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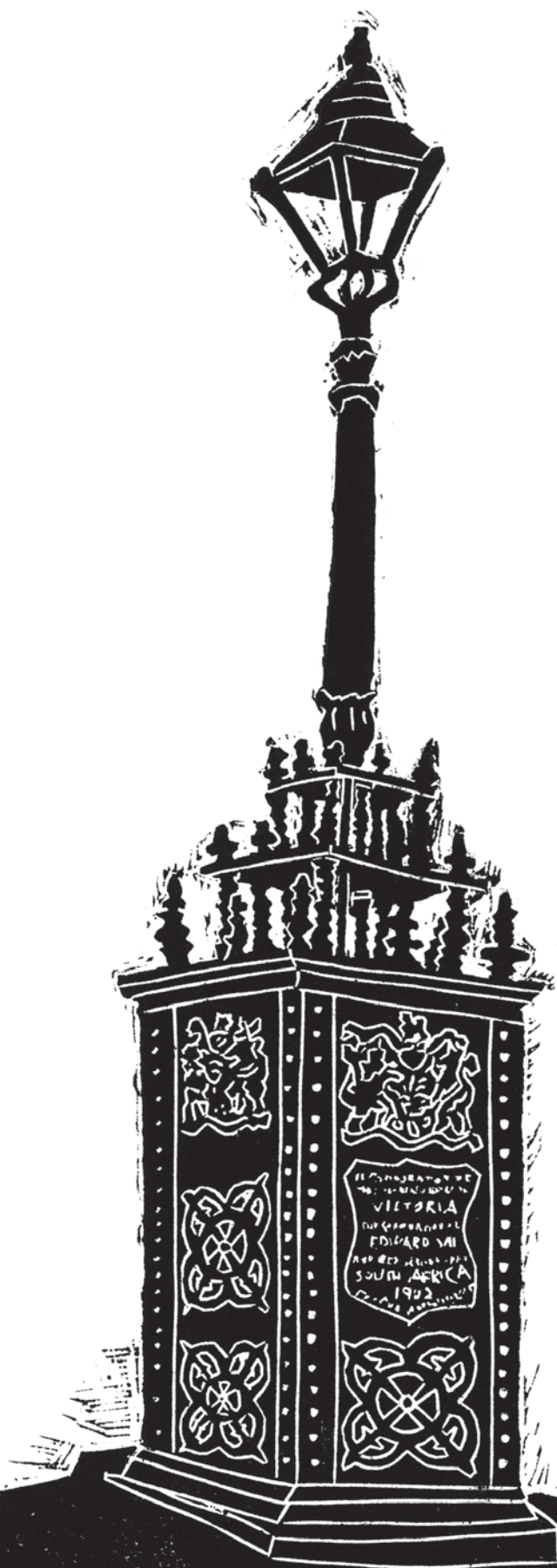
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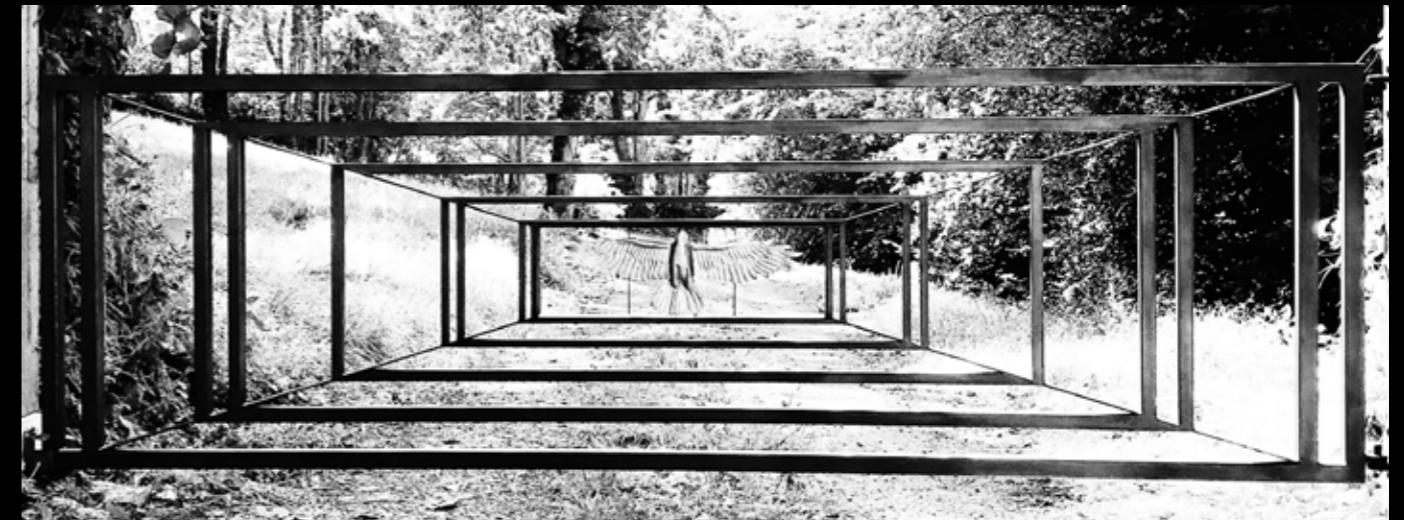
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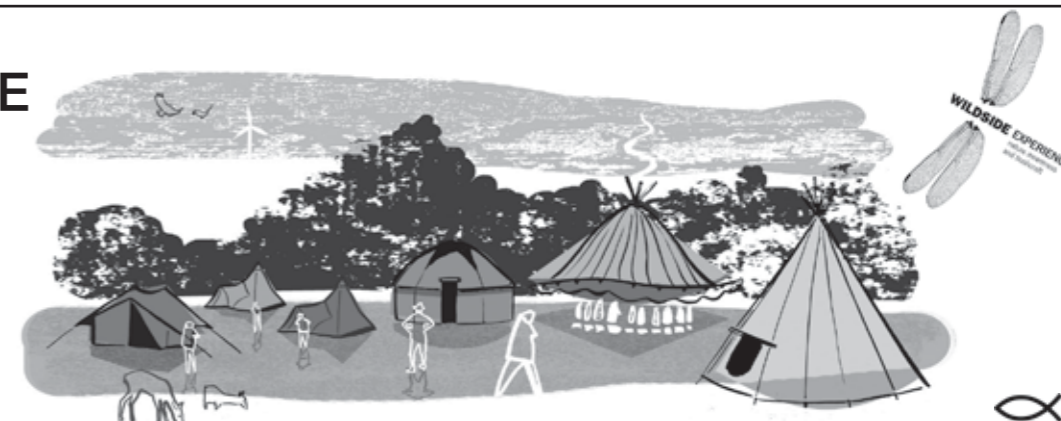
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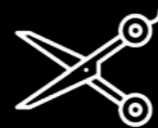
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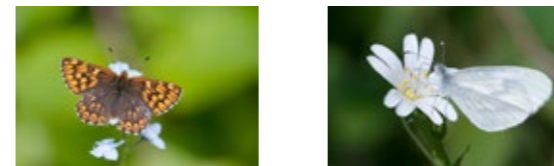
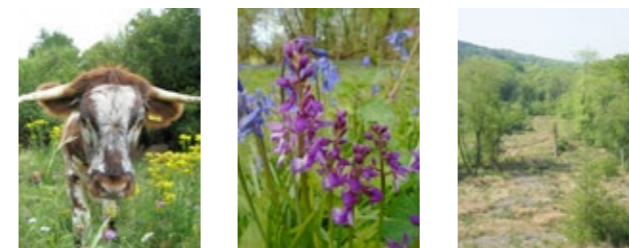


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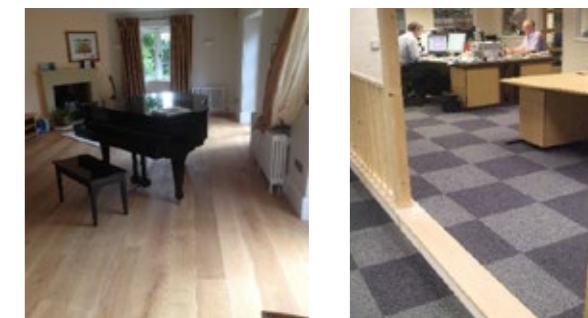
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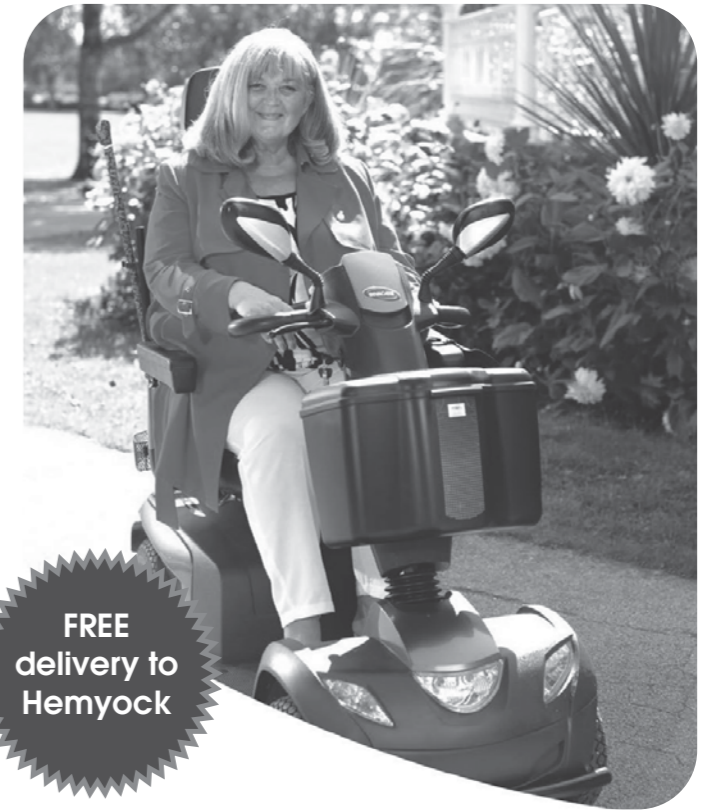


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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Wednesday 2 Feb Candlemas	7.30pm All Saints, Culmstock Wednesday Worship For Candlemas			
Sunday 6 February 5 th Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 13 February 6 th Sunday of Epiphany		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 20th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning worship	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 27th February Sunday before Lent		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion service

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Wed 2nd March Ash Wednesday	7.30pm All Saints, Culmstock United benefice communion service + imposition of ashes			
Sunday 6th March 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Café Church: Church room <i>Coffee and pancakes</i>
Sunday 13th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 20th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	3.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 27th March 4 th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday		10.00am Family Communion	10.00am Family Morning Worship	11.00am Family Communion

In addition: A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am.

On the 4th Tuesday (**22 February**) it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer. All services are contemporary in style, unless designated 'Traditional'

Wednesday Worship: Benefice worship and prayer at Culmstock, 7.30-9.00pm: Wednesday 2 February

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

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Looking Forward

As we approach the end of January, which can seem a long month, while walking my dog I see snowdrops in the hedges and banks, the buds are fattening up on the trees, and the birds are singing loudly we feel a certain lightness in the air. This all collectively points towards the spring, which will come even though it teases us by having cold spells just when we think winter is over and spring in here. I find when we seem to go back into winter, like the cold spell we have just had as I am writing this, with frosty windscreens and icy roads, suddenly the weather is warmer and we sigh and feel 'spring is here!'

I am an eternal and incurable optimist, but at the same time I do wish that when it finally does arrive, spring wouldn't go quite so fast! You wait and wait for the plants to blossom and then you blink and they are going over.

This is a bit like Lent and Easter. We travel through Lent which although lasts only forty days, can seem a long time, but we are looking forward to the gloriousness of Easter. I wait with impatience for the blossoming of the spring shrubs in my garden, and when the Exochorda eventually comes fully out I think how it has survived the winter and windy weather to put on this show, and I spend time looking at it when I should be weeding, or mowing the grass!

We have much to look forward to this year, with the dreaded virus apparently waning, and the warmer weather when we shall be able to enjoy our gardens and generally seeing our families and friends again.

Katharine Simpson

 Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

St Mary's Hemyock

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Carols in the Churchyard

Showers did nothing to deter those who met at St Mary's Church for Carols in the Churchyard. Led by Rev Canon Becky Totterdell assisted by Helen Williams over 100 people gathered under umbrellas on Christmas Eve afternoon to sing well loved carols whilst young people brought the figures to the Crib prior to its blessing by the Rector.



Music was supplied by Ron White and Liz and Piers Langdon. It is hoped this will become an annual event as it proved to be very popular.

A collection was taken for The Children's Society raising £188.98 adding into that money from the Candle boxes and a donation, £292.48p has been sent to the charity.

Following the service many people took advantage of viewing the church Christmas decorations and the art installation of cows and calves from the Lights Brigade celebration of Hemyock Calf Club Centenary.



Christmas Fair

Masks were the order of the day when St Mary's church with Culm Davy chapel held their Christmas fair. Due to the high rate of Covid and chickenpox in the village the organisers left it almost to the last moment in deciding whether or not to go ahead with the annual event which raised over £1,123 for funds.

Opened by Elizabeth McNabb, Manager of the Blackdown Support Group the sale attracted a steady stream of visitors to the Parish Hall throughout the afternoon who were able to support the variety of stalls including cakes to plants, Christmas gifts to water or wine, preserves to tombola and raffles whilst delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

The afternoon closed with carol singing accompanied by Ron White on accordion. Churchwarden and organiser David Bawler said "The afternoon proved to be highly successful and with so many village events being cancelled due to the present concerns it was a joy to see so many people enjoying themselves and supporting the local church and chapel by helping raise a wonderful amount".

The highly enjoyable day ended with people visiting green 'Mr Grinch' on a housing estate and the amazing Lights Brigade parade through the main area of the village which this year featured Hemyock Calf Club Centenary from which the YFC was formed.

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Just after Christmas we were asked if we were still collecting aid for cr2ee Moldova. The answer was a resounding yes please! Since then and following a number of queries from local people and those further afield we have received a huge number of items including a parcel from the Reading area!

Here is just a flavour of goods received - blankets, duvets, sleeping bags, scooters, baby clothes, embroidery kits, knitting needles and wool, adult and children's clothes from socks to an adult sheepskin coat, dolls, jigsaw, toiletries and make up, colouring books with crayons and pencils, curtains, footwear, high chairs and of course knitted squares some individual and some in strips of 5 all sewn into different size blankets.

If you have anything you no longer need that's in good condition and would like to donate please do get in touch and if you are not able to deliver to 4 South View it is possible we may be able to collect.

With thanks for your continuing support,

David and Janice
07773579809
jrbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk



1st Hemyock Brownies

Urgent appeal

Despite an appeal for helpers with our local Brownie group no one has come forward. As a past leader I know how much enjoyment both youngsters and adults can experience from all the activities that are available and feel sad that a group formed in 1943 appears to be facing closure. Please do give some thought as to whether or not this is something you would consider helping with and contact Anne for a chat.

The present leader Anne Leigh-Mallory writes:

Running the Brownies at Hemyock was one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done in my life. The feeling of fun from such a lovely group of girls never failed to cheer me up. Taking them on adventures and trying new things is so rewarding. The Girl Guides now has a very coherent program that is easy to follow and takes girls through all the stages Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. They achieve goals and gain badges but mainly enjoy the company of a club away from school. There are many things that can be done with a unit such as camps, nights away and music festivals run by the organisation, the sky is the limit. However the best way to run a unit is with a team where everyone can pitch in and do the things that play to their strengths and they enjoy. It is just too much for 1 or 2 individuals but a whole lot of fun with a group. So if Hemyock Brownies is ever going to restart we need to get a group together of people who want to see Brownies in the village again. Its not just running the sessions, there are other roles as well keeping on top of paper work, liaising with new starters, finance, etc. If you would like to find out more then do get in touch.

My phone number is 01925 125516 or via facebook
Anne Leigh-Mallory

Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to the people in & around Prowses for their kindness shown to Bill Venn in the last months of his life.
David R Dainton (stepson)

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St Mary’s Church Open Day
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Tell us how the Church can help you!

More information in the next pump

Poppy Club



A new Poppy Club is starting on **Thursday 17 February, 10am to 12noon at St Mary’s Church, Hemyock** to knit or crochet poppies for the next display in

November. Come along to the new friendly group of knitters/crocheters. We may have some wool, needles, hooks and wool if you need them. All abilities and styles of poppies welcome.

Meetings will be held on 3rd Thursday each month in St Mary’s Church. Help will be available if required and of course plenty of tea, coffee and cake.

Sponsorship – if anyone wishes to make a contribution towards the cost of wool, netting, etc please contact either Lynn or Tracey. We can make about 30 poppies from a 100gm ball costing about £2. As you can gather we need 100s to make a display. Alternatively, contributions of any spare needles, hooks or wool (double knit red, black, purple or white) most welcome.

If you have any queries please contact Lynn Taylor 680104 or Tracey Hyman 680641.

Reflections on starting the FICM

What is it?

It is the foundational year course for Lay ministry in the Church of England.

So what?

Having moved to Hemyock a year ago and being welcomed so warmly at St Mary’s church, my husband and I considered learning more about the bible, Christian spirituality and doctrine.

We had come from a chapel evangelical background for most of our married life and have always enjoyed leading worship so we were pleased to be recommended and accepted onto the course. The study days are in Exeter every other month and have been a welcome challenge after the restrictions of COVID. We’ve met up with 30 others from all over Devon and have received high quality teaching. We are in small tutor groups which are supportive and meet on zoom.

What if?

Yes, what if this expands my thoughts on the bible and builds upon how our forefathers have taught us in our various traditions of worship? I’d never realised there was so much to learn! For example, I’d never heard of the Desert Fathers and Mother’s who were part of the early Christian church who ‘fled’ to the desert areas in Egypt to live as hermits and devote themselves to a very harsh life. They had fled from a church community which, after persecution in the early years AD, had become complacent. I have been struck by how some of the ‘sayings of the desert fathers’ can be a message for all of us now.

For example, Abba Moses said “go and sit in your cell and your cell will teach you everything”. Ha ha! Yes, charity does begin at home! If we consider the cell as our life, where you are at present, then we all know how difficult it can be sometimes to be grateful for those circumstances. Yes, learning from our own situations and how we accept and deal with everyday pressures is as valid today as then.

Now what?

A book, not on our course reading list (but should be!) lent to me recently describes the Strength of the Hills and I have been fascinated by the Christian legacy we have in our beautiful Blackdown Hills. The men and women of simple faith who met in many small chapels in harsh countryside and set the scene and faith journeys of many families who live here now. Lastly I have learnt that we are all on a journey of faith and the more we are neighbourly about this the better!

Liz Langdon

Thank you

The Kunda family would like to thank all those that supported our firework evening. The total of donations raised was £485.00 which has been donated to the Hemyock lights brigade.

Many Thanks, Shirley Kunda



A big thank you from The Lights Brigade

We were so pleased that on 4th December 2021 we were able once again to celebrate the start of the winter festivities by holding Hemyock’s sixth lights parade, an event focused around the centenary of Hemyock Calf Club.

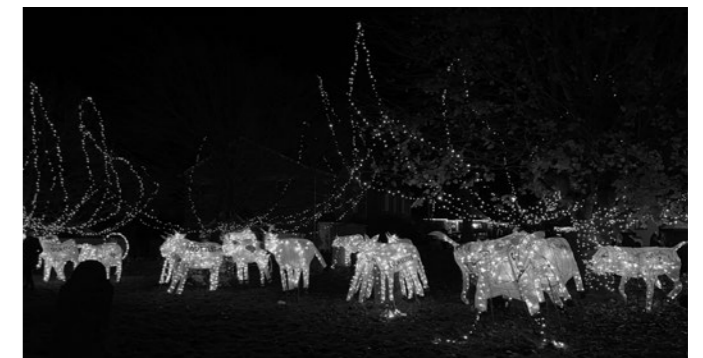
Behind the scenes it was a tricky thing to do. Our funds were depleted, having had to cancel all our fundraising events since 2019, Covid still loomed large and many of our lights and equipment needed replacing and repairing. But as is special in this village people rallied round, came out to help, put their hands in their pockets and with a great village theme we were off...

It is still amazing to think that the Young Farmers Club movement, with its 19,000 members across the UK today, began here in Hemyock a hundred years ago with 19 calves being reared by boys and girls in the Culm Valley and then judged and paraded through the streets of Hemyock a year later. Our mission was simple to recreate that 1921 parade of 19 calves! Easy to say... not so easy to achieve in a few short weeks of lantern making workshops, filmmaking and lights erecting - our biggest challenge yet! But with the help of you, our community, we got there, the roads were closed, food vendors and people came out in their droves and the spectacle came together.

Our thanks go to the Culm Valley Young Farmers (here’s to the next 100 years), to our stewards, makers, electricity givers, bedroom lenders, researchers, filmmakers, drone fliers... to Devon & Somerset Sweepers; Geoff at The Catherine Wheel; Gigaclear; Gary Barr; The History Group; Robin Porch; Hemyock Parish Council; St Mary’s Charity Shop; Cavanna Homes; Making Life Easier, Taunton; the Parish Hall; Piers Pepperell plus the many other people that donated and helped out.

Personally I’d like to thank the Lights Brigade committee who work tirelessly to make this event a safe, successful community experience. This year we will be looking for new blood to join us as we move forward – please get in touch or look out for info on this year’s AGM in spring. Talking of spring, we are aiming to have our usual live music fundraising event in the Parish Hall, the first since 2019, more information coming soon!

Tim Martin, Lights Brigade chair
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J. and J. a very happy couple in Castle Park.

THANK YOU!

Hemyock Christmas Club would like to thank each and every person who came and supported us at our 2021 event. Your generosity means that we were able to raise an amazing **£568.60.**



This amount will be split equally between our two charity's, The Devon Air Ambulance Trust and The Grand Appeal, the official Bristol Children's Hospital charity.



Hopefully we will be back later in the year for a fund raising event and of course, we can't wait to do it all again in December!!!

Hemyock Christmas Club

DEVON CPRE

The Voice for Devon's Countryside

Devon CPRE objects to 'flawed proposals' for a 174-acre solar farm on sensitive lowland plains in East Devon

The campaigning local environmental charity Devon CPRE has submitted a comprehensive 16-page objection to East Devon District Council, spelling out why a large solar development at Clyst Hydon should be refused (planning application 21-3120-MFUL).

The charity's latest objection to a solar farm in open countryside comes just weeks after it launched a Crowdfunder campaign to fight such applications across Devon - donations to the growing 'battle chest' already total more than £7,500. www.crowdfunder.co.uk/devon-cpre

The Clyst Hydon proposal comes hot on the heels of an application for a 69-acre solar farm over five fields at Axminster (Beavor Grange Solar Farm, planning application 21/2992/MFUL). It's expected an application will soon be made for another large solar farm near Whimble (Horton Solar Farm).

In mid-December, Lightrock submitted plans for a 49MW solar power plant in open countryside next to Peradon Farm at Clyst Hydon. Devon CPRE says the scale of the solar array and its infrastructure would harm the landscape and environment for the whole of its 40-year lifespan, while also removing seventeen pasture and arable fields from food production.

In its detailed objection to EDDC, Devon CPRE says the Planning Statement and documents submitted in support of the application contain many unsubstantiated assertions and inconsistencies. For example, there's no evidence to support the claim that the solar farm would power approximately 15,000 homes and offset approximately 21,000 te of CO2 emissions per year, nor is there a proper ecological impact assessment.

The proposed solar farm at Clyst Hydon would include:

- 76,032 solar panels - the total length of the arrays is about 43 km / 26 miles
- 21 inverters in large industrial containers
- 1 substation measuring 50m x 70m
- 12.2km / over 10 miles of two-metre-high security fencing
- more than 130 CCTV cameras
- about 3.7km / 2.3 miles of tracks made of nearly 4,000m3 of stone.

Devon CPRE energy spokesperson Dr Phillip Bratby says, "This proposal would result in the industrialisation of 174 acres of farmland extending about one mile from north to south and 1.3 miles from east to west. Robust information must be

provided before such an important planning decision can be made, one that will affect the landscape and the environment for decades.

"The applicant has not calculated the CO2 emissions directly and indirectly produced by the solar farm (its carbon footprint). These include the CO2 emissions produced during the mining, processing, refining, manufacture and transport of all major components and the construction, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of all components. All these factors must be calculated as part of a whole life carbon assessment."

Paytherden residents have set up a community campaign page, Paytherden Solar Grass Not Glass paytherden.co.uk

Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills says, "We are a small, independent charity fighting these solar farms application by application and they are coming thick and fast across the county. In East Devon alone, we are facing the prospect of three new ones - two currently in the pipeline at Clyst Hydon and Axminster - and one expected to be submitted soon near Whimble. Across the whole of Devon we are losing thousands of acres of farmland that we need for food production, a far better use of our land in this country than inefficient solar panels. We have to act now, before it's too late. If you support our cause, please become a member or donate to our Crowdfunder www.crowdfunder.co.uk/devon-cpre".

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BSG Lunch Club	First Wednesday of every month at 12.30pm, come and enjoy a low cost, nutritious and freshly-cooked two course meal. Contact Blackdown Support Group (01823) 681036		
Memory Café	Second Tuesday of the month, tea, coffee, company and gentle activities for anyone affected by memory loss and their carers. 10.30am – 12pm Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687		

Monday	Yoga	6.15pm – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
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Blackdown Support Group

Six Reasons Why Volunteering is Good for You.



1. Connecting you with others

If you are feeling lonely, isolated, or just want to widen your social circle, volunteering in your local community is an important and often fun way to meet people. In fact, volunteering is an important and interesting way to meet people who you might not normally connect with: people from different age groups, ethnicities or social groups. Because volunteering is open to everyone, it allows you to meet a wide variety of people from all sorts of walks of life.

2. Building self-confidence and self-esteem

Doing good for others and the community helps to create a natural sense of accomplishment and fulfilment. Working as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity, helping to boost your self-confidence further by taking you out of your natural comfort zone and environment.

Volunteering can help you to feel better about yourself, which you can then take back to your 'regular' routine, hopefully creating a more positive view of your own life and future goals.

3. Positive impact on physical health...

Volunteering has distinct health benefits that can boost your mental and physical health. There is a growing body of evidence suggesting that people who give their time to others might benefit from lower blood pressure and a longer lifespan.

Carrying out volunteer work can increase physical activity among those who aren't normally very active, and can also reduce stress.

4. ...and mental health

When it comes to volunteering being important for mental health, the benefits are clear. It can help counteract the effects of stress, depression and anxiety. The social contact aspect of helping others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being.

Volunteering keeps you in contact with others and helps you develop a support system, which helps combat feelings of loneliness and depression. Finally, volunteering boosts mental health simply because it makes you happier; known as 'helper's high'. Human beings are hard-wired to give to others, and by measuring so-called brain activity and happiness hormones, researchers have found that being helpful to others can deliver great pleasure.

5. Giving you a sense of purpose

Because volunteering means choosing to work without receiving monetary compensation, people often choose to give their time to issues or organisations they feel are important or have a special connection to. Blackdown Support Group is an organisation that helps members of your local community, connecting local people and keeping rural communities and spirit thriving.

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- Practical guidance
- Digital and technical support
- Keeping you company by telephone
- Dog walking
- Arranging hot meals



Can you help?

If you might be able to help others with the above please get in touch, we are looking to recruit new volunteers in locations across the Blackdown Hills.

Please contact us on 01823 681036 or d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net

You can try volunteering at any age to help build a sense of purpose, but it's often particularly common in older adults – those that have retired or maybe lost a partner or friends. Whatever your age of life story, volunteering can be an important technique to help give your life renewed meaning and direction!

6. Focussing the mind

One other benefit of volunteering is that focusing on others can give us a deeper sense of perspective and help distract us from negative thoughts. Volunteering often involves helping those in need and can be useful in showing us that, in fact, we are pretty lucky.

Why should I volunteer for Blackdown Support Group?

It's clear the benefits of volunteering are huge – improved physical and mental health, new friends and avoiding loneliness, a sense of purpose and deeper self-confidence. In turn, all of these things will help to boost your overall happiness: a win-win situation for all involved.

If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer with us, please contact Blackdown Support Group on 01823 681036 or email d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net. We are looking for volunteers in locations across the Blackdown Hills and would love to hear from you.

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Hemyock History Group

The talk in December was given by John Ward, a Hemyock resident, who has held the national collection of Gentians and other Alpine plants. John has also been a lifelong Mason and gave a fascinating presentation on the History of the Masons including a film of the activities at a Lodge meeting with all the masons wearing their appropriate regalia.

The Masons originated as the masonry experts who built our Cathedrals. Every large church building will have a keystone at the east end of the building showing the initials of the master mason. One has to contemplate the effect that these magnificent buildings had on the normal person in the mediaeval era. This is why so many of the elite travelled huge distances to celebrate the awe of standing in the nave and looking up through the highest window. When the Saxons arrived here at Taunton Vale in 710 led by Ina they fought the Celts up on the Blackdown Hills led by Simon, the Viking, who died and was buried at Simonsbarrow. Ina celebrated by travelling to Rome, not an easy journey in those days. In fact Ina retired to Rome in 926, to spend the remainder of his life in the great city. He did leave a plaque in the central aisle of the nave of Wells Cathedral, so that we wouldn't forget him.

One of Ina's descendants, Athelstan, is reputed to have formed the first Masons meeting in 931 and there are documents purportedly showing the minutes of this meeting. However, either because they wanted to maintain a secrecy pact or the organisation fell apart it was not until 1717 when we have documented proof of the rules and the continuous record of the meetings of the Lodge of Freemasons held in the Goose and Gridiron pub in St Paul's Churchyard. The first law of the freemasons is that you must accept that there is a Higher Authority. They initially elected an Anthony Sayer as the oldest Master Mason and then Master of the Lodge as its Grand Master agreeing to hold a Grand Feast once a year and commanded the Master and Wardens of Lodges to meet the Grand Officers every Quarter in communication as the only two purposes of the Lodges.

The growth of the Lodges in England progressed from 1717 with some 7,000 Lodges now in existence with many more in Scotland, Ireland and Wales who have their own Grand Masters. Freemasons started up in France in 1722 with the 300th anniversary celebrated in France this year. This very quickly moved around Europe, Russia (remember Pierre Bezukhov in War and Peace where Tolstoy describes Freemasonry as a Christian secret society with firm beliefs in scripture and a single deity and with strong connections with politically influential individuals). We can understand how beneficial such an organisation of fellowship is for men with a support network to assist individual masons who find themselves in difficulties in either business or personal life. John described the various levels or degrees that one must go through as one progresses through the Masons.

We were privileged to have Michael Bowerman give our talk in January on the family history of the Bowermans and their 400 year residence in Hemyock.

The Bowerman family have connections to the Isle of Wight, owning what became Osborne House in the early days, John Russell who became the first Earl of Bedford, and various Merchant Adventurer activities in the Caribbean and Spain. We started with the Dissolution of the Monasteries when Dunkeswell Abbey was taken over by Henry VIII's men in 1539 with the Monks

being dispersed and the property and land taken by the Crown and given to the Kings new favourite John Russell, who was made Baron Russell by the King in late 1538. He was first noticed at Court when Archduke Philip of Austria and Juana his wife (King and Queen of Castile) were shipwrecked off Weymouth, and he escorted the royal couple to the English court in London. From then on John Russell was on an upward trajectory. John Ley was the last Abbot of Dunkeswell and he seems to have married into the Bowermans after leaving Dunkeswell Abbey and becoming the Vicar of Sheldon and Sainthill. One of the other Monks given a pension by the King when they left the Abbey was a William Boreman, although he had to travel to London to receive it. Another William Bowerman is reported as the sub Dean of Wells Cathedral. It was about this time that the Bowerman family moved from the Isle of Wight to Hemyock and settle in Whitehall Manor where they stayed in residence for over 400 years. Various members of the family became involved in overseas expeditions as did many families around the West Country. Either by simply financing expeditions or actually fitting out a ship, raising a crew and sailing off west in search of gold, silver or goods to trade back in England. Lawrence, Hugh and Simon begin to build up the Hemyock Bowermans status as merchants during the reign of Elizabeth. In 1548 Lawrence has begun to establish himself as a merchant trader in Spain and has to act in support of the men of San Sebastian who stand accused of piracy along with Robert Tyndall a merchant of Bristol residing in San Sebastian. This town in the North of Spain is still one of the most desirable locations for wealthy Spaniards where Juan Carlos, the old King and his family are known to reside when not in Dubai, or shooting in North Devon.

Lawrence married Katherine Cardwell, of Spanish descent and continued trading between Devon and Spain, moving down to Exmouth. Lawrence has documented that around this time the Spanish sailors in San Sebastian were taking the ropes and sails from the English ships with the purpose of fitting out Spanish galleons ready for 1588 and Philip's Grand Armada. Simon, meanwhile appears to have sited himself around Greenwich and close to the financial centre of England, with Hugh a factor in Spain and Lawrence a factor in Devon. Michael has made available many copies of the original documents he has unearthed of the Bowerman activities in the various trading locations on both sides of the Atlantic including Cartagena in Columbia, South America. Hugh eventually moves to Southern Spain to Seville and has a magnificent memorial statue in an Andalusian cemetery.

One of the attendees of the History meeting was a Julia Spencer who lives opposite the Pump and who has published a book of her time living with her family in a mountain village in Andalusia where they experienced extreme criminal activities against them, all described in her book Calamares and Corruption, copies of which can be obtained from Julia.

We have another Hemyock resident talking at our February 17th meeting, when Chris Western will be talking about the 1893 Polar expedition and on March 17th Colin Spackman a local historian will be talking about local History.

STOP PRESS

A gold coin from Henry III was found in a Hemyock field and auctioned at Spinks recently. A full description is available at blackdownarchives.org.uk.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners' Association meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Members enjoy lively evenings of inspirational talks, refreshments and friendship. 2022 has brought a rise from £5 to £7.50. This is due to increasing costs for speakers and their expenses.

There has not been an increase for many years and a rise would have been inevitable sooner or later. There is an exciting schedule planned for the year and a long awaited trip away for a weekend in Essex. We intend to hold our Spring Show on Saturday 2 April and Show Schedules should be available at our February meeting on Wednesday 9 February. Entrance is £1 on the day which includes refreshments. Guests are most welcome to join us.

The weather has been grey and drab or bright and cold so just as well the garden is relatively quiet. For seasonal gardening tips you can check the Gardeners' website www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk. If you want to contact us call 01823 681393 or email enquiries@hemyockgardeners.org.uk

Susan Scantlebury, Secretary, Hemyock Gardeners' Association.

Valley Arts

Happy New Year! We were pleased that Valley-Arts managed to get together in 2021 with the Murder Mystery Evening in December.



And despite the worries of Omicron, people still came for an evening of entertainment and fun, we all enjoyed good food, drink and company. It was an excellent evening, with everyone entering into the festive spirit, wearing Christmas hats, socks, ties, jumpers, earrings etc. The Xmas Kitchen Elves set the scene singing Christmas songs with Zelda around the piano.

The cast put on a good performance and Jacquie, Jessica and Shirley's table managed to solve the mystery. There were a couple of worrying moments when Chris P and Andy couldn't make the performance for covid reasons, but thankfully Gary stepped in to help in November and Tom Sinclair saved the evening by stepping in on the day of the performance!

They did an excellent job at short notice and Valley-Arts are very grateful to them both.

The rest of the cast consisted of the Valley-Arts regulars: Gillian, Alison, Hilary, Julie, Sue, Ben, Geoff and Chris W. We were also pleased to welcome Helen and Kevin, it is really encouraging that they are all keen to be in future productions. Gillian raised a toast to our absent friends, Elaine, Tony and Julie, they were all an important part of our group and we miss them very much.

Plans are underway for a committee meeting in February to discuss future plans for Valley-Arts. A few new people are interested in joining the group this year, if you think you would also like to participate in any way, don't hesitate to contact Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Sally at sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk. Or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com Come and see what it's all about you will be most welcome.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

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.

Longmead Field

TREASURER WANTED

LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

Can you help?

The Longmead Management Group is seeking a new Treasurer. The role includes the collection of fees, record keeping and compiling a short report for each meeting. There are four meetings each year held in the pavilion at Longmead. It is friendly and interesting group whose task is to oversee the running of the sports facilities and the environmental area at Longmead

If you are interested please contact Tracy Leaman - 07805624253

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Around Hemyock

After the past couple of years, which has seen us all facing varying degrees of difficulties, it is good to have the platinum celebrations of HM The Queen to look forward to.

The Book of Hemyock (Clist and Dracott) mentions a number of celebratory past events. We read of The Coronation Committees pictured by the newly erected Parish Pump from 1911 and 1937 whilst the Silver Jubilee in 1935 of George V and Mary saw a service of Thanksgiving, sports for all including races, pillow fight and tug of war with free tea and refreshments and of course the parish celebrations for significant dates concerning Her Majesty. Looking back to 1952 there will be those who remember villagers taking part in country dances through the streets and other activities.

A weekend of events also took place as we marked the 50th anniversary VE Day - fete, street party with entertainment alongside the parish hall, a display in the Baptist Chapel, 1950s dance with a live band and church service with

VJ Day being commemorated with a church service and then tea in the Parish Hall. The Celebration of Peace Rose Garden alongside the War memorial was planted and roses donated to the Baptist Chapel and Primary School. Hopefully whatever celebrations take place in 2022 people will remember with joy as we celebrate the 70 years of The Queens reign.

The parish celebrations held during December almost seem like a distant memory but we will no doubt remember them with thanks after seeing the cancellation of so much. The Lights Brigade and their amazing cows and calves lanterns commemorating the centenary of Hemyock Calf Club (YFC), The Big Visit with Father Christmas and his elves bringing excitement and joy to so many children whilst raising funds for 2 worthwhile charities, The Grinch – so green!, the Christmas Fair and on Christmas Eve singing in the churchyard when, undeterred by showers, around 100 people sang well loved carols, the crib was blessed and money raised for The Children's Society. This proved to be very popular and many have asked for it to become an annual event. Thanks must also go to the many folk who decorated their homes with wonderful light displays.

Do you remember the floods on Christmas Day? We had just finished tea when we discovered the roads both here and in Culmstock were proving difficult to get through. Never have we seen David's sister pack up her gifts and drive away so quickly! She has a small car so was very concerned about returning to Wellington. After watching others drive through the water she took the plunge (sorry!) and was soon safely at home. I'm sure there have been many over the years who have done the same.

Looking through the Book of Hemyock prior to writing this brought back numerous December memories – Very deep snow and the village being cut off (fun for children but not for adults), pantomime trips and Christmas parties with entertainment organised by the Milk Factory (at one my cousin Sheila and I sang a song from Calamity Jane), at Christmas turkeys etc being taken to the bakers oven, (behind the PO) to cook as too large for many domestic ovens and a school production featuring costumes through the ages. I was dressed as a Victorian mother with **John Lawrence (Penny's brother)** and **Rosemary Hurd (now Mrs Alford at Uffculme School)** as my children. Arranged by our teacher **Mavis Clist** people may remember amongst

others **Brian Doble, Raymond Drew, Maureen Granger, Gwen Kallaway, Tom Fouracre, Keith Gammon** and the late **Roy Perrot** (husband of Doreen). Each group had to hold the date they were from but Roy's card was a large question mark as he represented the future and a space traveller! Little did we know how true that would become. Hopefully our young people will also retain happy memories of things that happen here.

We send best wishes to all those who are unwell or recovering from illness including Barbara, Mary, Wendy and those who are still seeing the effect of Covid.

We remember the family and friends of **Ann Simmons** who passed away recently. Many will remember **Barbara (nee Watson)** whose family lived on the Eastlands estate and were saddened to her of her death. We send condolence and love to all including our Editor, **James and his family**, on the death of his Step Father after a very short illness.

Alan Craig – many will be aware that Alan visited family over the Christmas period when unfortunately he fell whilst getting up from a chair and although he hadn't injured himself he was checked over at hospital and it was discovered he needs a heart value replacement. As I write he remains in hospital and is cheerful but BORED!

It is possible Alan may need to move hospitals for the operation so his daughter **Lesley has asked that anyone wishing to send him a card/ letter send it to her at Appletrees, Spring Lane, Cambrook, Warwickshire. CV35 9HN. Emails can be sent to lesley.goodhead@aol.com. Tel 01926 289331.**

It's good to hear about the activities of the Skatepark and Blackdown Community Shed and all good wishes to them for further success.

Many will enjoy, during the coming two months half term, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and Mothering Sunday. February seems a busy time for birthdays including **Geraldine Marke**, in her early 90's, **Meg, Jackie, Bonnie, Emma** and in our house **David** and **Cheyenne**. Warm congratulations to Chris and Shirley who will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary.

This page depends on support from parishioners so please do let us have any news you would like to share as the Pump not only gets delivered locally but is sent to many past residents who like to read of things happening here.

Best wishes,

Janice
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Longmead Management Group Meeting

The Longmead Management Group will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday 28th March at 19.00 at the Longmead pavilion. Please pop along if you would like to join us.

Longmead Environmental Project

Did you get what you wanted for Christmas? I did! The strange assemblage of packages and tubes on Christmas morning revealed an Austrian scythe, complete with an impressive blade and sharpening kit. My dear better half had contacted Andi Rickard, our local scything expert, and secured for me her last scythe.



So now I have my own kit to scythe at Longmead..... and more good news, we will be able to buy up to three more for other volunteers to use, as we have been fortunate to get a community support award from mid Devon via councillor Ray Radford. Late Spring and Summer scything is now a real possibility.

We have also been fortunate to have been successful in the application for wildlife hedging plants from the Woodland Trust. In early March, a large delivery of hawthorn, blackthorn, elder, rowan, hazel, dog rose and crab apple will arrive ready to go into the ground. They should provide a rich harvest for wildlife and humans in five to ten years time - elderberry or crab apple jelly, sloe gin, dog-rose hip syrup... so much to love. In the meantime the ground needs to be prepared, and once the trees are planted they will need to be mulched and protected with tree guards. So, we will need as much volunteer support as possible. Do you feel like being part of that group? For those using social media, keep a look-out on the Hemyock Community page for dates and times. At the moment the weekends at the beginning and the end of half term (12th-13th and 19th-20th February) are pencilled in for the ground prep.

The pond has been well and truly replenished from the recent deluges that Hemyock has been subject to over the last three months. In fact at one point St Margaret's Brook, which flows through the area, was flowing so well that the raised beds were half submerged. Work has been done by the volunteers (a special thanks to the DofE lads), and the raised beds have been weeded, more reed mace pulled from the pond, a few bulbs have been planted by the new bridge and long grass removed from around young shrubs and trees.

We know that Spring is on it's way and it won't be too long before the pond is wriggling with tadpoles. Longmead environmental area is a great place to observe nature over the year, and appreciate the cycle of life. See you there!

Trish Slater

Poets Corner

A poem written after a short stay in a care home in 2019 (or was it 2018), I have nothing but good memories...

SUNSET DAYS

I dream of long sunlit days
That slip golden eased by care,
Made homely by God's gift of love,
The joy of laughter and of song.

But unbid dimming cloud and mists roll in,
To blot the memory,
Confuse the mind,
Think hard to recall,
Who I was-I am;

Is this the Sunset of 'The Home'
"Why am I here?"
If I but knew!

I could find the home I crave,
Answer questions in the faces here.

Who?, What?, Me?, Where?, Here?;
Yes this is 'home', where firm strong hand,
A the soothing music of the voice,
Smooth the hard work of care,
So each day God's Earthbound Angels
Do God's work of love.

For me, these days, encountering the natural world in real life is a treat that deserves Sunshine even on a dull day, It was written in February 2018, I don't know why!...

MOONLIGHT ON WATER

For eons past, the waterfall,
Has fallen through endless days,
Of cold and snow and heat,
And on moonlit nights,
Beneath the trees,
Light filters to the falling stream,
Sparkling white,
And is swallowed in a pool
Of blackest night;
Then, quiet flows on.

David Palmer

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

We are offering you all to attend our next **Blackdown Hills Repair Café at the Parish Hall in Hemyock on the 26th March 2022 from 10am until 1.00pm** where you are able to bring all your items in need of repair, and enjoy a range of delicious refreshments which will be on sale from our tea room.

Stephan - Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783 or at: sfelehner@aol.com.

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)

The trustees managing the hall premises have been keen to improve both the building and the equipment available. During last year, the external woodwork and doors have received a few coats of fresh paint, and a number of glazing units have been replaced in the windows due to the seals having 'popped'. We've also added a cupboard in the bar area so that glasses can be stored there, rather than having to be carried from upstairs each time they are required, and purchased ten round tables for a further option for use during parties, functions etc...

We're also continuing to plan further improvements to the children's playpark, and hope that we shall soon replace the fence along the Culmbridge Road perimeter.

The pandemic played havoc with Christmas and New Year bookings and caused the cancellation of the January market. We can only hope that this current variant burns itself out soon, and that we can return to a more normal social calendar.



The committee recently presented Denis Gubb with a signed card and a gift voucher as a token of our appreciation of everything Denis (and Pam) did whilst involved with the hall committee, not just contributing to the meetings as a trustee (and chairman) over many many years, but carrying out many essential tasks that saved the hall a great deal of money. We shall always be extremely grateful.

In just a few short months, the hall committee will once more convene its AGM, and we shall need some new trustees and also a new treasurer. The trustees maintain the asset that is the parish hall and the field, and would love to see some new (dare I say possibly younger) faces helping us to manage. If you feel able to commit to a few hours meeting every two months or so, and to help occasionally, or you think you know someone else who may be interested, we'd love to hear.

Bob Hawkes (bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com) 680047.

Hemyock Tennis Club

Happy New Year. We mustn't think too far ahead, especially in these strange times, but in just a few short weeks, Spring will be upon us, and our thoughts will turn to longer days and another summer season. Thankfully, the recent outbreak of the omicron variant of the pandemic didn't interrupt our tennis, but it caused the cancellation of our Christmas social in January and the much delayed AGM planned for last November. The likelihood now is that we will hold our 2022 AGM somewhere around the usual time in April, and review both 2020 and 2021 at the same time. (In November, we planned to present a flower arrangement to Julie Steed in appreciation of her time as chair, but as the AGM was cancelled, presented the arrangement anyway, but at home).

Pavilion: The club is free to use the Longmead pavilion, (although if we need access to the kitchen / meeting room, we must make a booking). The 'tennis room' (through the double doors) can be used by club members at any time whilst the courts are in use, as can both the inside and outside toilet. It can be difficult to fill water bottles from the tap over the toilet wash basin, so please make sure that you always bring adequate refreshment to the court.

Coaching: Junior coaching is very well attended and Dan Sizer is doing great work with the youngsters. Although some age groups may be oversubscribed, it's worth registering interest with Dan because as the older juniors move school or college, openings are created further down the ladder. Julie Steed (steedjulie52@gmail.com) has been coordinating adult coaching on Friday mornings, which has proved very beneficial and enjoyable to those taking part. The good news is that there is room for more, so if you're interested, please contact Julie and give it a try. Of course, Dan is also available for one to one (or group) coaching at other times, so if you feel that now is a good time for some pre season tweaks to your game, please get in contact either through the club or through Dan directly. (dansizer@hotmail.com)

Team Tennis: Although the Culm and Exe Valley Mens Winter League has been found challenging, there are still a few matches to be played, there remain a few friendlies with Upottery, Wellington, and Wiveliscombe. Some of the fixtures have been revised, so they'll be posted on the website and emails circulated with the contact details.

Racket Restringing: Malcolm Steer and Tim Julier are both able to help, and usually are able to return the racket within a week or so. Incidentally, it may surprise some (it certainly surprised me) to learn that rackets should be restrung about every 4 months or so, or when a string breaks of course.

Tennis Balls: Jerry Popham kindly buys tennis balls in bulk and is happy to supply to members at cost. The last delivery was priced at 8.80 for 2 tubes of 4, so pretty good value, and Jerry can make arrangements for collection from a convenient drop off point.

Social Events: No dates have yet been fixed, but pandemic willing, we would hope to get back to a full social calendar, with an open day, a 'Strawberry & Tennis' and a 'Mince Pies & Tennis' afternoon for 2022.

Bob Hawkes (Chairman) clubspark/Hemyocktennisclub



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Eighty Three!

Hello to you all and happy new year. 2022. It will be quite a year. Our Queens Platinum Jubilee and for Hemyock and Tonder in Denmark our fiftieth anniversary of friendship and camping together.

I recently received our monthly newsletter from Scout HQ in Gilwell, Essex. They suggest that we should all attempt a Queens Platinum Jubilee Challenge. It is as follows:

- Plant a tree for the Jubilee
- Light a beacon
- Arrange a big Jubilee lunch
- Take part in 'a million hands' (I think they mean to greet and meet people all over the world)
- Invite a local Quieens Scout to speak
- Nab the Platinum Jubilee badge
- Unite and celebrate
- Mail a thankyou letter

I am sure you have noticed what the first letter of each line spells. No prizes for guessing! So, as scouts we will all in every section be doing our best to achieve some if not all of the challenges. How about you, as honary members of 1st Hemyock? Give it a go!

Something else in the news letter caught my eye. I mentioned the new Squirrels section last year and we are told that nationally they are going well. I have been in touch with Akela Julie and she tells me that we have five new young leaders in training. Me thinks maybe we will have enough leaders to start a section in Hemyock. We shall see.

Our scout sections continue their meetings in this Spring term, with the emphasis being careful and vigilant under the current Plan B rules on Covid that apply to England. For Scouting it is called Yellow alert. Julie also reports that the group currently is doing well with 20 Beavers, 32 Cubs and 35 Scouts. So if we add on Explorers, Network and Leaders we are well over 100 strong. Old Skip Lowman is certainly proud of our success even though he joined the Scout Group in the Sky in 1998.

On to our Danish get together. Julie and her team are working hard on all the many arrangements needed to achieve our fiftieth year together which will be end of July beginning of August.

We are of course crossing our fingers that Covid in both England and Denmark does not spoil the party. We will be prepared and positive. I will give you a flavour of our get togethers over the next few months. Some of you older Hemyockians will remember the visits over the years. I shall start in 1972. In that year a group of 45 Danes travelled to England to join the Devon Scout Jamboree in Torbay. 1st Hemyock were there supposedly to host scouts from Morocco, but alas they were unable to make it. We hosted Tonder

Spieder Corps from Denmark instead. And as the saying goes, the rest is history. We move to 2016 which saw Hemyock and Tonder meet up in the UK under the leadership of Andy Batten and Kirsten Ellekjaer. We camped at Cloud Farm near Lynton in North Devon. There were many activities including trips to Dunster, Butlins in Minehead, beach in Lynmouth, Exter visit and a hog roast. I almost forgot and a steam train trip which, of course, Rikki thoroughly enjoyed! There we are just two of our twenty three camps together. Wlii have a look at some more next time.

And finally. From camp fire yarn no 28. Our World-wide Brotherhood. The Scout and Guide Movements have spread all over the world. In July 1939 there were over three million. (There are lots more now) Scouts were then in over fifty countries. So if you become a scout you join a great host of young people of many nationalities and you will have friends in every Continent. Baden Powell said at a Jamboree back in the 1920s at a closing speech Therefore before leaving you – "Will you do your best to make friends with others and peace in the world?"

I believe our friendship with many scouts and guides from Tonder in Denmark prove that we are doing our bit here at 1st Hemyock.

Here's hoping we all have a better and healthier 2022.

Bye for now.

Old Rikki

Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

I would be grateful if you could give me any information that will affect the details in the Parish Pump by the deadline. It does mean looking 2 months ahead which is not always easy! I hope this will give the village a more accurate and up-to-date Parish Pump magazine.

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

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

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

What's On February 2022

Tues 1	
Wed 2	BSG Lunch Club, FL 12.30
Thu 3	Taunton FM
Fri 4	
Sat 5	Tiverton, Church'ford, Wellington FM, Mobile Library, PH 9.55
Sun 6	
Mon 7	Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 8	Memory Club, BHLAC, 10.30 Tuesday Club PH 7.30
Wed 9	Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm Gardeners' PH 7.30
Thu 10	Taunton FM,
Fri 11	Empty Spaces, 10 – 11.30 am
Sat 12	Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmers' Markets
Sun 13	
Mon 14	
Tue 15	
Wed 16	Acorns FL, 2.30 – 4.15
Thu 17	Honiton and Taunton FM Mobile Library, PH 2.15 History Group CR 7.30
Fri 18	
Sat 19	HEMYOCK MARKET + Well F.M
Sun 20	
Mon 21	LOCAL SCHOOLS' HALF TERM to FEB. 25, incl. Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 22	
Wed 23	
Thu 24	Taunton F.M.
Fri 25	
Sat 26	Uffculme Farmers' Market
Sun 27	
Mon 28	

Weekly Meetings in Parish Hall, Forbes Lounge, Church Room & BHLAC

Day	Location	Time	Room
Sunday	Community Shed	10 – 4 pm	C Shed
Mondays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	10 - 12.30 noon	PH
	Art Group	10 - 12 noon	FL
	Community Shed	10 – 4 pm	C. Shed
	Badminton	1.30 – 3.30	PH
	Salsa DX Dance Exercise, Yoga	6.30 – 7.30 6.15 – 7.45	PH BHLAC
Tuesdays	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 - 12 noon	CR
	Yoga	9.30 – 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 – 7.30	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 - 3.15	PH
	Moirra Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 - 6.15	FL
Wednesdays	Pilates (2 classes)	6.00 – 7.15pm	BHLAC
Thursdays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	2 – 4 pm	PH
	Devon Dance Fit	7 – 8 pm	PH
Fridays	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 – 10.15am	BHLAC

These **WEEKLY** activities happen regularly each week with occasional breaks for Bank Holidays and school holidays. They will not be put into the "What's On" of the Parish Pump (as they are so regular) but fortnightly and monthly meetings will go into "What's On", **IF I AM NOTIFIED!**

Please contact me, **Sue Lambert, 680664 or sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com** if there are any alterations, or additions to this list.

- PH - Parish Hall
- FL – Forbes Lounge
- BHLAC – Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre
- C.SHED – Community Shed
- CR – Church Room

What's On March 2022

Tues 1	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 2	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30 Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 3	Taunton F.M
Fri 4	
Sat 5	Tiv'ton, Ch'ford,Well.F.M, Mobile Library PH, 9.55 "Wyndham Singers", Spring Concert, 7pm, Kentisbeare V.Hall
Sun 6	
Mon 7	Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 8	Memory Club, BHLAC, 10.30 Tues Club, PH, 7.30
Wed 9	"Empty Spaces" 2.30 – 4.00, BHLAC Gardeners' Meeting, PH, 7.30
Thu 10	Taunton F.M
Fri 11	Empty Spaces, 10.30 -12.00, BHLAC
Sat 12	Cull'ton, Yarcombe F.M,
Sun 13	
Mon 14	Pump Deadline
Tue 15	
Wed 16	Acorns, FL. 2.30 – 4.15pm
Thu 17	Taunton & Honiton FM Mobile Library, PH 2.15 History Group, CR, 7.30
Fri 18	
Sat 19	HEMYOCK MARKET Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 20	Spring Equinox
Mon 21	Young Farmers. FL, 7.30
Tue 22	Acorns, FL, 14.30
Wed 23	
Thu 24	Taunton FM
Fri 25	
Sat 26	Uffculme FM REPAIR CAFÉ, 10 – 12 noon, PH
Sun 27	Mothering Sunday British Summertime begins "SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSIC", Nigel Atkinson in St Mary's, FOSM
Mon 28	
Tue 29	
Wed 30	
Thu 31	Taunton FM

APRIL	02	Spring Show
APRIL	03	"Stories from Action Ethiopia", Piers Langdon, CR
APRIL	08	Local Schools End of Term
APRIL	17	Easter Sunday
APRIL	11 - 22	Local Schools' Easter Holiday
APRIL	30	"Love Musgrove", Skydive Event, Dunkeswell
MAY	27	"Pimms & Platinum Puddings", CR, 7.30
JUNE	02 – 05	Platinum Jubilee weekend.
JUNE	11	Coffee Morning, 1, Pencross View, for Alzheimers
JUNE	25	Wyndham Singers, St Mary's, 7.30

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!)

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

Parish Pump Deadline
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ABBIE PIERCE – Local Resident and Military Veteran

Serving 15 years in the Royal Navy, within two years of leaving the Service, Abbie had published two books and began coaching other Service Leavers and Veterans through their transition. And continues to blog weekly with a streak of almost 3 years.

Always up to something, she's becoming the SME for networking in the veteran community. As Co-founder of Leavers' Link Virtual Networking, collaborating with Forces Transition Group and offers Mentoring through Naval Servicewomen's Network, X-Forces Enterprise, Princes Trust and Devon Careers Hub.

Her proudest and most odd moment of her career was, as a medic, she steered the warship she was serving on through the Suez Canal and once was allowed to do the conning of the ship through a Williamson Turn – supervised, of course.

But when she left the Royal Navy, she very quickly found herself isolated and lost. Until an old friend reached out and told her about a new community platform for veterans. And within a month of joining, she was invited to become and Executive Board Member and now manages the external communications and social media.

TX-Net is: the **Trusted eXchange Network**, where veterans and reservists can progress beyond service life - Providing a safe place where we can all play a part in improving the lives of all who have left the Services – including your own.

A UK community joining together from across the globe in a members-only platform to exchange our capabilities and facilitate suitable, personalised links between those who NEED help with a resolution and those who HAVE the resources to help them.

More than a network, it is defined by values that engender mutual respect and trust, built on a sharing economy.

TX-Net is not a social media platform. It's where all veteran communities can come together to greet newcomers, exchange recommendations, and discover information. Where veterans support veteran-owned businesses and get updates for public services specifically for those who have served. Where we can borrow each other's tools, sell sofas, find a job or help a fellow veteran set up their own business.

It's how to get the most out of all things veteran, near and far. To find out more and apply, use the QR code above in the flyer, or visit www.tx-net.co.uk. We'd love to meet you.

The Blackdown Hills: A Photographic Portrait

A photographic exhibition documenting two decades of farming life on the Blackdown Hills opens at Somerset Rural Life Museum from 8 January to 19 March.

Somerset-based photographer Pauline Rook was commissioned in 2002 by the Countryside Agency to create a photographic record of the Blackdown Hills. Her brief was to capture the 'spirit and essence' of the area. The commission ignited a love of this unique corner of Somerset, and Pauline has now been photographing the landscape for almost 20 years. Over this period she has explored hundreds of miles of country lanes and paths, getting to know the individuals, countryside and buildings that make the Blackdowns so distinctive.

Pauline said: "My principal passion continues to be working in the rural environment. I built up a photographic archive for the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty when it was newly designated. This relatively under-

populated and inaccessible landscape of small farms and many lanes continues to fascinate and delight me. I love to include farm animals in my pictures – my years of farming and having my own flock of sheep have come in handy."

The countryside and photography have been lifelong passions to Pauline, who spent almost 20 years dairy farming in Somerset. This fuelled her desire to document the wonderful characters of the farming world. Pauline is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. The exhibition will bring together over 50 photographs and includes a selection of Pauline's most recent work, captured using the infrared techniques she began to learn during lockdown.

Sam Astill, Head of Museums for the South West Heritage Trust, said: "The photographs tell a tale of rural survival as well giving an insight into the working practices of an accomplished Somerset photographer. We're delighted to be exhibiting Pauline's work in the museum whose many

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

exhibits further explore the history of farming in the county."

On 8 January and 12 February Pauline will be at the museum for a Meet the Artist event when she will be available to discuss her work with visitors. On 12 February Pauline will be giving an illustrated talk as part of the museum's Talk and Tea series.

For more information and to book your visit go to: srlm.org.uk.



Dear Residents

This time of year sees all Authorities struggling with the budgets. Currently and we have a few more months to go, we are over budget, this is not unusual at this point during the year. We have always brought it back in line by the end of the year and we will do the same this year. We do not want to dip into our reserves. By law we have to produce a balanced budget.

This report outlines the financial position and forecast for the Authority at month 9 (to the end of December) of the financial year. At month 9 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by just over £8.3 million, an increase of £1.3 million from month 6. The Dedicated Schools Grant projected deficit, relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), is forecast to be £39.0 million. In line with Department of Education guidance this deficit will not be dealt with this financial year but carried to future years. Central government has continued to provide a number of grant funding streams this year to help support Local Authorities during the pandemic. The confirmed additional funding Devon County Council is expecting to receive directly this financial year is currently £50.7 million, in addition to the £25.6 million carried forward from 2020/21.

Adult Care and Health services are forecast to overspend by just over £5.1 million, a reduction of £71,000 from month 6. This position includes £3.2 million of budgeted savings. Adult Care Operations is forecasting to overspend by just under £5.4 million, this is a mix of price and volume pressures. Within Learning Disabilities and Autism higher demand has continued into this year with client numbers in these areas being 142 more than the budgeted level of 3,569. Older People is also experiencing significant pressures, mainly due to price pressures on residential and increase in the number of nursing placements which are 36 more than the budgeted level of 516. Adult Commissioning and Health and Mental Health is forecast to underspend by £230,000.

Revenue Expenditure Children's Services are forecasting an overspend of £9.1 million an increase of £1.8 million from month 6. However, this figure does not include the projected deficit of £39.1 million on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Part of my duty is to serve on the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRA). I thought you might like to know what they have been up to during the pandemic crisis. Firefighters from across the five south west fire and rescue services are to continue to provide vital life-saving support alongside the ambulance service. Since the early stages of the pandemic, firefighters have been working with ambulance crews from South Western Ambulance Service (SWASFT) to assist during medical emergencies. The partnership has led to countless lives being saved and received praise from government and royalty. The shared crews have so far attended in excess of 30,000 calls, more than half of which are within the highest two priority calls, which are to people in life-threatening or serious conditions. With the current winter pressures on the NHS and surge in Omicron cases, this arrangement has been extended and will now continue until April 2022.

Strong partnerships between fire and ambulance services aren't new. Fire crews are often called upon to gain entry to

houses so that paramedics can see to patients and some fire stations have staff who are trained to give basic life support to people until the arrival of an emergency ambulance. Under the agreement, fire officers will continue to work alongside ambulance staff by driving vehicles and assisting clinicians to provide patient-focused care.

In adult social care in Devon right now:

- We currently serve around 11,000 people and the majority of our spend is on working age adults
- We commission 34,000 hours of personal care each week in people's homes and the same amount again of enabling care helping to promote people's independence.
- We are supporting over 100 more older people in nursing care from last year which may be reflective of increasing complexity of need
- We are seeing unprecedented requests for care, and when we receive those requests they are from increasingly poorly people, with increasingly complex needs, that requires complex care from more people.
- We continue to struggle to meet assessed need for personal care and in any week we have around 6,000 hours of care that we are unable to supply. This relates to approximately 460 people who will have their needs met in a different way including extra support from family members, other voluntary sector services or some other support to keep people safe. Nobody is left without some support and teams are constantly monitoring the risk and targeting the care we can source to the most needy and urgent cases.
- Alongside the growing requests is a stretched workforce, between Aug to Oct 2021 there were 3081 care worker vacancies, a rise of 86% on the same period in 2019. The supply of staff is extremely challenging and putting a huge strain on those in the caring workforce.
- Nurse shortages in nursing homes is leading to some homes having to cancel their registration to provide nursing care.

I am hoping very much that the majority of the disruptions caused by Gigaclear installing broadband in our area has decreased somewhat. Nevertheless, we have set up a working group to investigate what really is going on, particularly the harder to reach areas. I believe what is happening is broadband providers are cherry picking and the harder to reach areas are suffering, we intent to find out.

Because of Covid I have not been able to attend Parish Council meetings as I would have liked, it is worse now than it ever has been, I hope this will improve as the omicron virus recedes, I hope. I am always around if there is something I can help with.

Regards, Ray Radford
Devon County Councillor. Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk

Hemyock Parish Council

Business Update, February 2022

The parish council held meetings in December & January. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 21/02249/FULL. Erection of an agricultural storage barn. Rodleigh Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/02160/HOUSE. Erection of a conservatory to rear. 7 Higher Millhayes, Hemyock.
- 21/02303/FULL. Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Land at NG111293 (Moorhayes), Hemyock.
- 21/02437/FULL. Change of use and conversion of garage into holiday let. Brownings Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/00902/FULL. Demolition of wood store and erection of Class C1 studio/dwelling for use as residential art courses/holiday let. Mill House, Whitehall, Hemyock.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 21/01731/HOUSE. Erection of a detached granny annexe. Parkview, Withy Lane, Hemyock.
- 21/01708/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extensions and porch. Scotland Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/00464/FULL. Change of use of land from agriculture to camping site (4 Pitches). North of Lickham Bottom, Hemyock.
- 21/01914/HOUSE. Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 18/01377/HOUSE to allow the substitution of previously approved plans - Erection of an extension. Whitehall View, Hemyock.

Refusal noted for:-

- 21/01316/FULL. Erection of an agricultural building, greenhouse, irrigation pond, ground mounted solar PV panels and associated works. Castle Hill, Hemyock.

Permission granted on appeal noted for:-

- Appeal Ref: APP/Y1138/D/21/3280155. 19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Retention of a timber outbuilding to be used ancillary to the main house, retention of decking and proposed installation of water supply and drainage pipes underground.

Finance

Income - included interest, grant money, donations and cemetery. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, asset maintenance, subscriptions, training, and Christmas competition.

The following grants were awarded:-

- £100 Mid Devon Mobility

Precept

The parish council has agreed to keep the Band D property annual rate at £97.31 giving a precept of £87,037.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A working group will be formed to discuss possible parish events over the bank holiday weekend of 2nd – 5th June. If anyone would like to be involved or has any suggestions, please contact the clerk in the first instance.

Community Land

With regard to the 7 acres of land that will be offered to the parish council by Cavanna Homes, a working group has produced the following mission statement which has been endorsed by the parish council:-

The parish council aims to:-

- Create and maintain a space that brings families and communities of all ages together
- Develop the space along sustainable and green principles
- Encourage people to spend time in nature through a good design of the space

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, potholes, 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

Christmas Decorations Competition

Mid Devon District Councillor James Bartlett judged the competition this year. After careful consideration the winners are...

- 1st Prize £40.00 - Mr & Mrs Kingston, Fourways House
- 2nd Prize £30.00 - Mr & Mrs Allen, Eastcote, Culmstock Road
- Joint 3rd Prize £20.00 - Mr & Mrs Porter and Ms Cooling 31 & 32 Eastlands

♦ 4th Prize £10.00 - Mr & Mrs Austen, 2 Tedders Close

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 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.

*The council will meet at the Healthy Living & Activities Centre whilst the Covid pandemic continues.

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



The MiDS Report

The MiDS have been busy preparing for our Christmas and January events at Burlescombe, Willand, Uffculme and Halberton - making sure that rehearsals are safe and fun.

On Sunday 5 December, we were delighted to lead the Christmas Candlelight celebrations at St Mary's, Burlescombe, where other instrumentalists (trumpet, organ and harp) and vocalists joined us in a lively concert to raise funds for the Church. The MiDS sang five items; *Torches*; *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* (a version written for the 90th birthday of Halberton resident, Laura Midgley); *the Candlelight carol*; *Walking in the Air* and *Riding on a Donkey*. We were joined by the capacity audience in robustly sung carols and seasonal songs – no dirges - before we were all treated to supper at this very atmospheric and enjoyable community event.

We were looking forward to performing for Willand Ladies' Cameo Group and Uffculme WI in early January but postponed these events, to a future date, because of the Omicron virus - it's better to be safe than sorry. Sadly, our own Christmas Concert and party were also cancelled for the same reason. We hope our spring Concert at Halberton will go ahead on Saturday 26 March.

As we restarted in late January, we capped our numbers at 40 to ensure we keep safe. Our new programme, includes three versions of *Sing* (by Pentatonix, Gary Barlow and The Carpenters) and *You Raise Me Up*. It is precondition of joining our friendly, but non- cliquy, social and musical group, that members are fully jabbed and having LF tests. There are no auditions for our inclusive, all-age, mixed choir that includes starters, teenagers and experienced singers from across the district (and from Halberton) and beyond. We meet on Fridays (good for young singers); it's free for them. We sing a little of everything - all styles from past to present. It's a great time to try us; contact our membership Stéphanie Secretary to see if there's space, through singers@halberton.org or Facebook or me.

Terry Payne (Chairman and Musical Director)
01884 820081 / 07973 890947

Times of Mobile Library (See "What's On" for dates)

Thursday (once a month)	
Clayhidon crossroads	13.35 – 14.05pm
Hemyock Parish Hall	14.15 – 15.20
Lower Millhayes	15.25 – 15.45

Saturdays (once a month)	
Hemyock Parish Hall	9.55 – 11.35

Also found on: www.devon.gov.uk/libraries

Hemyock Bus Timetables



Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

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

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



Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

Stagecoach South West

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		Mondays to Fridays					Saturdays				
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)		0900	1200	1500	1700		0900	1200	1500	1700	
Seaton, opp Health Centre		0904	1204	1504	1704		0904	1204	1504	1704	
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)		0908	1208	1508	1708		0908	1208	1508	1708	
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)		0913	1213	1513	1712		0913	1213	1513	1712	
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)		0920	1220	1520	1718		0920	1220	1520	1718	
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn		0929	1229	1529	1726		0929	1229	1529	1726	
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)		0935	1235	1535	1732		0935	1235	1535	1732	
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	0701	0938	1238	1538	1735	
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740		
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746	0712	0951	1251	1551	1746	
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753	0719	0958	1258	1558	1753	
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755	0722	1001	1301	1601	1755	
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758	0725	1004	1304	1604	1758	
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806	0733	1012	1312	1612	1806	
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808	0735	1014	1314	1614	1808	
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811	0738	1017	1317	1617	1811	
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820	0748	1027	1327	1627	1820	
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	0753	1032	1332	1632		0753	1032	1332	1632		
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage (NE-bound)	0757	1036	1336	1636		0757	1036	1336	1636		
Wellington, Post Office (NE-bound)	0806	1045	1345	1645		0806	1045	1345	1645		
Silver Street, Heatherton Grange Inn (NE-bound)	0813	1052	1352	1652		0813	1052	1352	1652		
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	0831	1105	1405	1705		0831	1105	1405	1705		

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BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham REDWOODS 697

Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

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

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Funding for community projects



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

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St Andrew's Clayhidon



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St. Andrew's Church News

Christmas time is always a time of the year that children and adults look forward to with increasing joy and happiness as they prepare for surprises and pleasure brought about by the birth of Jesus, which we can celebrate with thanksgiving.

Here, in Clayhidon, we have managed this year to enjoy the occasions in different ways. In the past we have held a Crib service in the church which has always been lovely to watch. This year the Crib service took place before Christmas but was outdoors and was in a farmyard with doors opening onto what looked far more like a stable. Mary and Joseph, accompanied by a donkey arrived at a door and were refused entry. They tried another door and were able to go and sit on a straw bale. There was a real baby sleeping peacefully. Later, shepherds left their real sheep and walked to where they found Mary and Joseph. Three adult Magi brought their gifts to the scene. The whole story was narrated by an adult dressed as an angel and accompanying music was played and sung during the performance. The whole occasion was a great delight to watch and for these little children to recount. As the darkness gathered, a magnificent full moon rose to give greater effect and a large single star shone in the west.

It was during an evening before Christmas that we held a Carol service outside in the churchyard. Little lights were safely hanging at suitable distances so that people could see their

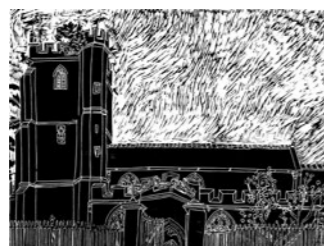
words and so that the children among the large gathering could find their way back if they wandered. There were sparkling lights hanging over the porch where the four musicians were playing. Two familiar voices started the evening with the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' and later all the people joined in with numerous favourite carols.

Our third memorable evening, Epiphany, occurred recently when it was time to recall the arrival of the Three Wise Men. This time young children came forward with their gifts to bring to the manger. Afterwards, everyone was given all the items necessary to make a Christingle starting with the orange, the red tape to go round it, the sweets and fruits to attach and the candle to put into the top before it was lit and 'Away in a Manger' was sung. The children and the adults always enjoy this event.

Sadly, we must send our very deep sympathy to all the members of the Pepperell and Persey families who are suffering the loss of dear Helen. So many times she has joined us on these special Christmas occasions with her family and we thank God for the happiness which she has given us.

We send our very best wishes for the New Year 2022 to everyone in the parish and the Benefice and pray for peace and good health to all.

P.Reynolds. PCC



Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, February 2022

The council met in December and January. A brief summary of the business conducted at those recent meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Planning applications considered for:-

- ◆ 21/02332/FULL. Conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwelling with formation of access track. Palmers Farm, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 21/01284/HOUSE. Erection of a two-storey extension. Old Ridgewood Farm, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 21/02576/HOUSE. Erection of garage/carport following demolition of existing barn. Keitch Harbour, Clayhidon.

Approval noted for :-

- ◆ 21/01079/FULL. Change of use of land for the siting of a temporary worker's dwelling (log cabin) for three years (Revised Scheme). Poachers Rest, Clayhidon.
- ◆ 21/00990/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions. South View, Rosemary Lane.

Finance

Income – interest and grant payments. Expenditure – wages, expenses, room hire, footpath maintenance and bank charges.

The following grants were awarded:-

- ◆ Riverside Club, Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre - £150.00
- ◆ Mid Devon Mobility – £100.00
- ◆ St Mary's, PCC Hemyock - £65.00
- ◆ Clayhidon Parish Hall - £2,000.00
- ◆ Clayhidon Parochial Church Council (churchyard maintenance) - £540.00
- ◆ Blackdown Support Group - £750.00
- ◆ Citizens Advice - £75.00

Precept

The parish council agreed to keep the precept at £8,910, resulting in a reduction in the band D property annual rate to £39.98.

Highways

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, potholes, 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.

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. Below is a diagram from Devon Highways showing who is responsible for what.



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.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A working group will be formed to discuss possible parish events over the bank holiday weekend of 2nd – 5th June. If anyone would like to be involved or has any suggestions, please contact the clerk in the first instance.

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 Monday 14th February 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:

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

News From Rosemary Lane Chapel

It won't surprise any of you to hear that December was a busy month, and though locally rising Covid cases impacted some events in the run up to Christmas, we were very grateful for that which we were able to do as we celebrated the birth of the promised King of Kings.

Very early in the month of December we met with members of the Blackdown Support Group Lunch Club to enjoy our annual Christmas lunch. Suffice to say, the Christmas lunch was delicious and a wonderful way to commence our Christmas celebrations. Dennis Sanders provided the entertainment with a festive quiz that was the cause of much fun and laughter. With 8 points on offer for the names of Father Christmas' reindeer, I'm afraid to report that I stole the win, and with it, a box of Quality Street as a prize.

As Christmas drew closer still, we took great delight in meeting together. Our Family service on the 19th December created a space for all ages to consider what it is to know Jesus as Immanuel – The Present King. Then on the 22nd December we had a 'Carols By Candlelight' service with musicians and singers from Rosemary Lane Chapel, accompanied by readings from Matthew and Luke's gospels, leading us through the account of our Saviour's birth. It was a wonderfully well attended service, and though distanced and wearing masks, the atmosphere was one of joyful celebration and a sense of blessing that we could come together.

Services on Christmas Day and Boxing Day took place at the slightly earlier time of 10.30 as we concluded our Christmas Series in which we had been asking the question: If Jesus is King, as the Magi announce him to be, then what kind of King is He? The series ended in Psalm 16 and, through David's words, a forward glance to Easter when we remember that King Jesus is a death destroying King. He is a Risen King!

“Habakkuk is surrounded by uncertainty which unsettles his soul and so, he cries out to God. And though Habakkuk doesn't understand the fulness of God's answer, he is reminded that God is with him, at work in his life and the life of the people.”

After a brief pause in December, our Toddler group got going in January as local families met together. Simultaneously, plans were made for resuming the Friday night children's group – Venturers. As you read this, we hope that the group we will have had the immense privilege of welcoming the children of our community back into the building to enjoy games, crafts and other fun activities. For more information about our Toddler group or Venturers, check out our Facebook page, or get in contact with us directly.

At Rosemary Lane Chapel we are looking forward to the New Year and are glad to be making plans. We are excited by the prospect of renewing fellowship with visiting speakers and indeed, are making plans for our Easter services. Graham Poland (Grosvenor Church – Barnstaple) will be joining us for our Good Friday services (15th April). We hold our plans lightly recognising that it is the Lord who establishes our steps, and yet, in the face of so much uncertainty, we do still make plans.

Of course, the reality is that every single day is filled with uncertainty but there are events and seasons in our life, like the kind we have all endured through this pandemic, when we become increasingly conscious of life's uncertainty. This can be unsettling and cause of much anxiety. The answer, I believe, is to look to that which is certain. At the start of this year, we have been looking at the little book of Habakkuk which gives us insight into a conversation between God and his servant, the prophet Habakkuk. Habakkuk is surrounded by uncertainty which unsettles his soul and so, he cries out to God. And though Habakkuk doesn't understand the fulness of God's answer, he is reminded that God is with him, at work in his life and the life of the people. Habakkuk asks this question:

*Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?*

The question is a rhetorical one, it is both asked and answered by Habakkuk. He is reminded of who God is, all that God has done, and given assurance in all that he is doing and indeed, will do. The situations that have caused Habakkuk to feel the weight of uncertainty remain, but now Habakkuk has fixed his eyes upon the Lord, he has an anchor for the soul... the steadfast love of the Lord. I believe we can each find this same anchor in looking to Jesus. So much so that, even when we are increasingly conscious of all that is uncertain, we would be able to sing, as Habakkuk does at the very end of exchange with God (Habakkuk 3:17-19):


*Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.*

Jonathan Hillman

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel
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Tips for greener living



We're all looking for ways to help our planet, or at least reduce our impact on it and there are many guides on how to do it.


One example can be found at greenpeace.org.uk/guide-to-life which suggests many of the things we can do in everyday life to reduce our carbon footprint.

This and other guides give lots of advice on things to do, but not a huge amount of practical help on how to go about it. I'm hoping 'Tips for greener living' will become a regular feature in the Pump where you can send in your own practical ideas/local eco-friendly suppliers etc and pick up tips from others.

To get the ball rolling, here are two tips of my own:

- ❖ Make your own **marmalade** using 'Ma made' (tins of ready-cut seville oranges). It is available in most supermarkets, although you often have to search for it because it tends to be hidden away on a bottom shelf. One tin makes 6lbs; it's really easy to make, much better than shop-bought and, of course, you can re-use the same jam-jars many times over.
- ❖ If you shop in Wellington, try going to **Blue Pantry** where you can take your own containers for most dry foods + household cleaners, shampoo etc. Not as convenient as picking up single-use packets and bottles from a supermarket, but, if you've got the time, a much nicer shopping experience and far less wasteful.

I'd love to see other people's tips and ideas on reducing, re-using and generally helping our planet, so please email them to me, and I'll collate them for the next edition.
Thank you
Julie (steedjulie52@gmail.com)



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Winners of Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist Competition 2021

A painting by a ten-year-old girl from Dartmoor depicting a vista of Meldon Hill and a mixed-media artwork by a seventeen-year-old from Dawlish portraying a South Devon seascape have won first prize in the two age categories of Devon CPRE's inaugural Best Young Landscape Artist Competition.

Matilda Baker and Christopher Moore have each won £100 and the prestigious title of 'Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist' 2021.

Exeter-based landscape painter Kath Hadden brought her considerable expertise to the judging process after the local countryside charity rebranded its traditional painting competition for children in 2021 and opened it up to under 18s. Kath helped Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills select the winning entries from an overwhelming number of submissions from right across the county in a variety of media. Matilda's painting and Christopher's work combining paint and collage both stood out because of their composition, originality and clever use of the chosen media.

However, it was a close-run thing and the judges awarded a number of Runner-Up Prizes and a cash prize of £25 each to four other young artists whose work caught their eye. In the younger age category (7-11), nine-year-old Martha Murrin, eleven-year-old Thomasin Manley Frost and ten-year-old Olive Martin were runners-up. In the older age category (12-18 years), the runner-up was sixteen-year-old Claudia Tam and there was a commendation for fourteen-year-old Rosie Brazendale-Sweet.

Commenting on the results, Kath Hadden said, "I thoroughly enjoyed looking through all the artwork. Such a lot of effort

had gone into the entries so big congratulations to everyone who sent something in. The youngest category was particularly hard to judge as there were some very strong entries, which showed talent beyond their years. Matilda's winning entry was a perfectly captured Devon scene, with great attention to detail. Congratulations, Matilda! Thomasin's screen print of Exmouth beach showed a brilliant use of colour and composition, and Olive's piece was a familiar scene to anyone who has explored this area of South Devon, beautifully painted in acrylics. Martha's image of a tree-lined road didn't have a specific location, but I was impressed by her composition and use of colour.

"In the older age group, Christopher winning piece showed a creative approach in the way he manipulated the paper to create a clever collage, referencing a local legend about The Parson and the Clerk, which I knew nothing about. Claudia's mixed media piece was a feast for the eyes - there was so much to see in it and I thought it was a brave approach to a tricky composition. I also loved her personal story behind the picture. I thought Rosie's Devon flag, depicting four small Dartmoor studies with a very limited palette, was highly effective. Congratulations and keep making, drawing and painting everyone!"

Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills added, "The number and variety of entries this year was just amazing. It's wonderful to see the very personal take on Devon's landscape and scenery that our young artists brought to their compositions. Throughout the pandemic, we've had different opportunities to reconnect with Nature and the Great Outdoors and I think this renewed appreciation of the natural beauty that surrounds us in Devon shines through in all our winning entries. I'm already looking forward to next year!"

www.devoncpre.org.uk



Above 2021 winner (younger age category), Meldon Hill, Dartmoor by Matilda Baker (age 10).

Above right 2021 winner (older age category), The Parson & The Clerk by Christopher Moore (age 17).

Right Judge Kath Hadden looking at Matilda Baker's winning painting of a Dartmoor scene.

Far right 2021 Runner-Up, Canonteign Falls by Claudia Tam from Exeter (age 16).



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GROUP VISITS: The Mill will continue to be open for pre-booked school sessions and group tours for adults 7 days a week. Please see 'Visits' page on our website, then Education or Group Visits, or email us at visitorservices@coldharbourmill.org.uk to book or find out more.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE MILL

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This year there will be opportunities to support the Café & Shop, Production, Steam, Curatorial, Grounds and Maintenance Teams. No matter what your interests or skill sets we will have an opportunity which is right for you – and there is always opportunities to start something new!

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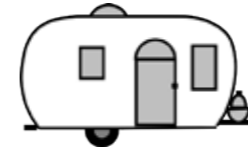
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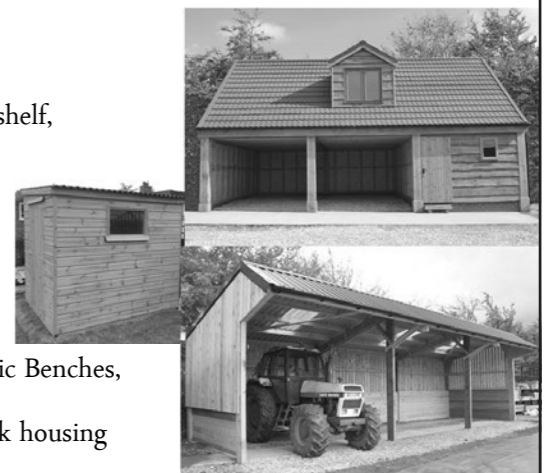
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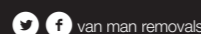
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