridge magnet activity and a chocolate egg.

Zoom services will continue for the time being and notifications will be put onto the notice boards around the parish when different occasions will occur. At present it is unlikely to have a Rogation Day service. We have been given permission for church repairs to take place, particularly round the tower where a protection area has been marked out.

A funeral service took place for Corinne Williams at the beginning of February. Mike Hudson thanks everyone who sent a letter or card to himself and others in her family.

Our prayers are needed each day for those who are ill, or lonely or suffering in any way at this time. We are approaching the end of our incredible lockdown and can give thanks that we have survived it and will be able to join together at the end of it all in celebration.

We remember the children who are able to return to school and pray for their return to some happiness among friends and resumption of their education.

P. Reynolds, PCC

Corinne Williams

Following Corinne's death on 23rd January in Musgrove Park Hospital, to which she had been admitted on Boxing Day, I have received many very kind messages of sympathy and support for which I am, and both families are, extremely grateful.

We would like to express our great appreciation for the care she received from all the staff at the hospital and to the Rector and Gerald Redwood for their sensitive assistance with arrangements for her funeral.

Mike Hudson, Bolham Water

Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, April 2021

The parish council continues to meet remotely via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join a Zoom meeting will find the meeting code on the agenda or may email the clerk for the code. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning applications received for:-

21/00171/FULL. Change of use of land for the siting of a temporary worker's dwelling (log cabin) for three years. Poachers Rest, Clayhidon.

Permission granted noted for:-

20/01845/FULL. Applehayes, Clayhidon. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of a carport.

Finance

Income – interest and VAT reclaim. Expenditure – legal fees and rent.

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 at 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.

The John Griss Charity

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, The John Griss Charity, has been created to manage the estate. The trustee is Clayhidon Parish Council. The charity met on Monday 15th February under the chairmanship of Nick King and agreed to continue to lease the lakes to the existing fishing syndicate until the end of 2022 and to rent out the land for the same period. These decisions are subject to agreements of terms. Members also discussed the creation of a hard-standing to improve car parking at the lakes and funding the installation of otter-proof fencing. They also agreed in principle to work with a local developer, Andy Lehner, to submit a joint planning application to build two semi-detached properties on the site of Rose Cottage.

Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a modest budget to employ a trained lengthsman to maintain those ditches/drains which are no longer maintained by Devon County Council. Please report any problems to the clerk or a councillor so that the lengthsman may be deployed where he is most needed.

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.

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 (but due to coronavirus the meetings are currently being held remotely). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org.uk and a schedule of meetings may be found on the noticeboard at the Parish Hall.

Clerk:

Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel 01823 680968. Email clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com. www.clayhidon.org.uk.

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Hello once again to all our past and present Clients requiring items to be repaired rather than consigning them to the bin and landfill.

I would like to announce that after a break during the recent lockdown, that we are now, as from Monday the 8th of March 2021, back into operation to offer our Repair Service by repairing your items in our own home workshops.

If anyone requires any portable item repairing would they please contact Stephan, who is available to arrange these repairs for you on: Email: sfelehner@aol.com Mobile: 07715460783 (best) Land line: 01823 421760 Many thanks, Stephan Lehner, Coordinator of the Blackdown Hill Repair Café.

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

This winter has felt like a long one. Like never before, we have longed for the signs that Spring is on its way. That evidence is now all around us as the fields in and around Clayhidon fill with sheep and their newly born lambs. Hedgerows are beginning to burst with the signs of Spring life as the snowdrops take their bow, and the daffodils take centre stage. We marvel at the seasons, we rejoice in the goodness of the Creator, the One who sustains the universe by the power of His Word, the One brings new life.

Our joy has only been increased these last few days as for the first time this year we have been able to open up the chapel at Rosemary Lane and welcome people in. Whilst social distancing, limited attendance and restrictions to interaction remain, it was nonetheless, a wonderful blessing to be in the presence of one another as we drew near to worship God. On Sunday the 14th March we heard from Chris Menzfeld who updated us on the work of the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA). On Sunday 21st March we will hear from Rich Coles who will lead our first All-Age service of the year.

Alongside the now reopened chapel building, we will continue to meet online each week for our mid-week Bible study, Sunday morning prayer (10am) and each week's message will continue to be uploaded to our YouTube channel (just search Rosemary Lane Chapel on YouTube to find all of our messages recorded since last March). Becoming better acquainted with technology has 'tooled up' the church and enabled us to be more creative in facilitating meeting points. How wonderful it was to join with friends from the Upper Culm Valley Mission, Hemyock Baptist Church and Bishopswood (just over the border in Somerset) for a combined Songs of Praise service at the end of January.

Tooled up with technology and with the opportunity to reopen the chapel, we are eagerly anticipating our Easter celebrations. Though these will not be on the scale of previous years, we do hope to have a service at 3.30pm on Good Friday. We will be joined by John Woollam from Newhouse who will lead us in a time of reflection upon the cross of Christ. Then, on Easter Sunday morning (11am) we will return to celebrate and rejoice in the reminder that 'He is Risen.' Seats will need to be booked in order to attend either of these *restricted attendance* services. Both Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will be recorded and made available online. If you would like to receive the link to watch either, then please do get in contact.

Looking further ahead, we hope that in the coming months we will be able to resume other church activities. We have very much missed opening the chapel up to our community and are eager to greet our young families at toddlers, welcome children to Ventures, meet up with our youth at Ignite and say hello to our much-missed members of the Luncheon and Tea clubs. We do not know when, but we do have hope.

Of course, our ultimate hope is in Jesus Christ. Though, for a time, the death of Jesus looked like the greatest defeat God's people had ever experienced. Never before had there been so

dark a day... winter, it seemed, would never end. The promised King had been humiliated and hung crucified on the cross. But when it looked like the darkness of that day had won out, God was at work wielding the power of His love to accomplish His greatest victory through His Son. At Pentecost Peter preached just this:

*Jesus of Nazareth – a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.***

Jesus rose from death to life. Jesus rose to demonstrate that God is sovereign even over the worst evil in the world. Jesus rose to defeat darkness and destroy death. Jesus rose to reveal the power of God's love, a love powerful enough to set us free from all our sins - sins paid for in the death of Christ. As Marshall Segal says:

In the ultimate act of rebellion and injustice, God was pivoting all of history, with love, to save and satisfy his people. And by raising his Son from the dead on Easter, he promised to work all things, including the hardest and most painful things in your life, for the good of all his sons and daughters.

This Easter, whether in person or online, we would love to share with you the good news of Jesus Christ.

Jonathan Hillman

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel
rosemarylanechapel@live.co.uk
01823 681164.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON

The ethos of Rotary has always been 'Service above Self' and to that end the members of the Rotary Club of Wellington have always endeavoured to support and encourage individuals and charities, locally, nationally and internationally.

You may have heard just recently that with the help of Rotary around the world, the World Health Organisation have reported that Africa has now been officially certified free from wild poliovirus after four years without a case, which of course signifies a major milestone in the battle to eradicate the disease worldwide. Only two countries worldwide continue to see wild poliovirus transmission: Pakistan and Afghanistan, but the aim of Rotary is to see the virus eradicated completely.



Rotary actually began in Chicago, U.S.A as far back as 1905 when four business men concerned for the vulnerable of their community used to rotate (hence Rotary) around each other's places of work for fellowship, and to discuss what they might be able to do to support the needs of people in their community, today there are something like 1.2 million service minded men and women belonging to more than 32,400 Rotary Clubs in virtually every country of the world and they are doing just the same, supporting the needs of others. Wellington Rotary Club was formed in 1954 and during the last 76 years has continued in its role of care and concern for the needs of the young and old in Wellington and the surrounding villages. Members of the Club live not only in Wellington but also in many of the town's nearby villages

LIVE MUSIC BACK IN CULMSTOCK!

At last! Blackdowns Early Music Projects (BEMP) and the Friends of All Saints' Church (FoAS) are delighted to announce that the new Third Thursday series of professional recitals will finally get underway, with the first event on Thursday May 20th at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Culmstock.

The Third Thursday recital series will restore professional musicians' much needed opportunities to perform for live audiences and also support the ambitious plans of FoAS to develop the Church for more regular community use. Following the recent installation of a hearing loop, the most pressing need is for toilets at the church and the creation of more flexible mingling space within the building itself. BEMP has been privileged to be able use this excellent acoustic space occasionally since 2003 for small vocal concerts and recitals and is pleased to support the fund-raising effort by offering a series of concerts on each Third Thursday of the month throughout 2021.

Ticket availability will be limited by prevailing Covid restrictions and must be purchased in advance, we shall not be able to offer tickets at the door until further notice. Household bubbles are encouraged to book tickets at the same time to enable more people to attend each event. Full social distancing between neighbouring bubbles will be ensured through the ticket agency.

Among many of the things Wellington Rotary Club has engaged with in the past has been to support the education of young people, locally and Internationally through the arts and music, and through travel. Alongside that the Club has continued to reach out to care for the needs of the elderly and vulnerable, and to that end has supported the construction and management of two retirement homes in Wellington, and continues to help and support the Seeability Charity in Wellington as well as supporting and continuing to support the International Charity 'Shelterbox', the 'Air Ambulance', St Margaret's Hospice, the anti-cancer charity "Hope for Tomorrow", RNLI, as well as many other worthwhile charities.

Fellowship within Clubs is a key part and feature of Rotary, bringing together women and men from a wide range of professions, vocations and experience. When Wellington Rotary Club meets each week that fellowship is tangible and is central to enabling the Club to support the wide range of activities it does in the community. In the last year the Club has continued to meet through the medium of Zoom and through that fellowship mentioned above has maintained its contacts and network. Hopefully once the present pandemic is under control we can once again meet face to face and continue and take forward our efforts in the community.

There is much one could say about the way in which the Rotary Club of Wellington has reached out to help and assist others, but probably it's sufficient to say that every member of the Club has a real concern for the needs of others and wherever possible will do their utmost to support that need.

If you would like to hear more about the Rotary Club of Wellington contact; Mike Fowler of Culmstock on 01884 842560.

Tickets will be available online (£15, students £7.50 and u12s free) from March 24th at www.blackdownsearlymusic.co.uk/ or by emailing blackdownsearlymusic@gmail.com. The full series of recitals is listed on the website and if booking tickets for three or more concerts at a time a 10% discount will apply.

The first recital will be by Newe Vialles who have played in the church twice before to delighted audiences - here is what they say of their programme for this year:

"Good againe" 17th century English music for viols, lute, and voice

Newe Vialles are delighted to be returning to Culmstock for a recital of characterful and quirky music from 17th century England. The programme features sumptuous lute music by the soldier turned composer Tobias Hume, swift divisions by the master of English viol-playing Christopher Simpson, and delicate dance duos by John Jenkins, whose career spanned almost the whole of the century, from the time of Charles I until well into the Restoration. We are delighted that this time, Catherine Bass will join us for a set of lute and continuo songs, and we will end the recital with a sonata by Benjamin Hely, a little-known English composer and violist from the end of the century, whose music shows definite hints of the high baroque. This will be our first public performance since the beginning of the pandemic and we hope that, as Hume titles one of his pieces, things will soon indeed be "good againe".

NEWS FROM

COLDHARBOUR MILL

Take & Share our Questionnaire

In order for Coldharbour Mill to thrive and achieve a sustainable future, we need to diversify and find new ways of widening participation and generating income. We want to develop the Mill with the support and involvement of our local community, our supporters, our visitors and anyone who already has or could have a connection to the Mill.

Whether you are a long-standing supporter, or someone who has not yet visited, whether you are a neighbour, live many miles away, or an organisation, we value your opinion on what we should and shouldn't do to make Coldharbour Mill thrive in the long term.

To give your feedback you can go to www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/coldharbour-mills-strategic-review/

Building Works

Building works on site are progressing well (at least when the weather has been on our side). We are working to replace guttering and re-point the Grist Mill – with some additional internal decorating and security installation.

The path leading along the front of the Mill building has now been dug out and widened, and will soon be re-laid with a new self-binding surface. This is to make the entrance more accessible and allow for wheelchairs and buggies to cross paths with no problem. It will also allow for distanced outside queuing as required for social distancing when the Mill reopens to the public. We are also taking the opportunity to redo the pathway leading from the shop up to the chimney, which we hope will give a great first impression to our visitors entering this area.

Media Guides

I would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers and trustees who have been involved with helping to produce the Media Guides which we are having commissioned for use by visitors in the Museum in the future.

Visitor Route Signage & Interpretation

We are currently working on additional signage for visitors to point out all of the outbuildings and additional interpretation for the outside areas so that visitors are made aware of the history of the whole site rather than just the collections inside the factory. The addition interpretation will highlight the buildings in the Mill yard.

We have also had the Economiser House re-floored which means this will be a new space for visitors to view when we re-open.

Peter Holdway-Bradley, General Manager

To contact Coldharbour Mill: phone 01884 840960 (calls are monitored even when the Mill is closed) or email: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk, or visit the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk, or write to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE. Coldharbour Mill Trust Ltd is Registered Charity No: 1123386.



Spiceland Quakers News

Journey to COP26



An invitation for people of all faith communities and none to join together remotely and share our belief in the sacredness -of all life, ahead of the UN climate talks, COP26.

In November 2021, governments of all nations will converge on Glasgow for the UN climate

talks know as COP26. This is a crucial time for building the movement for climate justice. People in Britain and beyond want radical action to prevent climate breakdown – and we must make sure that the UK government knows that.

We are a group of Quakers calling on all concerned communities in the UK, including people of other faiths and people of no faith, to join us our journey of awareness, understanding and action ahead of the climate talks.

On Saturday 10 April and Sunday 11 April we invite you to participate in a celebration of our environment by making a short journey to any place that is sacred to you.

This action is a way for us to strengthen our collective sense of purpose in protecting the Earth and all its inhabitants.

Your journey could be to your garden or local park, or a day long hike! (Covid guidelines dependent) If your sacred place is your own living room it could even be a spiritual or virtual journey. It could be taken as a group, perhaps with others from your meeting, or individually.

Many people in the UK share a deep concern for the damage being done to the Earth, our home. In our concern, we recognise that every place is sacred and that we all have a responsibility to protect the Earth and all its inhabitants.

If you want advice, support or ideas for what to do for your Journey to COP26, please get in touch! Email Oonagh Ryder, Activism Support Coordinator: oonaghr@quaker.org.uk.

3. Join our mailing list. We will share information about preparing an action in the run-up to 10 April, and share news of who else will be participating. <https://www.quaker.org.uk/.../journey-to-cop26-un-climate>.

We Meet for Worship at Spiceland every Sunday at 10.30am till 11am – this is a blended Meeting also available on Zoom – All are very welcome.

Meeting ID: 865 5570 2735 Passcode: 498173

For more information phone Ali Dominy 07810768557 or use the “contact us” form on our website: <http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/> or email spicelandnotices@btinternet.com.

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Devon CPRE

Devon CPRE, the local branch of the countryside charity, campaigns to protect Devon's countryside and communities. Whilst we champion high-quality affordable homes built in the right places, preferably on brownfield land, we aim to support our members in opposing unsuitable development.

To support our charity in this core work, we use an experienced, independent consultant, who lives locally. In recent years, she has been instrumental in helping Devon CPRE become a respected consultee in the Planning process by producing strong objections to unsuitable development proposals - a service we offer free of charge to our members and member organisations.

Another benefit of becoming a member is access to our regular Planning Workshops, which we tailor to the needs of town and parish councils. For obvious reasons, in 2020 these had to be delivered virtually, but in 2021 we hope we will once again be able to get members together to discuss key Planning issues and how they can influence the outcome of individual proposals in their neighbourhood.

In recent years we have also commissioned two independent reports to assess Devon's real housing need - as opposed to the number of new homes the Government tells us we need to build here to meet national housing targets.

Our charity takes an active role in all matters relating to the environment and the countryside in Devon - collaborating with communities, holding the Government to account,

taking part in consultations around proposed new planning reforms, and working in close partnership with other organisations with similar interests. In fact, Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills has just been elected the Vice-Chair of the East Devon AONB, a role which will enable her to have even greater input into conservation matters in the east of the county.

By joining Devon CPRE you too can support a beautiful, thriving countryside for all. To find out about becoming a member and supporting us, visit www.devoncpre.org.uk

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.

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The Filo Project is a ground-breaking not-for-profit organisation offering high quality adult day care. Our service supports elderly individuals who are socially and intellectually isolated, most of whom are experiencing symptoms associated with moderate dementia, including memory loss.

A day with The Filo Project begins when clients are collected from their own home by a host. The clients spend the day in the host's home between the approximate hours of 10am-4pm. Group sizes are small, generally a maximum of 4. The intimate home environment is key; no client is subsumed by a large group and confidence is gently nurtured. Moreover, the small group size gives the time and space for people to feel at ease, to flourish and to form friendships.

Apart from having a home-cooked lunch, what occurs in each group varies and is dependent on who is in a group and what the capacities and personalities are. It is a bespoke service. However, the focus of any day, for any group, is to provide the opportunity for high quality social interaction.

DAY CARE HOST

We are looking for intelligent, versatile and empathetic hosts. Hosts will be required, in their own homes, to meaningfully occupy and engage with a maximum of four older people who may be socially isolated and experiencing symptoms associated with moderate dementia, including memory loss.

- Hosts require a full driving license, downstairs W/C and access to a five-door car
- Experience isn't essential however, hosts must be; a good listener, gentle, able to 'read' people well and be understanding
- Full training is provided
- A DBS check is undertaken prior to work commencement.

The Filo Project is a lead provider for Devon County Council and hosts enjoy excellent rates of pay and on-going training. Please visit www.thefiloproject.co.uk for further details, or contact us on 01392 982138 or email info@thefiloproject.co.uk

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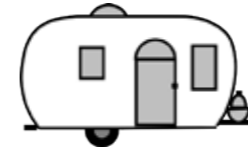
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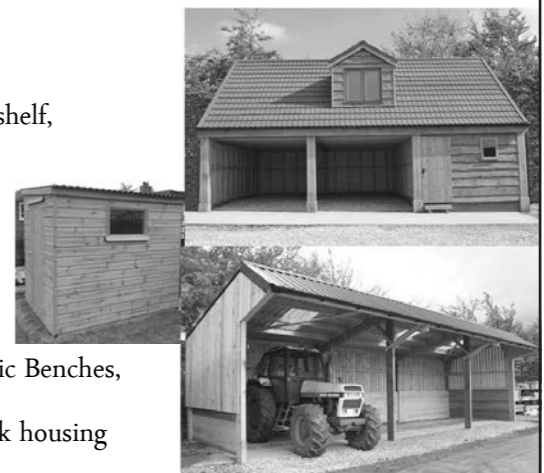
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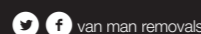
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