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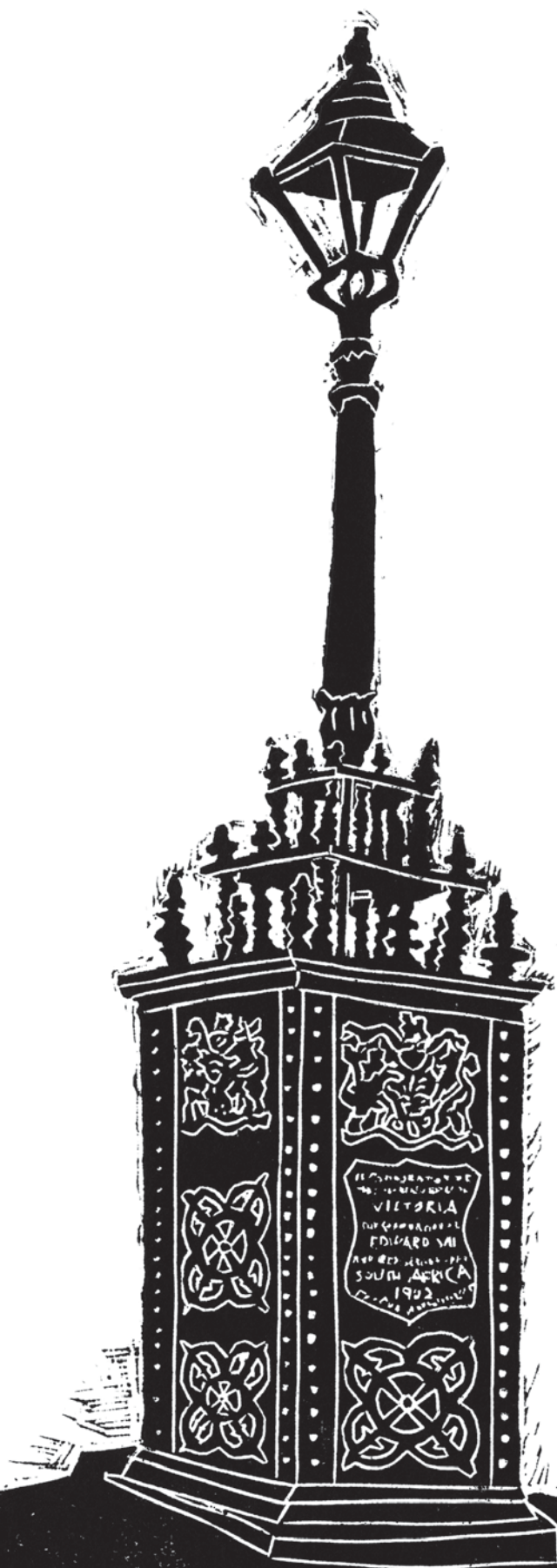
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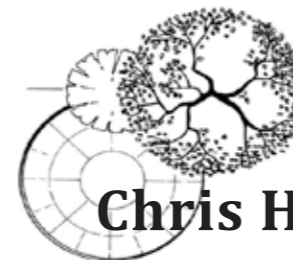
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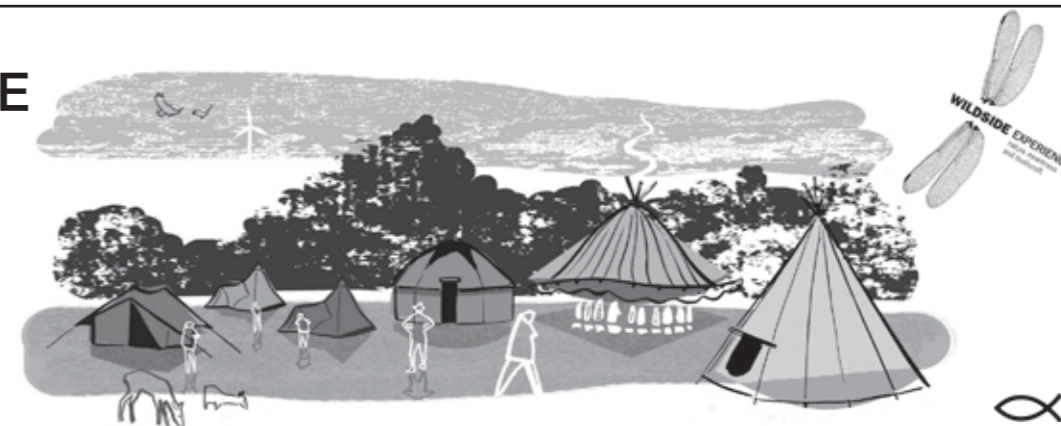
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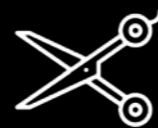
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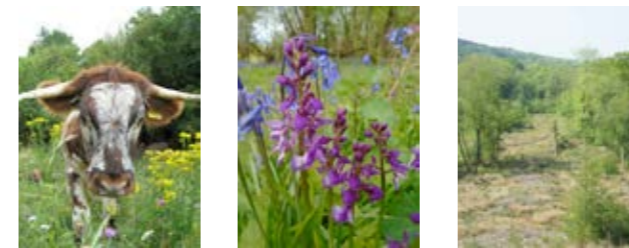


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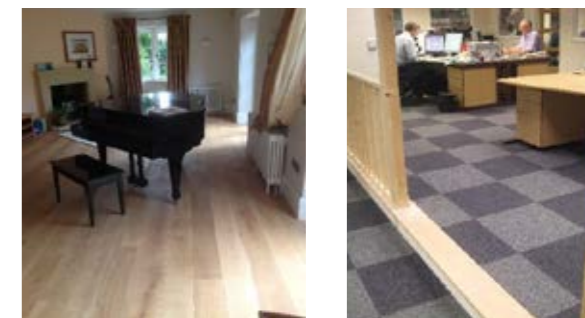
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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2021

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 3 October Eighteenth after Trinity	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 10 October Nineteenth after Trinity		10.00am Harvest Morning Worship (contemporary)	10.00am Harvest Morning Worship (Contemporary) 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service (Contemporary)
Sunday 17 October Twentieth after Trinity	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion Service (Contemporary)	10.00am Communion Service (Contemporary)	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 24 October Last Sunday after Trinity		10.00am Morning Worship (Contemporary)	10.00am Morning Worship (Contemporary)	11.00am Communion Service (Contemporary)
Sunday 31 October All Saint's tide	10.30am - All Saint's Church, Culmstock United Benefice Communion Service (contemporary) 4.30pm - St Mary's Church, Hemyock All Soul's tide Service of Remembrance			

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 7 November Third before Advent	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday		10.00am Communion + Remembrance Service	10.15am Remembrance Service 6.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.15am Remembrance service
Sunday 21 November Christ the King	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship (Contemporary)	10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 28 November St Andrew's Tide (+ Advent Sunday)	10.30am – St Andrew's Church Patronal Festival - Benefice United Service Benefice communion (contemporary)			

In Addition: A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. On the 4th Tuesday it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer.

Contemporary Holy Communion = Common Worship (2000) liturgy

Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services.

Parish Pump | No. 287 October – November 2021



'Constant change is here to stay!' Although 1st September is officially the start of autumn, we are still in the transitional time of the seasons changing as we move into October. Not till we're into November do we generally begin to feel that winter is on its way.

Times of transition are always unsettling because they demand changes of us. We'll need to stop doing some things, and start doing others in order to adapt to our new and changing situation.

The months of October and November bring us face-to-face with change and transition on the mega scale at the same time that we move through our own little changes of winter woollies instead of T-shirts and hot soup for lunch instead of salad!

October brings us first of all Harvest festival, a time to look back with thankfulness for all the good we have received, all the good things that sustain and nourish our lives. And the change demanded of us now is our commitment to live our lives and to conduct our agriculture, trade and business in a way enhances the sustainability of our world for the future. Uncomfortable but necessary adaptation to the changing context in which we live.

The turn from October into November brings us All Saints tide. All Saints Day is celebrated on the 1st of November. It is a day when we give thanks for the persistence and courage of those who have left the world a better place as a result of their living. We remember in particular people whose faith in God led them to live out the teachings of Jesus, pursuing all that makes for peace. We remember, too, those whom we have loved and

lost, whose companionship has had a powerful influence on us, and whom we continue to miss dearly. These are significant dates on which to reflect, give thanks, and entrust ourselves and those we love into God's loving care. Each year, this calls for more transition, further adaptation to our changing context.

November brings us the remembrance of massive world conflicts. Thank God we have a tradition which almost forces us to stop and recognise the enormity of what humankind has done to itself - mostly for evil, but also for good. We cannot escape the interconnectedness of the two, the complexity of our motivations, and the lack of easy answers in working out how to live peaceably together on this planet. No wonder we need to turn back to our creator to seek wisdom. The world does not get any simpler because the human heart doesn't change. Our prayers this month are very much for an openness to the Spirit of God, who specialises in bringing order out of chaos, and resolution out of conflict. At the same time we commit ourselves to setting aside our desire to succeed at the expense of others, whether on the personal or international levels, so that true community can flourish.

Significant transition points like these are often best reflected on and managed in company with others. So the church offers spaces to do so. The schedules you find in these pages give you details of the harvest celebrations, the All Souls tide services of quiet reflection, and the November Remembrance services. You are most welcome to drop in and to find sustenance and strength for the transitions.

With the love and prayers of all of us on the ministry team,

Becky

 Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

St Mary's Hemyock

In This Issue:

- ◆ The Lights Parade is Back!
- ◆ Community Apple Day
- ◆ Scything at Longmead



Church Presentation

Members of the Church Councils from St Mary's with Culm Davy Chapel, Hemyock, St Andrews Clayhidon and All Saints Culmstock gathered together for a coffee morning at Hemyock when they were thanked by the Rector for all their work over the recent difficult pandemic months whilst they in turn were able to thank outgoing Parish Administrator Hilary Clements who has recently stepped down from the role.

Presenting her with a floral bouquet and cheque from the Upper Culm Mission Community Rev Canon Becky Totterdell said Hilary had served the benefice magnificently over the 4 years she had been in post.



Amongst the very varied and diverse workload Hilary had introduced Covid safe seating plans for services and concerts, had liaised with families and couples over weddings, baptisms and funerals arrangements and produced a lively and informative weekly Linksheet.

Rev Totterdell said she had greatly valued Hilary's quiet and efficient support. This had included teaching her and others how to use Zoom for services and meetings, her ability to come up with solutions to problems and it had been a joy to have her working alongside during her first 18 mths of ministry in the area.

Hilary who was accompanied by her family said she had enjoyed working with everyone and her intention was to put the money towards buying a tree for their property.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

ST MARY'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
10.15AM



ARMISTICE DAY
THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
10.50AM
SHORT ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT
THE WAR MEMORIAL

A Big Thank You

To the many kind people who sent cards and 'Get Well' messages to me because of my recent stay in Musgrove Park Hospital, I would like to say a 'Big Thank You'. I am getting out a bit more so I will catch up with you all one day! Brenda Calcraft.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL

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The past year has seen an amazing continuous response from people donating aid, from wheelchairs to knitted squares for blankets, to Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) for Moldova. We have filled our car and trailer many times to take items to the Exmouth depot. Thank you so very much.

As we approach December the charity are once again organising a Christmas Shoebox Appeal. **Can you help?**

If you haven't done this before the request is to fill a box - any size - with gifts for a child or adult which Father Christmas will distribute.

When you have very few possessions and live very grim lives, whether young or old, can you imagine the excitement of opening a box filled to the brim with presents. Just occasionally boxes are only half full so the person faces disappointment as they see what their friends have received, although we are sure this doesn't happen locally.

The only requirement is that EVERYTHING is brand new

We know that completely filling a box can be expensive so some people join with family, friends or their organisation to do this. We hope to have leaflets in our churches and shops which you may find useful where you will find a list of a few gift ideas The box should be wrapped in festive paper and secured. A Christmas card and photo of yourself is always welcome.

Boxes need to be with us at 4 South View by November 19th

With warmest thanks for your support,
David and Janice.

Please contact us if you have any queries Mob 07773579809. Email jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

A Notice of Thanks

Leonard, Stuart, Sarah and family would like to express their sincere thanks for the support following the passing of Julie (Summers) at the end of July. We have been overwhelmed with the messages and support received from people who knew Julie near and far. Donations are still coming in for Cancer Research in Julie's memory, at present over £2,000 has been raised. Thank you all.

Parish Pump Donations

We hope you enjoy reading the Parish Pump and find the information and advertisements useful in keeping in touch with everything going on in the upper Culm Valley and surrounding area. The Parish Pump is administrated, edited, prepared and distributed by volunteers, to whom we are very grateful.

However, with over 1000 copies being printed each time, there is also a sizeable financial commitment. Financial contributions from our readers are essential part in being able to fund and continue with the Parish Pump – this is in addition to the other funds received from advertising and village group donations (for which we are also very grateful).

As in previous year, we enclose an envelope and would be grateful to receive a donation towards the printing costs. Please return the envelope to your distributor.

The 6 copies per annum cost approx £5 per household so any donation towards this cost will be gratefully received.

From the Ringing Room

As many of you will know we are at the start of what will be a long job in our ancient Church Tower. We are at the “getting estimates” stage of a body of work which will see our 900 year old tower given treatment to see it over the next 50 years (at least).

However there is one piece of work which will get done before most of the other work is even priced. Our trusty weather vane Cockerel is due for his next “wash and brush up”, which he gets about every 4 years.

Now you may not have wondered why a lot of churches have a bird as their weather vane body, I must admit I'd never thought about it, it was the norm! But then I read the following. A 9th century Pope decided that every church should display a cockerel on their towers or steeples as a reminder of the denial of the disciple Peter that he knew Jesus. That was OK but when the weather got windy the cocks went tumbling. Someone then had the idea of making them swivel, and then someone added directional arms and, hey presto, we knew where the wind was coming from.

Our cockerel was made in 1751; we know that as the maker scratched the date onto his comb. We discovered many years ago that he had originally been painted black, and a bit of research found that in the C18th there was a common farmyard bird with a tail just like our pride and joy.

So if you look up and see that he is missing, fret not. He will be back soon!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

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The Lights Parade is back...

So here we are, heading into the autumn, and the Lights Brigade have returned to the pub to start planning this winter's lights festivities.

Our theme this year will be the Calf Club Centenary. Formed in Hemyock in 1921 the Calf Club was the first young farmers club, with 19 girls and boys rearing calves. Now there are nearly 600 Young Farmers Clubs with over 19,000 members across the UK alone, millions of farmers are and have been members of clubs both here and abroad - and it all began here in little old Hemyock a hundred years ago!

As usual you can come along to lantern making workshops to make your own lantern to carry in the parade. The lantern making workshops will be running on 13th & 20th November. We'll provide all the materials you need, and show you what to do. All ages and abilities are welcome, and your lanterns can be as easy or complicated as you like. For timings and to book, please call Liz on (01823) 680351.

Last year, without a parade saw the community come together under the Circle theme and we'd love for this to happen again, look out for more ideas.

We also need helpers, so if you can lend a hand with putting up lights, or stewarding the parade, please call Keith on 07766 465 358. Again, we'll show you what to do, and you'll be part of a big and friendly team.

The success of the Lights Parade is down to all the wonderful people who help out, join in, or simply come along to watch. Everyone is invited, so put the date in your diary - Saturday 4th December, 6pm onwards, We start at the Garages/Healthy Living Centre (Lower Millhayes) and finish with the lighting of the church star, plus food and drink in and around the pub and Pump. Attendance is entirely free of charge, but if you want to donate on the night, you can! Fundraising has been difficult so If you would like to sponsor us then please email Mich at: downingmartin@btinternet.com

More information nearer the time – or visit our website www.lightsbrigade.org.uk and Facebook page: The Lights Brigade Hemyock

See you there!
 The Lights Brigade

Acorns

Next meeting
WEDS 19th JANUARY 2022
 at 2.30pm in the Forbes Lounge.
 AGM plus tea, cake and chat
 New members welcome.

Hemyock History Group

The History Group have started their live talks in the Church Room this month with an entertaining and informative talk by Mrs Pauline Rossell on the history of the conflict in South Africa which culminated in the 1st and 2nd Boer Wars. The ending of these wars is celebrated in Hemyock by the erection of the Pump at the bottom of the High Street. The reasons why Britain sent an army of 500,000 to South Africa were lost in the practicalities of survival in a foreign land against very different peoples of both white and black skin. As usual the muddles of finding provisions, organising camps, keeping people on one side alive with the costs mounting, while keeping the enemy at bay and once captured, in prison camps soon overtook the initial justification for the whole enterprise.

We have talks arranged for October 21st when local resident Mark Farrell will talk about his family's journey from Hemyock overland to Tokyo, Japan for the 2019 Rugby World Cup. There were two very short trips over sea, the initial channel crossing and the final ferry across to Japan from, was it Russia or China? Come along on the 21st to find out, plus the interesting 7,291 miles overland!

The talk on November 18th will be by new resident Piers Langdon on the country where he grew up, Ethiopia. A fascinating country invaded by Italy in 1935, with a previous incursion in 1895. After so long clinging to our hearths in Hemyock we can now widen our horizons if not in person, by listening to experienced travellers.

We had a very good History Talk over zoom, courtesy of Halberton and Uffculme History Groups on Wednesday 8th September. We were only informed the previous day about the talk by Liz Shakespeare, a published author, about her new book on Edward Capern, the Rural Postman who composed poems on his rounds in North Devon in Bideford and Buckland Brewer. Liz has researched his life, his work as an honoured Royal Postman, his poems and songs and written a wonderful novel based on her research. Edward attended school for only 4 months, but his Mother encouraged him to learn about rural life in the area and to expand his horizons into literature and the arts. However as a poor family in a poor area, the prospects for young men to find paid employment were few and arduous. At the age of 9 he took employment at the Derby Lace Factory which employed over 1,000 people working over 10 hours a day every day. His small fingers could thread bobbins along with all the other bobbin boys. Edward also tried shoemaking and came into contact with a William Rock, whose father was a shoemaker in the High Street and also a freeman of the borough of Barnstable. The local MP noticed William and arranged for him to go to Christ's Hospital School in London and he became a wealthy man and was able to return the good turn to another local lad, Edward, by arranging that he join his literary society in Barnstable. The local MP, John Fortescue also supported this society and arranged for Edward Capern who had become proficient in reading to become a Royal Postman in the local area. Although there were food riots in the area at this time Edward was encouraged not to become involved and concentrate on his royal postal duties at an income that he could support his family together with his wife who worked as a milliner. The round was a 13 mile walk with a 2 hour stop so that people could reply to the letters they received taking in Bideford and Buckland Brewer. He would compose his poems while walking, repeating them so that he could memorise them and write in his notebook at his half way spot and when he arrived home in the evening.

The poems were also suited to become songs and have now been recorded onto CD's by Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll. Edward became well known for his poems and John Fortescue MP arranged for the poems to be assembled into an anthology which were published due to support from a number of prominent Victorian supporters. The cost of publishing such an anthology was expensive but the 500 subscribers who underwrote the publication included Tennyson, Charles Dickens, the Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston, plus 5 Dukes and as a consequence a printing run of 500 copies was achieved.

The financial rewards of the publication enabled Edward and his wife, Jane, some comforts and security in later life. Many such Victorians had used writing of one sort or another to improve their lives while providing the means for the next generation to learn about life and how to achieve their dreams. In fact our British heritage of prose writing of Walter Scott, Charles Dickens and Trollope with poems from Robbie Burns, Dylan Thomas and W B Yeats among others have led many a youth to chart a successful path to distinction. What a rich heritage we have.

The book written by Liz about Edward and Jane is available from her website for £9.99 or if you would like to borrow it from our library please let me know.

Pauline Rossell started her talk with the early history of South Africa when the Dutch set up a trading base at Cape Town in 1652 for their ships to take on provisions en route to the Dutch Spice Islands. Of course the British needed a similar base for their ships en route to India. The two nations shared the port amicably for many years and in 1688 many French Huguenots, escaping the persecution in France, moved to Holland and then to the Cape Colony. In 1795, France occupied the Seven Provinces of the Dutch Republic, the mother country of the Dutch East India Company. This prompted Great Britain to occupy the Cape Colony in 1795 as a way to better control the seas in order to stop any potential French attempt to reach India. The British started to settle the eastern border of the cape colony, with the arrival in Port Elizabeth of the 1820 Settlers. They also began to introduce the first rudimentary rights for the Cape's Black African population and, in 1834, abolished slavery. The resentment that the Boers felt against this social change, as well as the imposition of English language and culture, caused them to trek inland en masse. This was known as the Great Trek, and the migrating Boers settled inland, eventually forming the Boer Republics. The term Boer was coined from the Dutch word for farmer. However, the discovery of diamonds around Kimberley and gold in the Transvaal led to a return to instability, particularly because they fuelled the rise to power of the ambitious imperialist Cecil Rhodes. On becoming the Cape's Prime Minister in 1890, he instigated a rapid expansion of British influence into the hinterland. In particular, he sought to engineer the conquest of the Transvaal, and although his ill-fated Jameson Raid failed and brought down his government, it led to the Second Boer War and British conquest at the turn of the century. The politics of the colony consequently came to be increasingly dominated by tensions between the British colonists and the Boers. Rhodes also brought in the first formal restrictions on the political rights of the Cape of Good Hope's black African citizens.

I think we are all familiar with the subsequent troubles that the country has suffered, accepting that the Country has a huge rich landmass supporting wildlife and domesticated animals in great numbers. It also has rich mineral reserves a wonderful climate and massive prospects. We thank Pauline and Philip for their hard work in preparing the talk and introducing Hemyock residents to the wonderful geography and history of this very attractive country. We also welcome them to our community as hard working residents who will enrich our knowledge of the world.

We look forward to the upcoming talks from Mark Farrell, Piers Langdon, John Ward and Michael Bowerman. We welcome anyone who is willing to talk to us about interesting historical subjects that would broaden our knowledge of the world and provide some varied backgrounds from our lovely community.

Mike Cooper



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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.

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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.

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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.

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Valley Arts

Valley – Arts are up and running again, we are holding a Murder Mystery Evening on December 11th, 2021 7.00 pm for 7.30 start. The event will take place in Hemyock Parish Hall.



Members of Valley arts will perform a Murder Mystery play and guests will look for clues, the table (team of 6) with the most correct clues and the correct murderer will win a cash prize. The tickets will be £ 10.00 per person, this includes a cheese and ham ploughman's and a festive pudding. There will be a bar available serving a variety of drinks including draught Otter, wine and some non-alcoholic options. All drinks and food will be served to your table.

As the event will be near Christmas there will be a festive theme to the evening, hopefully easing the society and the village back into live events. Tables of 6 will be limited, so if you would like to book a table and pay for your tickets, ring Gillian on 680 047 or email Stuart on stuart.summers28@gmail.com. We hope to resume our annual autumn productions in 2022, meetings for this start in April/May. If you would more information about this event, Valley -Arts, or becoming a member please contact cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk

We are sad to lose Tony Bennett, one of our valued members of Valley -Arts, he has provided audiences with so much fun and entertainment, he will be dearly missed, and our thoughts are with Sue and the family. Also, we are very sad to lose one of our most loyal and supportive group members, Julie Summers, Stuart's Mum who has always been there, quietly encouraging and always reliable, even though Julie never performed on stage, she played a vital part in the success of Valley- Arts, we will miss her in so many ways, she was one of the greatest stars behind the scenes. We share the loss with Stuart, Len and the family and hope they will continue the family tradition with Valley-Arts.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)



The Healthy Living Centre is finally fully OPEN!

We have had a very busy September and it's been absolutely wonderful to welcome members of our community back through the doors after a long 18 months.

We were thrilled to welcome the BSG Village Lunch Club to the Centre for the first time when we opened on the 1st September. We look forward to seeing you again next time – Village Lunch will be here at the Healthy Living Centre on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our Day Centre re-opened on Monday 6th September. We have been busy planning lots of exciting activities for Mondays and Thursdays. The members have had a fabulous time and enjoyed the reminiscent activities, crafting, singing, quizzes and games we organised in September. Our Day Centre aims to improve the quality of life for older people by offering practical assistance and a chance to socialise. If you have an older relative or friend who is feeling lonely and isolated, please get in touch for more information.

We had our last ever Brightside Club on Friday 17th September as Janet Elworthy is retiring. It was a lovely opportunity for us to come together once again and say a huge thank you to Janet for all the wonderful days she has organised over the past 8 years.

Classes are back! If you are looking to join a class, we have the following available: Yoga with Julia on Monday evenings (07708469745). Yoga with Lea-Ann on Tuesday mornings (07706219783). Pilates with Harriet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (07791234319). Pilates with Sarah on Friday mornings (pilatessouthwest@gmail.com). There are also Ballet classes for children on Tuesday afternoons with Moira (07808688635).

Peta Dayus-Jones
Centre Manager

The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH.

All are welcome, but to vote and have a say in the running of the BHLAC it is necessary to be a Friend of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre. Becoming a Friend is very simple so please consider becoming a Friend to show your support and entitle you to vote at our AGM.

Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing centre@bhlac.org.uk

Business to be conducted at the AGM will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman's report and election of trustees. Please call 01823 680687 or email centre@bhlac.org.uk if you have any questions.

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AT HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sponsored Teddy Bears' Bungee Jump

Sat 9th October

at Culmstock All Saints' Church

2pm – 4pm

Where you can enjoy crafts, face paints, games, stalls, tower tours and best of all cheering on all the brave Teds taking part in a sponsored bungee jump!

Do you think your Ted is brave enough?
Sponsor forms can be found in the church porch, local shops and on village notice boards.

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Blackdown Support Group Update



30 YEARS OF BSG

The Blackdown Support Group was 30 years old on 2nd April 2021! Celebrations had to be put on hold in the Spring but we are very much looking forward to seeing our volunteers past and present, supporters and lunch club members on Friday 17th September at Throgmorton Hall in Dunkeswell. The Blackdowns Fairy will be in attendance, along with the Blackdown Hillbillies providing the music and a local storyteller to entertain us. And there will be plenty of tea and cake of course!

IT'S LUNCHTIME!

It has been really lovely to welcome our guests back to our regular lunch clubs in the last month or so. We all enjoyed the music of the Blackdown Hillbillies at Rosemary Lane Lunch Club in August, and Mary Pepper and her fabulous team cooked a wonderful roast followed by jam sponge at Hemyock Lunch Club in September.

We serve very low cost, nutritious and freshly-cooked two course meals, once a month in each location (the first Wednesday at the Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock and the second Wednesday at Rosemary Lane Chapel). We always offer a warm welcome to new guests and transport is available if required, please contact the office if you or someone you know would like to join us.

Please note Culmstock Lunch Club will resume at the end of September (last Wednesday) and we have spaces available for new guests - if you have friends or family in Culmstock who might enjoy it, please get in touch.



Our lovely lunch club kitchen team



Enjoying some live music!

SOCIAL AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Please feel free to contact us if you require transport for social as well as medical journeys. We are always happy to provide transport wherever possible for people in the Blackdown Hills who don't drive or have alternative means of transport, to attend social clubs or activities, support groups and personal/wellbeing appointments. New volunteer drivers are always welcome!

EMPTY SPACES BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We currently run two group sessions per month at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre, attendees can self-refer or speak to their GP. It is completely confidential and an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings with others who are experiencing loss.

RED ONE – SAFER DRIVING FOR LONGER WORKSHOPS

Red One, training partner for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue and Devon County Council, are once again offering free community workshops for senior drivers looking to gain confidence and update their knowledge. We require a minimum of 10 participants to host a course, please contact the BSG office for more information.



VOLUNTEER VISITING AND SITTING SERVICES

If you would like to volunteer for us but would prefer not to drive passengers to appointments, why not consider our volunteer visiting and/or sitting services? A cup of tea and a chat with someone can be so important for those who struggle



to leave their own home or perhaps don't have family living locally. Someone reliable and supportive to sit with a loved one can give critical respite to a family carer who may need some time and space for themselves. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

AGM

Our AGM took place at Culmstock Village Hall in July. The Chair, Treasurer and Manager delivered annual reports and presented our accounts. Blackdown Practice Manager Karen Button kindly thanked the Support Group and our Volunteers for their contribution during the pandemic, including stewarding vaccine clinics and operating prescription delivery services. Our AGM Minutes are available from the office on request.

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to register your interest in any of the services mentioned above, either as a volunteer or as a client, please contact us for a confidential chat on 01823 681 036 – our phonenumber 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.

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Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners' Association meet every second Wednesday of the month in Hemyock Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Autumn Show 2021. First meeting since February 2020!

Brenda Calcraft, Chair of Hemyock Gardeners' Association, welcomed members back to Hemyock Parish Hall on Wednesday 9 September. Our meeting began with thoughts of members who had passed away since we last met. We remembered Judith Major, Jane Attlee and Edith Butler who were active members of the Association and all of whom we have fond memories. Around thirty members and guests welcomed our speaker, Micky Little from Avon Bulbs. His past career saw him being Head Gardener at Hestercombe before leaving and becoming a rose grower in Scotland. His knowledge and enthusiasm for roses meant he gave a very memorable talk which our members all enjoyed immensely. It was a busy week for Hemyock Gardeners.

Saturday 11 September - Autumn Show

Our first Show for some time was well attended and members showed over 120 exhibits for our first return to Shows, albeit low-key. Although this year there were no refreshments, when the Show opened to the public in the afternoon, many visitors came to view the efforts of our exhibitors. Congratulations to our prize winners and thanks to everyone who put in an exhibit.

William Pike Cup - Kathy Jones

St Ivel 'Gold Cup' - Kathy Jones

HGA Shield - Brenda Calcraft

G & P Pring Rosebowl - Kathy Jones

Carnival Salver - Kathy Jones

William Griffiths Cup - Marie Dear

Eden Cup - Monica Smith

Gwen Lowman Cup - Monica Smith

Tony Spiller Trophy - Doreen Perrott

Open Competition prizes - Kathy Jones and Gillian Hawkes

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 9 October - Next Gardeners' Meeting: : "Winter baskets and containers" a talk by David Lucas. All welcome. £1 on the door.

Friday 15 October - The Pottinger Cup : a fiercely competitive gardening Quiz which this year will be hosted by Sampford Peverell Garden Club. Hemyock have historically been very successful and have won the Cup many times. It's a very good Quiz, with magnificent catering and is generally a very jolly evening out.

Wednesday 10 November - Hemyock Gardeners' Association AGM

Let's hope Autumn is kind to us all. It's a wonderful time to visit gardens with their hues of red and gold before the leaves fall. If you want to attend any of the above events, or want to know more about the Association, do get in touch. We have a website www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk with news and views. A Facebook page (Hemyock Gardeners' Association). Telephone: 01823 681393 or email enquiries@hemyockgardeners.org.uk



Around Hemyock

Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness! Is the first line of John Keats poem To Autumn and that is where we now find ourselves as we weave our way through the latter part of the season towards winter. But what a glorious part of the year it is as we leave one season and seamlessly move into another.

Nature, parts of which were highlighted on **Heritage Sunday** at the Friends of St Marys display, is one of the wonders of the world and living where we are we see it at its best with the changing colour of trees. September, which has now left us, also sees local churches celebrating **Harvest Festival** giving us time to give thanks for All good gifts around us and to appreciate all the farming community do for us.

It seems almost impossible that our monthly market has celebrated its **40th anniversary**. What a great boon it has been for the village. As well as attracting different stall holders it has become the place to find a gift, a bargain and food along with a wide variety of other items plus of course it gives us the opportunity to have a cuppa and catch up with friends and neighbours some of whom we may not have seen over the last year or so. In a way it's the same as the **Scout Group annual sale**, hopefully returning next year, where people know there is a chance of meeting a friend or old member of the village Scouts or Guides groups.

Hopefully with so many restrictions lifted there will be reports from the many local groups and organisations and it will be good to read of their forthcoming activities as we, hopefully, head back into normality.

Road restrictions in the village appeared to cause havoc in past weeks but I enjoyed reading that someone who had lived here all their life had forgotten that the easiest route for them to get from A-B was via Prowses and High Street and had instead gone a much longer way.

November will of course bring us **Remembrance Sunday**, a time to recall all have given their lives for our country and by buying a poppy help the Royal British Legion care for those who need help today.

The following was received from **David Ball** in early September.

RBL Pedal to Paris

Have reached Beauvais. 60 miles tomorrow and we'll be in Paris at the Arc de Triomphe. Maybe worth noting that the French only close the Arc de Triomphe twice in a year, once for Bastille Day and once for RBL's Pedal to Paris. We have had a superb and genuine welcome from many French citizens. They are very genuinely appreciative of British help in WW1 & WW2 in their hours of need.

We have attended ceremonies at Calais, Abbeville, Auchy la Montagne and today at Beauvais at their war memorials to mark RBL's association with their work for veterans, the 25th anniversary of Pedal to Paris and the historic significance of Allied forces making such a difference to the outcome of the wars. A staggering fact delivered was that 3000 British soldiers defended Calais citadel to occupy the Germans as Dunkirk was being evacuated. I think only 50 returned home, without being killed or captured.

It's been a moving experience as my grandfather fought at Ypres and the Somme in WW1 and my father flew 21 missions across the Channel with Bomber Command on WW2.

All praise to 7 year old **Daniel** who, when out walking with his elderly friend **Martin**, was shocked when Martin fell at the top of the Recreation Field injuring himself and was unable to get up. Daniel ran to our house to get help. David and some men working at the Bowling Green fetched a wheelchair and took Martin to the Surgery who was then taken to hospital to have his cuts and bruises attended to. **Well Done Daniel!**

It is perhaps only in a time of crisis or great sadness that we really appreciate the caring community we live in. Cards, letters, a word of kindness can mean so much. It is though in the following weeks and months, when perhaps one is living alone for the first time for many years, that the unexpected phone call, visit or chat is really appreciated and help in a day of loneliness. Hopefully none of us will be guilty of assuming a mysterious 'someone else' will be the one to reach out. Let us be that person.

We send our love and condolences to the families of the late **Julie Summers, Peter Doble, Edna Doble, Christine Sharp, Hazel MacLean and Anthony (Tony) Bennett**.

Following a long illness, many will be saddened to hear of the death of Rev Preb Margaret Cameron, who was Rector here from 1997-2003

The following tributes have been received.

Julie Summers.

Those who knew Julie well would associate her with the words courageous, brave, positive, selfless, happy, a wonderful smile and an unconquerable spirit.

Julie was born on 14th June 1960 in Topsham and grew up in the Whipton area of Exeter with her younger sister Diana and attended schools in Pinhoe and Broadclyst. Sadly, when she was 14 her mum died of Breast Cancer aged 35. Some of Julie's later teenage years were spent just outside of Kentisbeare with her Uncle, Auntie and cousins

She'd often recall the time she was staying with her sister in her Gran's pub the Four Horse Shoes, now known as Keepers Cottage, thinking one of the dogs was being naughty when, in fact, it was an armed robbery.... Luckily no one was majorly hurt.

It was on a coach trip to Windsor Castle in 1978 where Julie and Leonard first met and two years later on April 19th there were married at Kentisbeare Church and took their honeymoon in Jersey.

Stuart was born in 1982 and it was less than 12 months later the couple bought a house in Hollingarth Way here in Hemyock. Sarah, came long in 1984. The family continued to grow in 2009 when Sarah had Julie and Len's first Grandchild, Summer, followed by Chloe in 2010 and Henry in 2013. Stuart and Libby had Poppy in 2014 followed by Martha in 2016. All grandchildren have benefited from the unconditional love and devotion Julie brought to family life; so much so that on Superhero Day at school a couple of years ago, Chloe decided to go as "Nanny" and wore some of Julie's old glasses and one of her wigs from when she had chemotherapy.

The last 27 years have been a personal health battle for Julie and a battle she kept mainly private and never let it get in the way of her life. In 1994 she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer for the first time and underwent surgery and intense radiotherapy in Bristol. In 2007 the cancer returned. She underwent more surgery and this time chemotherapy. In 2016 the cancer returned to Mum's back and lungs and from this point on she had to "live" with cancer.

You'd never hear Julie complaining, not once. She always kept a positive frame of mind and it seems many people in the village simply did not realise how much she has been through. This is a credit to her utter determination not to let cancer get the better of her and in the last 15 years she has certainly done the most to live life to the full.

Julie and Len visited multiple countries across the globe and created many memories – one being a holiday in Florida in 1993 they also visited Australia twice and saw England get beaten in the Ashes series. Other trips saw them in New Zealand, Singapore, Canada and multiple European Cruises exploring as many European Cities as they possibly could.

Julie managed to fulfill many dreams and desires throughout her life – she has had her convertible car, followed and enjoyed being part of a racehorse consortium, raised many thousands of pounds for charity, eaten in places such as the Ritz in London and been to see Wimbledon. Many people dream and never do - Julie certainly did what she could.

Living in Hemyock for nearly 39 years Julie embraced village life. She was the local lollipop lady for 15 years, she also worked in both the Spar shop and then the Post Office right up until the start of the pandemic. She was an active playing member of the Bowling Club until 2014 and the couple always attended the regular Friday Night socials at the green.

The family were well aware that Julie played the guitar and saxophone but didn't realise she was in a band that recorded a record in her secondary school years and in lockdown she bought herself a clarinet and started teaching herself – she played happy birthday to Summer on the clarinet in March this year; since 1985 she kept a daily diary; and she always had a chocolate stash hidden away from Leonard.... but what the family didn't know until she passed away was that she not only had one stash – she had multiple piles of chocolate hidden away throughout the house!

Julie never thought she'd reach the age of 40, she reached 61. Julie never thought she'd see any grandchildren, she has 5. In the 2020 pandemic she celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary with Leonard in their garden, and her 60th also in the garden with her immediate family. Just how she would have wanted it.

The family really do hope Julie's spirit lives on in them all and they do her proud. A greatly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Rest in Peace.

Remembering Peter

Peter Doble [1947 - 2021]

The eldest of four children born to Stanley and Evelyn of Station Road, Hemyock, Peter went to the primary school and, having passed the eleven-plus went on to Tiverton Grammar School.

He was good at languages and Jenny remembers attending a school play in French, not understanding much of the dialogue but being very impressed by his performance!

Jill remembers us as a family, going to North Wales for a holiday. Peter had his French exchange student Pierre, staying with us, so he must have been about fourteen and she was eight. Peter, being adventurous, decided he was going to do some serious cliff climbing and somehow Jill was daft enough to tag along with him. He had a good telling off on their return, by mum, who had been worried to death. Thankfully they returned unscathed, but a little wiser. She also recalls, "Peter, the school bus is here!" Mum calling, third time. Peter slowly descended the stairs, hunting for school blazer and cap. Having found them, sauntered out through the door towards the Blue Venture, only to be greeted by the "Late again Doble!" greeting of the bus driver. Peter always had a strong sense of justice and reminded her more recently, the reason he didn't hurry was because the bus driver would then drive to his mother's house for breakfast while keeping all his passengers waiting.

A post about Peter's death was placed on the TGS Facebook site and there were a number of comments showing how well liked and remembered he was.

Peter was the most musical of us, taking after our mother, and learnt to play the organ. Stephen remembers going to a small church in Wales where Peter persuaded him to work the bellows while he played. He was interested in so many things – photography, travel, history, politics, steam trains to name a few. The latter was well echoed by the huge model railway that he built up and which he and Stephen spent many happy hours maintaining and developing. And, he loved his cats!

He used to work at Father's Garage on Saturdays but he also delivered the Christmas post – always a nice job for students. From school he went on to Nottingham University to study French and German. Following a sandwich year in France, Peter completed his degree and was able to get a teaching post in Switzerland. He met and fell in love with Marinette and fifty-one years ago they married – a civil ceremony taking place in Switzerland followed by a service of blessing at Hemyock Parish Church. Whether our father ever entertained the hope that Peter would one day enter the business is unlikely. He felt that the garage business was becoming overly regulated and fraught with conditions that made life difficult. For this reason, he never encouraged either Peter or Stephen to take it on.

Sue Bennett, Simon, Emma and Ruth and their families want to say **thank you so much to everyone** who sent flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of Tony on 27th August. He had spent a week in Musgrove Park suffering from pneumonia & complications of Alzheimers and Vascular dementia but was made comfortable at the end by the loving staff of Camelot Lodge. He died with Sue beside him and with his dignity intact. We will remember his smile.

Edith Mary Butler – Date Correction

Edith & Tony's eldest daughter Susan was born in March 1962, not in 1960 as stated in the last Parish Pump.

However, he remained a loyal customer of British cars. The first of these being a loved Austin Cambridge which he drove from about 1970. Both parents were really proud of his achievements in gaining a good degree and then a post teaching English in a Swiss school in Geneva where he lived since 1969.

In 1978/9 he took time out to study English Literature at Keele University and undoubtedly his Swiss students benefited from this on his return. This was a year well remembered by Stephen who was living nearby. They had a shared love of a very old-fashioned cheese shop in Market Drayton. Visits there would often be followed with a cheese fondue that evening. They often lamented the disappearance of such shops. Stephen also recalls a village fete that Peter had volunteered to help with. Particularly memorable as they both ran a stall where a local celebrity would put their head through a hole in a board for locals to throw wet sponges at. The celebrity turned out to be Gordon Banks, the England goalkeeper. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Peter travelled all over the world with Marinette, almost always primarily to see the wildlife. However, he loved Hemyock and came back often, both when our parents were alive and since then catching up with family and friends.

He was a very good teacher and thoroughly enjoyed his work. He organised trips and exchanges to England for groups of students, going out of his way to include those from less advantaged backgrounds. These were always popular and well subscribed taking in such things as The Beatles Tour in Liverpool and engaging the help of a large Chinese restaurant in Manchester where the students were allowed to assist with preparing all sorts of delicacies.

Doubtless for going the extra mile, Peter was very much liked and appreciated by both his colleagues and students. He kept in touch with some of his students (mainly female, by the way!) and had weekly meals with two or three of his younger colleagues. One of them, Pierre-André, made a moving speech at Peter's funeral. Moreover, he went to monthly lunches with what they called "les Anciens", i.e., retired colleagues. He was always ready to help young people with brushing up their English, including Marinette's niece. He had been very active and appreciated in the Church of Scotland for some 30 years until they apparently decided to change their hymn book. This so incensed Peter that he left them for the Church of England where he also made a lot of friends. A Scot who Peter met in the Church of Scotland and happened to be a colleague and good friend of Marinette, wrote a very nice homage in a card she sent. Marinette asked her permission to quote it; **"He really was the epitome of an English gentleman: kind, courteous, intelligent, interested in others, open-minded and with a lively sense of humour.** Peter was truly "the best of British" (that, coming from a Scottish girl!) "and I feel very lucky to have known him. He was one of a very rare breed these days". Marinette adds "he was a very good husband, patient, calm (most of the time!) and loving, although he did not make a show of it."

Quick-witted and clever, we used to joke that he had some traits in common with Europeans e.g., impatience, especially at the wheel! However, he did mellow (as perhaps we all do) with age and he was a caring, generous brother, quick to help out where there was a need. In more recent years, Peter would frequently telephone his brother whilst taking a bath. Conversations punctuated with splashing noises, much to Stephen's

amusement. Latterly, particularly during the Pandemic, we siblings were in more regular communication. How precious the long phone calls with Peter seem now as well as the briefer, jokey repartees on WhatsApp.

He had a lively mind and was genuinely interested in people, not just the big things but the details of everyday life, as often passing on a practical tip as recommending a film to see, place to visit or, most often, a good restaurant.

In recent years Peter suffered with mobility problems and endured some major surgery. Results were often disappointing but he never let his health problems define him. He adapted with cheerfulness and positivity to a more limited way of life, finding pleasure in watching Countdown and, over the last few months, writing letters to the Sunday Times, frequently taking a provocative position and then relishing the challenge of answering those that disagreed with him. His mobility had actually improved latterly; he was able, with the help and encouragement of a physiotherapist to walk uphill and longer distances. Jenny, Jill and Stephen had great hopes of him resuming his regular visits 'home' but sadly this was not to be.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed their sympathy and memories of Peter. It's great to know he was held in high regard by so many.

To us siblings he was 'Big Brother'; in teenage years quite a tease but in later years a great friend. He was much loved and is missed in equal measure.

Christine Sharp was born in Gosport in 1930 and later trained in London as a florist and then worked in her father's business. On a camping trip she met Gordon Sharp who she married in 1957. Gordon was in the Merchant Navy, and this took them to the Solomon Islands and later the Gilbert and Ellis Islands where he was marine superintendent. She had set up Sunbeams and Guides there. She and Gordon did a lot of sailing. She had an official post in the philatelic bureau which she greatly enjoyed. She would send off first day covers of their beautiful stamps and other interesting artefacts to family and other interested philatelists back home. Nephew Michael remembers the mementoes sent from the South Seas: the coconut, the tobacco jar, and the photos.

The life of these islands was to stay with Christine all her life. She returned several times and on one occasion presented the Gilbert Islands with a bell for their church. Every two years Gordon had leave back home and they would take the opportunity of visiting many places en route. This love of travel stayed with her and after Gordon's death she would travel with friends or on her own. The move back to England was to become permanent in the 1970s when Gordon was taken ill and needed treatment in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

The Church had always been a large part of Christine's life. In Holton, after Gordon's death, she was a member of the Mother's Union and set up a small Sunday School for the few young people who lived there. She was totally committed to building up the church and community life in the wider group of churches which is where she met my husband and I in the area around Holton near Wincanton in Somerset. Her Christian faith meant everything to her.

Her cousin and her husband, as well as a few friends in the Holton area helped her with the move back to Gosport and it was after this move that she began staying with us in various rectories in Gloucestershire to look after the animals and also fulfil a secretarial role when she was left in charge of the rectory. Her stays became increasingly extended and in 2004 when Keith suddenly died, she was extremely supportive and helpful with me working full time and requiring a speedy move of house.

From 2006 when Chris and I were married, she often came to stay in our home in Hemyock and Chris at times thought he had acquired "2 for the price of 1". It soon became clear that living on her own was not working well and we suggested creating a granny annexe for her. Once again, Christine got herself fully involved in the life of the church and village and made many friends.

She became very much part of our family especially with Charlie and Jessica and she loved the dogs and cats. She thoroughly enjoyed Chris's cooking and was very grateful for the many trips, both in this country and abroad, with Mary at the wheel. Much fun and laughter could often be heard. She has been greatly missed by us all. Eventually, when it was necessary for Christine to have full-time care, she moved into a Care Home at Willand. These last few years have been very sad as Christine just longed to slip away and be with the Lord. Christine was so very good at keeping in touch with friends at home and abroad, and with many school friends and would send cards and letters even if she was away for only a few days. She enjoyed family gatherings and always remembered important dates or anniversaries. She was good fun, kind and ever faithful.

She would dearly have loved children of her own but still made the most of opportunities life gave her. Christine, we miss you.

Hazel Elizabeth Mary MacLean was born in Exeter on 25th March 1927. Her parents Doris and George Hunt owned a grocery store in the area. Hazel was brought up wanting for little being their only child. Her first passion was horses which took up most of her time until she met Iain who was training in the army in Exeter. It seems they fell in love at first sight and got married in 1950. Hazel was by this time accustomed to the army style of life as Iain was frequently away, during their courtship. In all, she moved house sixteen times in her married life following Iain in his postings.

Hazel was very artistic and became skilled at painting, sculpting and dressmaking. In later life she took up weaving, wool spinning (from her rare breed sheep), silk painting and one of her last accomplishments was falconry which she started at the age of 75.

Her two sons Roderick and Alastair joined them from boarding school at many of the countries they lived in and the family travelled to many more countries during the school holidays.

When they finally settled in the U.K. they got involved in village life. Hazel also returned to teaching mainly disadvantaged children and those from the gypsy community. Their membership of the Hemyock church community and later Culm Davy Chapel benefitted from her artistic work along with her flower arranging skills (and who can forget the nativity ensemble!)

Sadly, in their later years Hazel, like Iain, she succumbed to dementia and they were no longer able to attend the church. Unfortunately, due to covid, their life became very isolated as they were vulnerable health wise and were unable to celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary with either friends or family.

After Iain's funeral Hazel moved to a care home in North Yorkshire to be nearer to her younger son Alastair. Thankfully, travel restrictions were relaxed and Roderick joined his brother in visiting Hazel daily for the last week of her life. Hazel passed away on 17th August 2021 exactly two months to the date of Iain passing.

We hope our young people and staff are settled back at schools, colleges and universities after a very challenging period. Warmest congratulations to **Les Bowden** who has recently enjoyed a significant birthday.

We send all good wishes to those who are unwell or recovering from surgery. Please forward anything you would like to share with the community to the address below. Enjoy the cooler, colourful days of Autumn and if you are new to the area – a very warm welcome. Janice Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Autumn Concert

The Wyndham Singers

and their

Special Guests

Kentisbeare Village Hall

Saturday November 13th 7:00pm

Tickets £10.00/£5.00 under 18s

From Kentisbeare Post Office or singers
Or email wyndhamsingers@gmail.com

Bar/Refreshments available
All proceeds to Hospiscare

What's On October / November 2021

OCT

- Sat 2 Charity/ Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12
Mobile Library (Parish Hall, 9.45 -11.30)
Scouts "Pop Up Café" 10 - 12
- Tue 5 Charity Coffee Shop
- Wed 6 BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30
Parish Council, F.L 7.30
- Thu 7 Taunton Farmers' Market
- Fri 8 Empty Spaces 10.30 – 12.00 at BHLAC
- Sat 9 Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmer's Market
- Mon 11 Young Farmers, FL 7.30
- Tue 12 Charity/Coffee Shop, CR , 10-12 Tues Club FL 7.30
- Wed 13 Rosemary Lane Chapel Lunch Club, 12.30
Empty Spaces, 16 Castle Park, 2.30 – 4pm BHLAC
Gardeners' Meeting FL 7.30
- Thu 14 Taunton F Market Mobile Library
- Sat 16 HEMYOCK MARKET Wellington FM,
"Apple Pressing Day", Hemyock Primary School, 1-4
- SUN 17 DAYUS – JONES Piano Trio, 3pm, St Mary's Church
- Mon 18 Local Schools Half-Term (to 21st)
- Tue 19 Charity / Coffee Shop, CR, 10-12
- Thu 21 Taunton Farmers' Market
- Fri 22 Tiverton Farmers' Market
- Sat 23 Uffculme Farmers' Market
- Mon 25 Local Schools HALF – TERM (to 29th)
Young Farmers FL 7.30
- Tue 26 Charity/ Coffee Shop, CR 10 -12
- Thu 28 Taunton Farmers' Market
- Sat 30 Mobile Library, Parish Hall, (9.45 – 11.30)
- SUN 31 British Summertime ends

NOV

- Tue 2 Charity/ Coffee Shop
- Wed 3 BSG Hemyock Lunch Club,
BHLAC, 12.30 Parish Council, F.L.7.30
- Thu 4 Taunton FM
- Sat 6 Ch'ford, Well. Farmers' Markets
- Mon 8 Young Farmers, FL 7.30
- Tue 9 Charity/Coffee Shop, CR , 10-12
Tues Club, AGM FL 7.30
- Wed 10 Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30
R. Lane Chapel, Gardeners' Meeting, PH, 7.30
Empty Spaces 2.30 – 4.00, BHLAC
- Thu 11 ARMISTICE DAY Mobile Library
- Fri 12 "Cider and Savouries" (FOSM) CR 7pm
- Sat 13 Cullompton, Yarcombe, F.M, Wyndham
Singers Concert, Kentisbeare Village Hall, 7pm
- SUN 14 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
PUMP COPY DEADLINE
- Tue 16 Charity/ Coffee Shop
- Thu 18 Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00 BHLAC,
Honiton and Taunton Farmers' Markets
- Sat 20 HEMYOCK + Well.Farmers' Markets
- Mon 22 Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
- Tue 23 Charity/ Coffee Shop
- Thu 25 Taunton Farmers' Market
- Sat 27 REPAIR CAFE, PH, 10am, Uffculme FM
Mobile Library 9.45 – 11.30 P Hall
- SUN 28 ADVENT SUNDAY

Forthcoming Events

- DEC 09 2.30 - 4.00 Bereavement Counselling, F. Lounge
- Dec 11 10.30 – 12.00 Bereavement Counselling, F. Lounge
- Dec 17 END of TERM, Local Schools
- Dec 19 Stanchester Choir, St. Mary's Church
- Dec 21 First Day of Winter
- Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- Dec 26 Boxing Day
- Dec 27 + 28 Bank Holidays
- JAN 01 BANK HOLIDAY
- Jan 04 Local Schools SPRING TERM begins
- Jan 08 Blood Donors, P. Hall

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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CLUBS STARTING BACK?

"WHAT'S ON" – CLUBS PLEASE NOTE!

Thankfully, Clubs, at last, are able to start back to their activities – some sooner than others.

For the Parish Pump, it's difficult to know what has restarted and what hasn't. If you want your Club's meetings announced in the What's On and Forthcoming Events of the "Pump" please let Sue Lambert know by the deadline date. If she doesn't know she can't put it into the magazine so you won't get your advertising.

Sue Lambert:
sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com or 01823 680664

Longmead Environmental Area News

Despite a rather wet start for the scything morning at Longmead on 21st August, eight hardy souls turned up in pouring rain for expert scything tuition from Andi Rickard. When I say expert, I mean the reigning national scything champion who incidentally lives over the hill in Wellington. All the kit was supplied for us and we were introduced to the history and anatomy of different types of scythe. We learned some new terms -snath, honing, peening, and each of us was fitted with a scythe suitable for our height.

Luckily the rain stopped and the clouds eventually parted, and by the time we were having a practise scythe at the end of the football pitches, the sun came out.

Having got the basics of the technique, we crossed the stream and got to work in the environmental area. We scythed our way through the thick thatch of grass and made a good start to clearing the area. The rhythmic moving from side to side, was quite hypnotic and being with an enthusiastic group learning a new skill was most satisfying. In fact, the following day, my back felt better than it has done in a long while!



Many thanks to Andi for her expertise and patience and to Hemyock Parish Council who part-funded the project.

Nick has been at work with his bush-cutter clearing a path around the back of the pond through the tangle of brambles that have grown up over the Summer. It is hoped that next year as well as scything the grass (probably earlier) we will mow a few paths around the pond within the area for people to walk through. Nick is a stalwart volunteer, and generally the profile of volunteering is on the up. Many companies now recognise the positive impact that volunteering in the community can have on their employees - the opportunity to try something new, boost self esteem and give something back. Volunteering at Longmead can offer all this with the added joy of being outside in nature. So, if you would like to use your volunteering hours at Longmead, do get in touch. We'd also love to see any Duke of Edinburgh Award students who would like to fulfill their volunteering aspect of the award here in Hemyock.

Trish Slater - September 2021

Opening Times

Hemyock Surgery

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

Churchinford Surgery

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 Churchinford Dunkeswell

Hemyock Primary School

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Hemyock Primary School. In a short space of time, it is clear to me how supportive, friendly and vibrant the community of Hemyock is and I have been made to feel incredibly welcome already.

Hemyock Primary School quite rightly has a strong reputation in the village and surrounding areas and I look forward to working with what is an exceptional staffing body to continue to serve our wider community. Indeed, 'Embracing community' is one of the values that lies at the heart of Hemyock Primary School and we are all excited to be able to reconnect after a difficult time; I hope that we can work closely with community leaders and stakeholders to ensure that our wonderful primary school is at the centre of village life. Please do look at our website, Hemyock Primary (hemyock-primary.devon.sch.uk) where you will be able to see some of the community events we have planned; we hope to add more over the coming weeks.

If you are interested in finding out more about our school, perhaps as a perspective parent, please do get in touch with the office on hemyock@ventrus.org.uk and we will be happy to help you.

Chris Greenhall
Head Teacher
Hemyock Primary School



Hemyock
Primary School



Hemyock and Upper Culm Twinning

Association

It will be our turn to visit France in 2022 if conditions permit! If you are interested in joining us or would like to find out more about the association please contact us.

We are twinned with "Jumelage des Grees" which is the name given to an area of marshes and lakes. The association consists of four different villages: St. Herblon, Anetz, La Roche – Blanche & Pouille les Coteaux, around the Loire River. Each village takes it in turns to be the main host village when we visit. The villages are found just north of the N23 between Ancenis and Varades, with Nantes 30km to the west and Angers 40km to the East.

We are an active association consisting of all ages; we welcome anyone to join particularly families, there are many families in the French association who are very willing to make host with our members. We have members from Hemyock, Clayhidon and surrounding areas.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Offering accommodation to a person or family in your home, and visiting France on our organised trip to stay with them. We also hold social events in the village throughout the year.

WHAT DOES IT COST ME?

Annual membership to the association is £10.00 for an individual and £20.00 for a family (plus trips etc).

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

New friendships, knowledge of other cultures, economical visits to France, amazing food and wine and great social events

BUT I CAN'T SPEAK FRENCH!

Don't worry, as long as you are prepared to 'have a go', mime, gesticulate or even learn a few basic French words like; "Yes, No; Thank you, hello, goodbye", you'll have a wonderful time.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT;

Karen kazapinder@hotmail.com 01823 681034
Louise 01823 681457.

Leaving Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

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

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

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



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello and welcome to Autumn, a fine time of year for both scouting and the various colours of the trees as they shed their leaves.

Fame and fotos! I am sure that many of you saw the 10th August edition of The Culm Valley Gazette. There we were on the front page with a group of our leaders, I must say Tristram, our scout leader looked excellent in his shorts! So move on to page eight. I must say a big thank you to VPK Packaging UK and Ireland, Wellington for donating three first responder first aid packs to us, shown in the photo with our leaders. It was quite a long article by Lewis Clarke of Devon Live News. It explained how we are getting back to proper scouting now that the worst of Covid is over (hopefully). Unfortunately during the pandemic scouting, nationwide, has lost some 15,000 adult volunteers. Hemyock has been a little more fortunate and we continue with leaders for all of our existing sections. Our new Group Scout Leader, Rob Walster was quoted in the article and I must mention that he thanked all of those involved in running 1st Hemyock. Rikki agrees with him, I have said it many times before so I will say it again, well done to you all.

Moving on, it is official we have received notification from HQ on 6th September that the government has given the green for go to youth organisations. So it is all systems go and all of our sections have programmes in place for normal meetings, mostly outside. More details of what they are up to next time.

Squirrels. What is Rikki talking about I hear you say! Well, at present scouting has sections covering age ranges from six to twenty plus. That's Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network. We have had notification from HQ that they have been running a pilot project known as Squirrels for four and five year olds. It has been a success and is aimed at young people gaining skills for life with focus on the outdoors (1st Hemyock knows all about that). As Old Skip Lowman our first GSL used to say, no matter how old our young people are, they are young adults working for the future of themselves and others. So I think it is right that we involve young people from the age of four and get them scouting. This will be the first new section for thirty five years. However there is a but. Leaders. It will probably be a problem but I know that if any group can manage, it will be 1st Hemyock. I am sure GSL Rob is working on it right now. I look forward to seeing our first Squirrels!

Alas no Annual Sale this year but by the time you receive this Pump we will have held a gathering in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea, a bun and a chinwag.

Not sure of the details yet about Remembrance Sunday on the 14th November. We will be there in some way to honour all the fine young men and women who gave their lives in two World Wars as well as many other wars over the years. We will certainly not forget them.

And finally as I threatened some more old African proverbs from Robert Baden Powells days.

- *If you have health you have hope - you have everything.*
- *We desire to bequeath two things to our children; the first is roots, the second is wings.*

- *When you see a turtle on top of a fence post, you know he has had some help.*
- *A leader who does not take advice is not a leader.*
- *How ever long the night, the dawn will break.*
- *A happy man marries the girl he loves, but a happier man loves the girl he marries.*

Hope you like them, there are many more!

Enjoy Autumn, I know we will in Scouting.

Old Rikki

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club

Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club is continuing to thrive despite the restrictions of late. As we steadily move forward into the winter months, if you feel you would like a new challenge and join us, we would welcome new members.

We currently meet on a Monday morning, 10 a.m - 12 noon and Thursday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m in the Parish Hall, Hemyock.

For anyone who has not played before, we have bowls you can practice with. The only stipulation we require is to bring a pair of flat bottom indoor shoes. This is because outdoor footwear can damage the mats we play on.

If you would like any more information, please ring 01823 680850.

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.

Father Christmas is COMING TO HEMYOCK!

Hemyock Christmas Club is delighted to announce that 'Hemyock's Big Visit' is returning on 8th and 9th December.



For two evenings the big man himself will tour Hemyock in a very bright and difficult to miss vehicle. With a tribe of helpful elves he will travel along our roads stopping to chat at predetermined safe spots along the way. The elves are busy planning the finer details so please keep your eyes peeled for route and time information in the next edition of The Parish Pump, on our Facebook Page (@hemyocksbigvisit) and on a lamppost near you!

As with previous years we will be raising money during the event for two charities close to our hearts, Devon Air Ambulance and Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital. Please help us spread some festive cheer and donate to these wonderful charities.

Dear Residents

There will be road disruptions until the end of the year while Gigaclear are laying cables for broadband in the Hemyock area. There must be other issues in and around Hemyock, but I have not been informed of any extreme problems, but please let me or Dan Wood, our new man know if they do arise.

Environmental issues are very much in the forefront of County's Climate targets, so I have included some information relating to this. The Environmental Performance Board approved the business case to invest £196k in 131kW of solar panels on the roofs of DCC salt depots. 300kW of solar PV expected from the solar car ports at County Hall and Taw View. Planning application for this was expected to be submitted by now, but still waiting for approval from Digital Transformation and Business Support (DTBS) Management Team. The two phases of the Zero Carbon Buildings projects are expected to install 200kW of renewable energy.

Street Lighting

Green Objective is to retrofit 100% of remaining all and part-night lighting with LED lamps. Work is ongoing across the county to schedule. 45,000 are now using LED technology with 34,000 remaining.

Funding for Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) High Needs Block. Scrutiny members will be aware that the funding Devon County Council spends on supporting children with Special Education Needs far exceeds the funding we are allocated from central government. Last financial year we spent nearly £30 million, a third more than we were allocated. This is not a sustainable position and the cumulative impact of the funding gap if no action taken is shown above. We have now been informed by the DfE that for the financial year 2022/23 Devon has provisionally been allocated an additional £9 million. However, this still falls far short of the funding required. At the Master class in July, we shared some of the steps we were taking to try and achieve a more balanced position. The steps in no way reduce our responsibility to ensure children with SEN receive the support they need, as set out in the SEND code of practice, and primarily focus on:

Just About Managing and pay

- Between 2019 and 2020 average pay for the lowest 20% of earners nationally rose slightly. In Devon outside of South Hams and West Devon it fell significantly and was already lower than nationally pre pandemic (in Devon as a whole for this group it fell by 6%). Unsure yet as to whether these impacts are temporary, but even temporary impacts could mean lower income households suffering from more debt issues.
- Average workplace pay rates in Devon were around 82.7% of the UK in 2020, but lower still in some parts of the County (West Devon just 71.9% of UK).
- Data on average pay rates overall in Devon were very volatile in 2020 showing a lot of changes to the labour market, but no significant trend, although greater

levels of working from home. 2021 and 2022 data will be needed to ascertain any longer-term trends.

- On average, pay for freelancers during 2020 took a significant hit
- SW House prices up 17% in a year – competition for housing, especially at higher priced end and in rural/coastal areas
- Staycation boom causing rental property to come off the market and be let by Airbnb - renters who have to move have been hit, especially in traditional holiday areas. Unsure yet as to whether these impacts are temporary.
- Anecdotal evidence (so far) of highly significant increases (doubling in some instances) in Food Bank usage in Devon during the pandemic lockdown periods and more widely worry about food insecurity, especially among those with children

The summer has been a very challenging and intense period for the Health and Care system, and despite the removal of many of the COVID related restrictions, adult social care in Devon is dealing with care home outbreaks approaching levels close to those experienced at the peak of wave 2. With this local situation and the events nationally and globally, everyone's resilience is tested.

If you need anymore information, just ask, if I haven't got it to hand, I can always get it.

Regards,
Ray
Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Recent update and date correction from the entry in the August - September 2021 issue.

Due to the great success of the Blackdown Hills Repair Cafés Repair Service, that Stephan has managed to offer (in conjunction with all his voluntary repairers) from his home in Blagdon Hill and continues to do so, over 450 repairs have been carried out since the 8th of March 2021.

We are now offering you all to attend our next Blackdown Hills Repair Café at the Parish Hall in Hemyock on the **27th of November 2021 from 10am until 12.30pm**, where you are able to bring all your items for repair, and enjoy a range of delicious refreshments which will be on sale from our tea room.

Many thanks and kind regards, Stephan Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783 Or at: sfelehner@aol.com.

Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update, October 2021

The parish council held meetings in August and September. A brief summary of the business conducted at the meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 21/01140/FULL. Erection of replacement timber storage shed. Pring & Son Funeral Directors Culmstock Road Hemyock
- 21/01233/FULL. Change of use of barn to ancillary storage/office use and annexe/holiday let. Land and Buildings at NGR 315174 115780 (Foxholes Farm) Clayhidon
- 21/01668/HOUSE. Conversion of part of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation and installation of solar panels on south facing roof. Barnfield, Madford Farm, Hemyock.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 21/00814/HOUSE. 31 Prowses, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension and front extension to garage and porch.
- 18/00423/MFUL. Former St Ivel Station, Hemyock. Erection of 11 dwellings.
- 21/00365/FULL. Downmead, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Erection of a holiday let.
- 21/00811/FULL. Upper Whitemoor, Hemyock. Change of use of studio to 1 dwelling.
- 21/00978/HOUSE. 11 Station Road, Hemyock. Conversion of loft to living accommodation with dormer window.
- 21/01203/HOUSE. 18 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension.
- 21/01270/HOUSE. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock. Erection of a garage/workshop/store.
- 21/01140/FULL. Pring and Son Funeral Directors, Culmstock Road. Erection of replacement timber storage shed.

Finance

Income - included interest, cemetery, and contributions from Culmstock & Clayhidon Parish council towards the defibrillators. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, insurance, asset maintenance.

Longmead

The new bridge should be installed during September/October. The new concrete trim trail has been laid making it more easily accessible. The parish council has agreed in principle to install CCTV at Longmead to combat anti-social behaviour and dog fouling. During the school summer holidays the parish council provided free daily access to the MUGA. It was great to see so many children make use of it.

Skatepark

The parish council has agreed in principle to a skatepark being installed in an area adjacent to the MUGA and pavilion. Following some concerns from the Tennis Club, an alternative site was suggested next to the car park on the junior football field. The council believes this alternative site does not meet the criteria for keeping anti-social behaviour to a minimum by siting the skatepark in a central, well-used location. A visit to Tiverton skatepark has been arranged to gauge the noise level generated by a skatepark.

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. It will update the parish via the Pump, website and social media. The group met with Cavanna Homes to discuss the removal of topsoil from the fields. Cavanna has assured the council that it will level the land and replace the topsoil and re-seed before handing over the fields to the council.

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. (the next meeting is Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm) Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel 01823 680968. Email hemyockpc@gmail.com. www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.

Calling all teddies!

Would your teddy bear relish the chance of doing a bungee jump?
Give Ted the thrill of a lifetime by bringing him along for the...

Sponsored teddy bears' bungee jump from the church tower of All Saints, Culmstock

**Saturday, 9 October 2021
2 pm - 4 pm**

Get your teddy sponsored by as many friends and family as you can so that Ted can also raise money for the development project at All Saints Church. (We need a loo!)

Sponsor forms can be found around the villages along with posters advertising the jump.

While you are at All Saints you and Ted can also enjoy crafts, face paints, games, stalls, tower tours and, best of all, cheering on all the brave Teds taking part in the sponsored bungee jump!

All proceeds go to help support the development of All Saints Church.



October 2021 Report: The MiDS are back, come and join us!

It's a great pleasure for everyone to enjoy singing again. Following our summer, outdoor rehearsals, we held a BBQ and mini performance at Swallow Court, J27 on Saturday 4 September and welcomed new members to our growing number. Sunday 5 September, saw us debut at the Uffculme Show with *Here Comes the Sun*; *Tomorrow (from Annie)*, *Castle on a Cloud (Les Miserables)*, *Whistle Down the Wind*, *I Feel the Earth Move and Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow (Carole King)* and *Thank You for The Music (Abba)*.

Our autumn sessions, with more new members, began on Friday 17 September at Halberton Village Hall. We are still cautious to keep safe; it is precondition of joining the MiDS that members are double-jabbed or having regular testing. We are performing in villages around the area for organisations and at events; we'll keep you posted where and when through our reports or Facebook or sign up to our newsletter.

This year's programme will add many of these songs to our repertoire:

- Another Day in Paradise (Phil Collins)*; *Ave Verum (Mozart)*; *California Dreamin' (The Mamas and the Papas)*; *Can you Feel the Love Tonight (Elton John)*; *Climb Every Mountain (Sound of Music)*; *Fields of Gold (Sting)*; *Karma Chameleon (Boy George)*; *Lay all your Love on Me (Abba)*; *Look at the World (John Rutter)*; *Over the Rainbow (Wizard of Oz)*; *Pavane (16th Century)*; *The Russians (Sting)*; *Scarborough Fair (Simon and Garfunkel)*; *Sound of Silence (Simon and Garfunkel)*; *Some Enchanted Evening (South Pacific)*; *So Strong (Labi Siffre)*; *Take On Me (a-ha)*; *Tell Me it's not True (Blood Brothers)*; *Tell Me on a Sunday (Andrew Lloyd Webber)*; *The Long and Winding Road (Lennon and McCartney)*; *We've Only just Begun (Carpenters)*; *Will ye Go, Lassie Go (Scottish folk song)*; *Yesterday (Paul McCartney)*; *You'll Never Walk Alone (Carousel)*

The MiDS is a social and musical group. There are no auditions for our inclusive, all age, mixed choir that includes first-timers and experienced singers from across the district and beyond; children (8+) and families are welcome and it's free for young singers. We sing a little of everything across all styles from past to present. We're friendly, not cliquy, so come and try us, free, for two or three sessions! Anyone interested in joining is most welcome; contact singers@halberton.org or call Bernard Johns, on 01884 252910 or 07855 583356, or Terry Payne (Chairman and Musical Director) on 01884 820081 or 07973 890947.

Poets Corner

Broken Pieces

Broken pieces of Creation,
Some broke to dust,
Lost,
Swept up,
Dust of New Birth,
And Re-creation.

Soil

Soil,
Life digested many times,
Mingled well with other kinds,
Sands and clays of forgotten times,
Dried up seas of long ago,
And old volcanoes ash;
Beds of gravel,
Smooth and round,
Tumbled in a stream long ceased,
Before man walked this way,
And silt washed down from hills
That only God has known,
Who made those times,
And loves them still;
So soil was formed,
That bears His Life Force and creation's song.

David Palmer

Planning a Development? Could you benefit from free planning advice?

The Blackdown Hills Business Centre is offering a free service to anyone who needs help with a development project. Chartered Planner Barry James is offering a free 30 minute consultation to discuss your project and give advice on the best way forward. Barry has over 30 years experience in town and country planning and is looking forward to helping you achieve your development aims, whatever they are.

We will be taking bookings between 10am and 1pm on the following days:

- 8th and 22nd October
- 5th and 19th November
- 3rd and 17th December

To book a slot please contact Sharon on 01823 478255 or Barry on 07843 272075.

James Planning & Development Services Ltd
www.jamesplanning.co.uk.

Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

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

Mondays to Fridays											Saturdays											
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715	—	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715			
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	—	—	0900	—	1125	—	1425	—	1726	—	—	—	0900	—	1125	—	1425	—	1726			
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	—	—	0911	—	1136	—	1436	—	1736	—	—	—	0911	—	1136	—	1436	—	1736			
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	—	—	0920	—	1145	—	1445	—	1745	—	—	—	0920	—	1145	—	1445	—	1745			
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	—	—	0924	—	1149	—	1449	—	1749	—	—	—	0924	—	1149	—	1449	—	1749			
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	—	0930	—	1155	—	1455	—	1755	—	—	—	0729	—	0930	—	1155	—	1755			
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	—	0939	—	1204	—	1504	—	1804	—	—	—	0738	—	0939	—	1204	—	1804			
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	—	0942	—	1207	—	1507	—	1807	—	—	—	0741	—	0942	—	1207	—	1807			
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	—	0944	—	1209	—	1509	—	1809	—	—	—	0743	—	0944	—	1209	—	1809			
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	—	0950	—	1215	—	1515	—	1815	—	—	—	0749	—	0950	—	1215	—	1815			
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	—	0954	—	1219	—	1519	—	1819	—	—	—	0753	—	0954	—	1219	—	1819			
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	—	0957	—	1222	—	1522	—	1822	—	—	—	0756	—	0957	—	1222	—	1822			
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	—	1004	—	1229	—	1529	—	1829	—	—	—	0803	—	1004	—	1229	—	1829			
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	—	—	—	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836	
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	—	—	0820	—	1020	—	1245	—	1545	1841	—	—	—	—	—	—	1020	—	1245	—	1545	1841
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	—	—	0824	—	1024	—	1249	—	1549	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1024	—	1249	—	1549	—
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	—	—	0830	—	1030	—	1255	—	1555	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1030	—	1255	—	1555	—
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	—	—	0839	—	1039	—	1304	—	1604	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1039	—	1304	—	1604	—
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	—	—	0846	—	1046	—	1311	—	1611	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1046	—	1311	—	1611	—
Colyford, opp The Elms	—	—	0850	—	1050	—	1315	—	1615	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1050	—	1315	—	1615	—
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	—	—	0852	—	1052	—	1317	—	1617	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1052	—	1317	—	1617	—
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	—	—	0857	—	1057	—	1322	—	1622	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1057	—	1322	—	1622	—



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Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	—	—	0908	—	1208	—	1508	—	1708	—	—	—	—	—	0908	—	1208	—	1508	—	1708	—
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Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	—	—	0929	—	1229	—	1529	—	1726	—	—	—	—	—	0929	—	1229	—	1529	—	1726	—
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	—	—	0935	—	1235	—	1535	—	1732	—	—	—	—	—	0935	—	1235	—	1535	—	1732	—
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	—	1238	—	1538	—	1735	—	—	—	—	0701	0938	—	1238	—	1538	—	1735	—	
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	—	—	—	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	—	0951	—	1251	—	1551	—	1746	—	—	—	0712	—	0951	—	1251	—	1551	—	1746	—
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St Andrew's Clayhidon

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- ◆ Bolhayes Cider win!
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St. Andrew's Church News

Our administrator Hilary has now left us and we thank her for all her wonderful work during the last four years. We joined with members of all the benefice churches to give her a departing gift and all our good wishes.

Here in Clayhidon we have had some spectacular events during the preceding two months. Little James Carter was baptised in unusual circumstances. The occasion had been arranged for a Sunday afternoon in July but suddenly due to an unexpected Covid alarm, the service had to take place outside using the top of a chest tomb as a surface for the baptismal table. The relatives who had arrived from Ireland were surprised but amused and Rev John Stone was able to conduct the ceremony with dignity.

At the end of August we held our traditional BBQ which attracted so many parishioners and was a great success on a glorious sunny afternoon.

Recently we have held a memorial service for David Hortop. We were all deeply saddened when he died in January but pleased to be able to hold a lovely service in his name.

Even more recently, there has been a delayed wedding service in church. Rose and Mumtaz had planned to be married in church more than a year ago, but as the church was in lockdown at the time, the celebration has just taken place. This was also a sunny day and all the relatives, gentlemen and ladies, looked quite spectacular in their beautiful clothes.

In September we held our annual Riders' Service. Fortunately it was dry and sunny again so it was very pleasing to see twenty horses with riders and two carriages on the Garlands Bower field behind the car park. Hymns were sung and, as David Major finished the service, many of the riders went on a two mile ride before returning for drinks and sandwiches and cakes. These were enjoyed by the numerous children and spectators who came to watch it all. It was another very enjoyable occasion.

We will soon be holding a Memorial Service for Stephen Bullett who died a year ago during lockdown and we will be able to show our love and respect for Stephen who was our churchwarden at the time.

In October our first Sunday service will be our traditional Harvest Service at 10am on 10th October. It has been impossible to hold the annual Harvest Supper but we will look forward to it in the future. The church always looks so beautiful when the fruits of harvest are brought in to decorate it and afterwards they are taken away to a charity for the benefit of others.

The following month is the time for the St Andrew's Festival when people from all the other churches in the benefice join us to celebrate the occasion on 29th November at 10.30am. After this comes Advent and more information will follow next month.

We have all experienced a most unusual time during the many months of lockdown. We send our sympathy and very best wishes to any who have suffered in any respect as a result of the problems that it has caused. We pray for the future to bring greater happiness into our lives once more, especially for family, friends and loved ones. We remember that there are many in other parts of the world who are not as fortunate as we are in so many respects and we Thank God for all His blessings on us, now and in the future.

P.Reynolds. PCC

Best in Britain Win for Local Cider

Cider made in a Clayhidon farmhouse in the Blackdowns has been judged the best in Britain. Alex Hill has pulled off a stunning double victory in the British Cider Championships. His dry, "deeply traditional" Bollhayes was named Champion British Cider and Champion British Farmhouse cider. It's the second time in 15 years that Bollhayes has won both top honours.



This year, despite the Covid crisis, there were 299 entries, blind-tasted by expert judges. A delighted Alex, pictured here with marketing partner Selena Mitford, from Churchinford, said: "What makes it really special, is that all the apples that went to make the cider are from my own orchard on the farm, which I planted over 30 years ago. It is wonderful to see our hard work come, almost literally, to fruition. "The apples were a mixture of Yarlinton Mill, some Dabinett, and Chisel Jersey, plus one or two we couldn't really recognise. Even when the cider was only half fermented it tasted delicious, and it is just a lovely, drinkable, traditional West Country cider."

Bollhayes apples are handpicked and the cider is made without adding yeast. Wild yeasts, naturally present in the apple crop, provide the fermentation. The winning cider – well known to audiences at Clayhidon Parish Hall and sold online and at various local markets – was described by the judges' chairman, Nick Bradstock, as "a fine cider, with some austerity, the tannins and acidity excellently balanced and giving a long and full finish." "It is a long time since a farmhouse cider came out on top, but it does go to show how much care and attention goes into even as traditional a product as farmhouse dry," he said.

The championships were staged as part of the Orchards and Cider exposition at the Bath and West Country Festival. Alex, who with his late wife Bee founded Vigo, the Dunkeswell-based fruit press equipment company, was described by the competition organisers as one of the most respected and influential cider-makers in the West of England. "I know it's a bit of a cliché, but it is true that the overall standard gets higher with every passing year," said Nick Bradstock. "Even the very few ciders that aren't quite up to standard usually have some quirkiness about them and the vast majority are superb examples of their type."

Alex was presented with the Rupert Best Trophy for the Supreme Champion British Cider by David Simmons, immediate Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers. The Pewterers' Trophy for the Champion British Farmhouse Cider was presented by Richard Hills, Upper Warden of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers.

Clayhidon Friends Meeting – 9th September 2021

Hurray! At last! Our merry band met (for the first time since March 2020) again in Clayhidon Parish Hall, on our usual 2nd Thursday in the month. All very Covid safe, with anti-bacteria bottles for our hands and keeping apart in a spanking clean room; a credit and thanks to Caroline Bendle.

As we hadn't seen each other for so long we decided that we would just push the tables together and have a good natter. Tina and Lainie supplied delicious home-made sausage rolls, white chocolate sponge cake (Mmmm) and lavishly buttered currant bread. Yes, I know too much detail! I would love to say, washed down with lashings of ginger beer, but it was tea and coffee. The conversation flowed with various exclamations at how we had all missed our monthly contacts, and the sharing of our community's news. The new time of 2-4pm was discussed and decided it would be permanent. Sometimes coming back up the narrow lanes of Clayhidon can be pretty daunting in the dark, foggy winter nights. As it was, with the present road closures causing havoc, reversing skills were called into action many times on our return up Red Road's narrow part, giving way to White Man van several times.

We are going to contact the Speakers who were booked for 2020 and see if any of them can come in October and November. December we have decided on a relaxed pub lunch as we so enjoyed the one at The Catherine Wheel in 2019. Venue to be confirmed.

We are a very casual, friendly meeting group and we would always warmly welcome more new members. If you would like to chat about it before coming, please call either Anne Langford 01823 680086 or myself, Lynda Ridout, in my new role of Co-Organiser on 01823 660546. Our next meeting, is on the second Thursday in the month, 14th October.

Lynda Ridout

Clayhidon Parish Hall

Following an enjoyable first Coffee Morning with a fine collection of cakes, a raffle and good company, we are looking forward to the next Coffee Mornings

on Saturdays, 9th October and 13th November,

10am – 12mid

Do come and enjoy a morning with friends and family

Covid safety measures in place

Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, October 2021

Planning

Permission granted noted for:-

- 19/01229/DPO. Higher Hill Farm, Clayhidon. Application under The Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 to seek to modify the terms of a section 106 agreement pursuant to planning permission 08/01563/FULL.
- 19/02127/FULL. Land to South of Carlingwark, Clayhidon. Change of use of agricultural land for the erection of a dwelling with associated garden area and access, formation of ponds, and creation of access track (Revised Scheme). Discharge of conditions.
- 21/00907/FULL. Ashfields, Clayhidon. Erection of an agricultural storage building.
- 21/00648/FULL. Higher Acre Ridge, Clayhidon. Temporary siting of a shepherd's hut for use as an agricultural worker's dwelling.

Finance

Income – John Griss Charity grant. Expenditure – charity expenses.

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

Despite a few showers, the Open Day at Hartsmoor Lakes on August 15th was a great success, with some 200 people visiting during the afternoon. Many lifelong residents of the parish were surprised they had never visited before.

The charity displayed information about the amazing legacy left to Clayhidon Parish by Johnny Griss, who created the lakes and developed them into a successful fishing enterprise.

The charity has agreed in principle to work with a developer to build a row of 3 terraced houses to replace Rose Cottage, subject to complying with any necessary charity commission regulations and obtaining planning permission. It has yet to decide what to do with the land and lakes.

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. However, the next meeting is to be held on 11th October at 7.30pm Parish Hall. 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:

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News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

The steady pace of the summer months has given way to the busy activity of early autumn at Rosemary Lane Chapel. Church life is gathering pace as a new academic year begins and as we continue to transition out of the restrictions that have been the mainstay of the last eighteen months. Life is getting busy again, and in this, we give thanks..

The new academic year has brought with it a new season of Venturers to which all children of primary school age are welcome. How wonderful it has been to see the chapel fill up with young people on a Friday night to enjoy this club. The usual mix of games, craft and all-around fun remain a winning formula and the team that run the club were thrilled to see some familiar faces and some new ones venture out to enjoy the Friday night club (6.30-8.00pm). The Toddler's group, also on a Friday – 9.30-11.30am, has resumed meeting after the summer break and continues to be well attended by families across the communities of Clayhidon, Hemyock and beyond.

“Jesus shows us the immense value, indeed the necessity, of cultivating moments of peace and breaking the mounting pressure with a change of pace.”

Special events like our Harvest family service led by Jay Lanchbury (19th September), and our combined Big Picnic at Wildside Experience (5th September) proved to be real highlights during the month of September and have served to build a sense of anticipation for events planned during the months of October and November. Visits from the Slavic Gospel Association, London City Mission (LCM) and Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) are all planned. The Luncheon Club, in connection with the Blackdown Support Group, looks set to take place in October after a successful meeting in August. It was great to open the building up once more to this much-loved group and together enjoy the live music performed by the Blackdown Hill Billies. Alongside all these activities are the regular services that take place on a Sunday morning (11am) with both Sunday School and Bible Class taking place alongside our worship service downstairs. A very warm welcome is extended to all.

Like I say, life is getting busy again, and in this we give thanks. But what about when life gets too busy, when busyness causes us to hurry and feel a mounting sense of pressure with all that must be done. For me, the greatest lesson of lockdown was the discovering of a different pace, a stepping back. Life was still busy, but there was less hurry.

Jesus shows us the immense value, indeed the necessity, of cultivating moments of peace and breaking the mounting pressure with a change of pace. Except for the days leading up to Jesus' death, Matthew 14 records perhaps the most intense 24-hour period in Jesus' earthly ministry. Within this short space of time Jesus received news that his dear friend, John the Baptist, had been beheaded, is faced with the demands of feeding over 5000 people, and, a short while later, is confronted

by a fierce storm. Jesus knows the pressure of unexpected news, unexpected demands and unexpected storms. Jesus knew what it was to be under pressure, to be busy. Yet within this same passage, this same 24-hour period, Jesus shows us the pattern of peace, a pattern that would push back on the problem of hurry. After hearing news of John the Baptist's death Jesus seeks a quiet and solitary place (14:13). When the demands of 5000 hungry people are finally met, Jesus withdraws to the mountainside to pray (14:23). After the storm came the Pharisees questions but Jesus once more withdraws (15:21). Jesus was orientating his earthly ministry around his trust in the Father and seeking time with Him. This is the pattern of peace - In quietness and prayer, we'll again hear the voice of God, be assured of His care and control of our lives, and experience His presence.

*You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.*

ISAIAH 26:3

Jonathan Hillman

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

There is no such thing as a perfect vehicle. I have one for off road and towing the cattle trailer (thirsty but effective), one for day to day (no real complaints), one for old school class (no brakes) and one for glamour (only goes 4 miles before flatly refusing to go any further).

Daisy has either end of the green spectrum; one old electric car, run off her solar panels and Tesco's free charging, and the old VW van, all diesel fume emitting shed on wheels. Her van was off at the mechanics for some while and they gave her a little red roller skate of a thing as a courtesy car. To her great surprise she got all her cider stock for the market into it, got it to the market for a fraction of the fuel cost and was allowed to park illegally against a lamp post for the day as it didn't take up any space at all. On her thatching days, tea breaks are now littered with comments and comparisons between engine sizes, fuel types, mpg and co2 emissions and wondering whether she ought to replace the van. Her daughters won't let her sell the van as it's been the centre of their whole lives to date so who knows what she'll end up driving next. It does make you wonder what we will all be driving in ten years time, not so much to work and back, but the lorries that deliver our reed; what we'll use to tow the cattle about; the tractors and heavy machinery needed to grow and harvest the reed, never mind the ships which bring the water reed in from afar. Seems like there is a lot of change to come in a short space of time.

Some things are timeless tho', rats in your wheat reed roof being one. When a Yarcombe resident phoned me with a desperate plea to sort out several that were carousing in her attic all night long, it seemed like a good time for my youngest, Tom, to make good use of his air rifle. Turns out he's quite a good shot with many rats dispatched cleanly and a peaceful night's sleep for the home owner resumed.

Another timeless thing returned, for now at least, has been the ability to gather together. I'm so glad for Derek Burrough's family that they were able to have a funeral not limited by covid; to see the church full up and many more outside; to see that a person's passing mattered to the whole community.

Daisy finally had her 50th birthday party (only a year late), a joyful gathering together of life long friends with smiling faces and dancing feet. Neither of us are the most sociable people around, but there are definitely times when it really matters to gather. As we go into Autumn let's hope for a gentler time than last year for all our sakes.

UFFCULME ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



Our sixty allotments are sited at the very top of Clay Lane. The site is well established and friendly. If you're interested in renting a plot (20m x 3.4m) and joining our **Grow Your Own band**, please contact us for details and to arrange a look around.

Contact : Pete Best mob: 07703 185040 e-mail: petebestuk@yahoo.co.uk

Bedroom to Business Programme September - November 2021

The Business & IP Centre Devon (BIPC) is excited to announce the Bedroom to Business programme.

Do you want to make your business idea a reality? Not sure where to start?

Our Bedroom to Business programme includes a Growth Accelerator course with sales trainer James White. In addition, our team of 30 experts will provide supplementary workshops covering topics including: mindset, visioning, profit/loss forecasting and writing a business plan.

All the webinars are delivered online and all are FREE to access!

The 13-week programme includes all the steps and tools you need to make your dream a reality.

For more details including the full programme see the BIPC Devon website:

Business & IP Centre Devon (librariesunlimited.org.uk)

In other exciting news, we have partnered with NatWest to provide Start-Up grants and support for female founders. For more details on how to apply for a 'She Started It' grant check out: Startup Grant for Female Founders - Business & IP Centre Devon (librariesunlimited.org.uk).

Beach Labyrinth Artist Seeking Seaside Churches In Devon

A beach labyrinth artist from Cornwall is looking for seaside churches in Devon to collaborate with. Andrew Nicholson has already created a number of beach labyrinths in Cornwall. For him, creating them is an act of reflection, mission and prayer.

Andrew said, "Much of my labyrinth work on the beach involves an invitation to reflect on each individual's journey and issues they may have been facing. "During this past year I have also broadened this out slightly at different labyrinths to include elements like positive mental health and well-being; environmental concerns, [the significance of] special places and relating Easter to the experiences of lockdown. "There is always an invitation to let go of any burdens, to reflect, pray, pause and to be thankful, move forward, be transformed in some way."

Circular labyrinths have been used by Christians for hundreds of years as a way of praying and reflecting. People are encouraged to walk the circular path from the outside in, as a symbolic physical and spiritual journey to be closer to God. Unlike a maze there are no dead ends. Andrew said that he had created labyrinths during different seasons and for special events – working with charities and arts organisations as well as churches: "Through the pandemic, when the lockdown restrictions have allowed, I have still been able to create a few beach labyrinths, plus a daffodil labyrinth I created in Tresillian Churchyard over the winter which bloomed this spring. "I created one labyrinth last autumn at Porthcurnick as a fundraiser for Mind on World Mental Health Day, while in recent weeks I created one at Par for Kneehigh Theatre's Random Acts

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of Art and in Newquay for a Youth Art Connects event which featured activities sharing the therapeutic benefits of art with young people and families." While labyrinths, like the one at Chartres Cathedral, have stood for centuries, Andrew's creations are more transitory – lasting until the tide comes in. To see more of his beach labyrinths, go to the Beach Labyrinth Facebook page.

If you have a seaside parish with a beach, would you be interested in partnering with us to host a pilot Beach Labyrinth in Devon? Andrew said, "I'm very willing and able to work with a small team from your church or community group to put these on with you, to host one in your area."

Please email Jon Curtis, Diocese of Exeter Lay Discipleship Advisor if you are interested in hosting a beach labyrinth this autumn or next summer.



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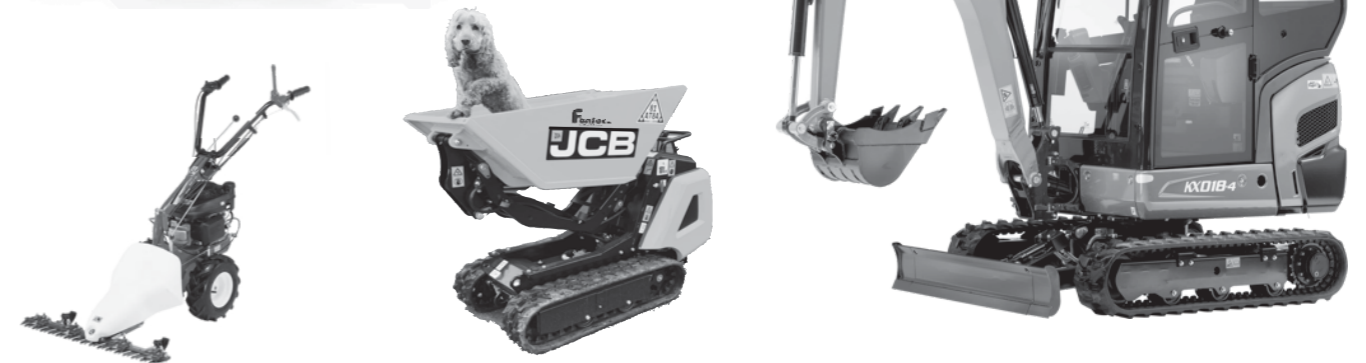
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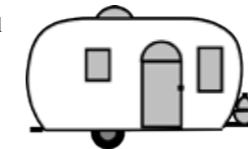
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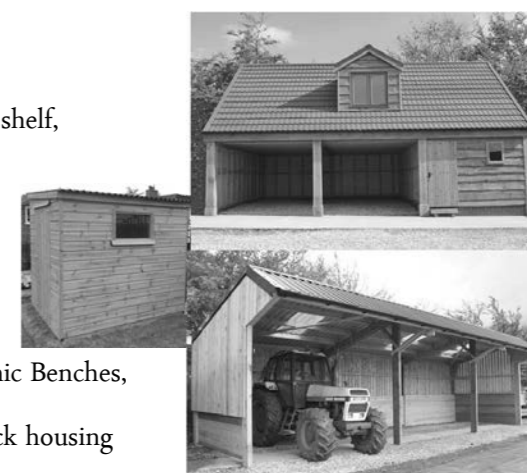
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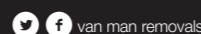
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