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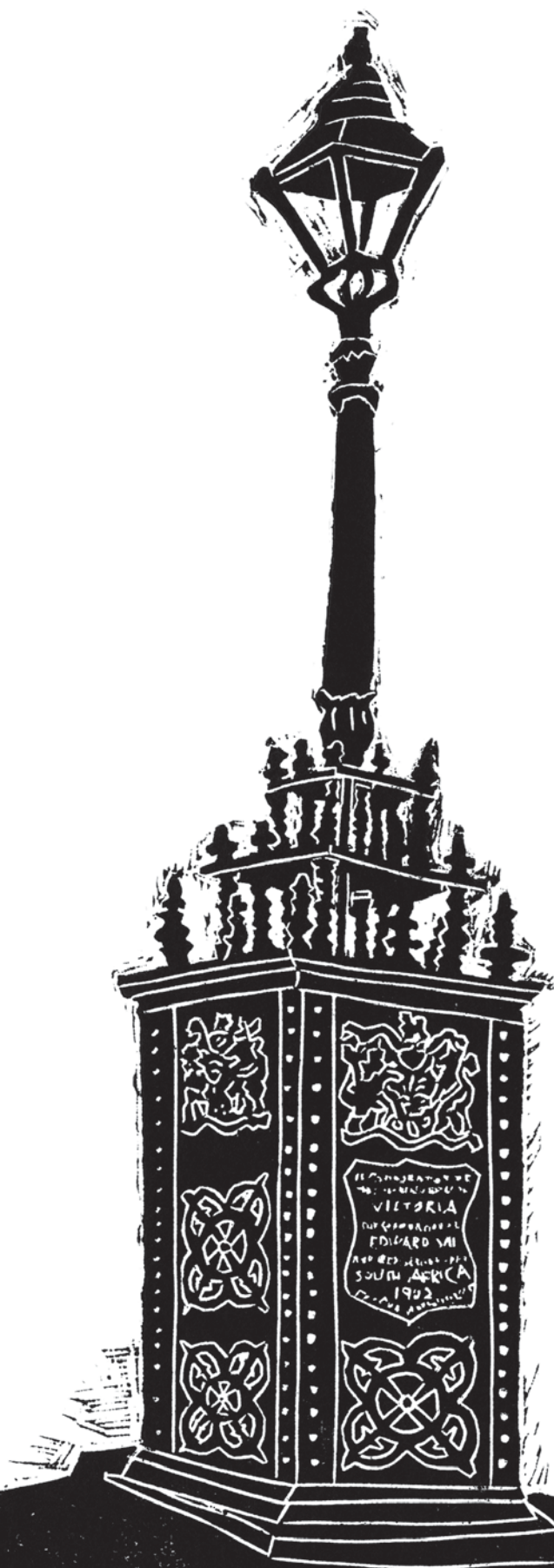
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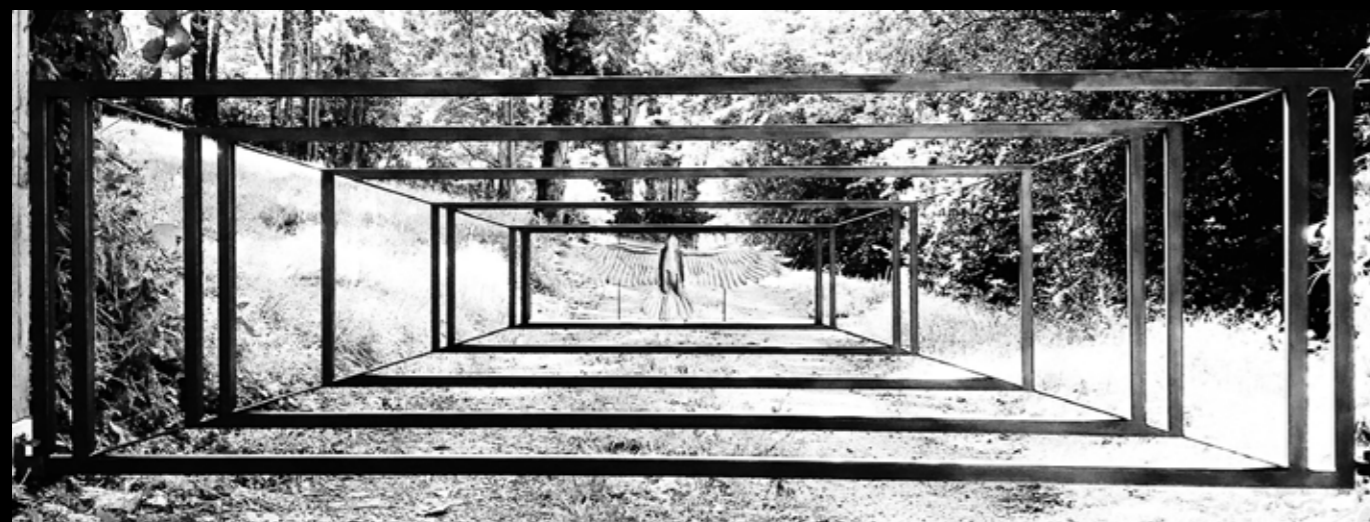
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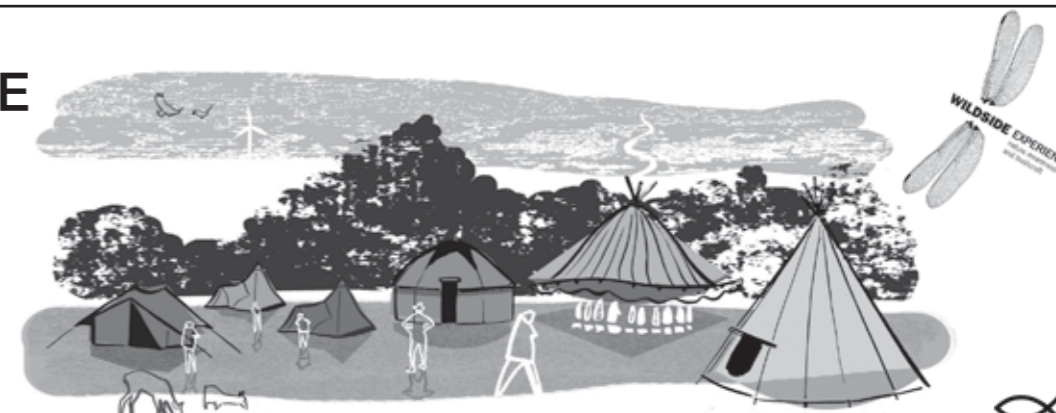
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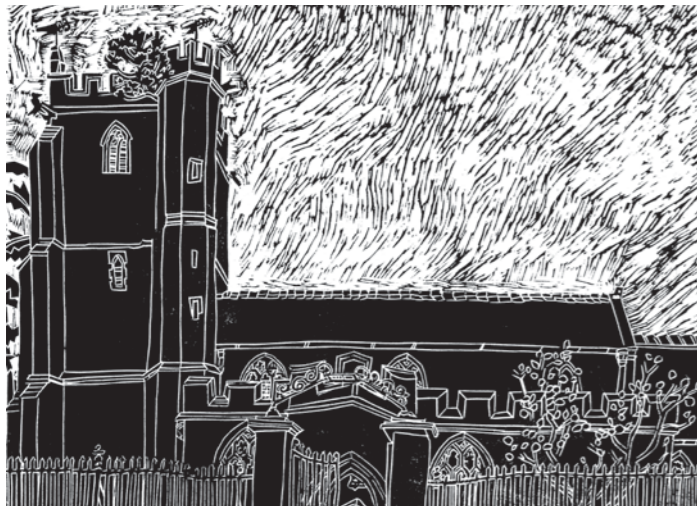
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	 6.30pm St. Mary's Hemyock Benefice Evening Communion– New Zealand Liturgy			
Monday 11 th April	7.00pm St Mary's Hemyock Short Said Service of Night Prayer (New Zealand)			
Tuesday 12 th April	7.00pm All Saints Culmstock Short Said Service of Night Prayer (Common Worship)			
Wednesday 13 th April	7.00pm Culm Davy Chapel Short Said Service of Night Prayer (Iona)			
Thursday 14 th April Maundy Thursday	6.30pm St. Mary's Church Room, Hemyock Maundy Thursday Passover Supper followed by Vigil in St. Mary's (please book a place via email on ucvmission@gmail.com or telephone: 07495 639826)			
Friday 15 th April Good Friday	 2.00pm All Saints Culmstock The Last Hour Meditation			
	 3.15pm, All Saints Culmstock Participative Worship suitable for families, followed by tea			
Sunday 17 th April Easter Day	9.00am Communion Service (Traditional 1662)	7am Sunrise service Gray's Lane, Clayhidon followed by BBQ breakfast 10.00am Family Communion	10.00am Family Communion	11.00am Family Communion
Sunday 24 th April Second Sunday of Easter	 9.00am Culm Davy Chapel Benefice Communion			
11.00am St Mary Hemyock St. George's Day Scouts' Parade Service				
3.30pm St Mary's Hemyock Baptism				

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Easter is Coming - But we have to get past Good Friday first!

It just so happens that I am writing this whilst I am away on retreat. It is a grey windy afternoon, so instead of a walk I decided that this would be a good time to be sitting indoors with my computer. All is not lost though because from where I am sitting I can see the sea, the hills, the trees, a flock of sheep with this years lambs growing up and clumps of daffodils scattered about. So there is no doubt that it is spring and Easter will soon be here. But it is also Lent, the time when we prepare for Easter by following Jesus as he moves towards the crucifixion.

I am on a silent retreat which is being led by Bishop Bob Evens who will be known to many of you because from 2004 to 2012 he was the Bishop of Crediton, our Bishop. The title is 'Learning to be a Disciple with St. John.' Bishop Bob is using various passages from St. John's Gospel to illustrate different aspects of christianity and discipleship. He has a particular gift for using art and music to bring to life some of the things which are there in bible but which we (or at least I!) hadn't thought about before. So it is all very calm and peaceful, quiet and somehow manages to be both affirming and challenging at the same time. But even here, in the silence, away from newspapers, the radio and television broad-casts we cannot escape the horrors of the war in Ukraine.

In one of the sessions Bishop Bob pointed out that there were many, many people praying about it; telling God about all the awful things happening and asking what he is go-ing to do about it. He went on to say that that is not really the way we ought to be praying. He used a quote from St. Paul's letter to the church in Corinth to illustrate what he meant. "Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" (1Corinthians 3:16) God's Spirit lives in every one of those people who have seen their homes destroyed by missiles and artillery shells; every one of those people who have seen their families split up as men stay to fight whilst

women and children flee to safety in other coun-tries. God is already there, he already knows and Bishop Bob said that what we ought to be doing in prayer is asking God how he feels about it and because we are now his hands and feet on earth, how we can best co-operate with him in doing something about it. That prayer might just be the most valuable prayer we can pray this Lent. Bishop Bob concluded this session with the words, "Vladimir Putin don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? You might ignore it. You might try to walk away from it, but it isn't going to go away."

It is still Lent though, and Lent is a time when we can particularly see God working his purposes out as we move towards the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. In the res-urrection God performed the greatest miracle ever. He brought Jesus back from the dead to live forever in heaven. But God could only do that because Jesus had first to be crucified. At any point in his life Jesus could have walked away from the path that led to the cru-cifixion. But he didn't, he co-operated fully with God and as a result the resurrection was possible.

If we co-operate with God in what, as a result of prayer, we believe he wants of us, then who knows what miracles he might be able to pull off in the 21st century?

John Stone



 Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

Services in the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

The parishes of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock
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 Everyone is most welcome to services throughout the Mission Community
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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 3rd April Passion Sunday	9.00am Communion Service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion Service 11.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.00am Communion Service 3.00pm Mid Devon District Council Civic Service
Wednesday 6th April	7.30pm All Saints Culmstock Benefice Wednesday Worship			
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday	Benefice and Churches Together 10.30am St Andrew's Clayhidon Palm Sunday Family Service at St. Andrew's, with procession to Rosemary Lane Chapel for United Service at 11.15am. Alternative start venue and service for the less mobile: 10.30am at Rosemary Lane Chapel. Ends at 11.30am with refreshments 6.30pm St. Mary's Hemyock Benefice Evening Communion – New Zealand Liturgy			
Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday	6.30pm St. Mary's Church Room, Hemyock Maundy Thursday Passover Supper followed by Vigil in St. Mary's			
Friday 15th April Good Friday	2.00pm All Saints Culmstock The Last Hour Meditation 3.15pm Participative Worship suitable for families, followed by tea			
Sunday 17th April Easter Day	9.00am Communion Service (Traditional 1662)	7am Sunrise service Gray's Lane, Clayhidon followed by BBQ breakfast 10.00am Family Communion	10.00am Family Communion	11.00am Family Communion
Sunday 24th April Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am Culm Davy Chapel Benefice Communion 11.00am St Mary Hemyock St. George's Day Scouts' Parade Service 3.30pm St Mary's Hemyock Baptism			

In addition: A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am.
 On the 4th Tuesday (26th April) 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: 6th April
 Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services.

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SERVICES FOR MAY 2022

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 1st May Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Café Church (Church Rooms)
Wednesday 4th May	7.30pm All Saints Culmstock Benefice Wednesday Worship			
Sunday 8th May Fourth Sunday of Easter		10.00am Communion service 11.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting	10.00am Morning Worship (Contemporary) 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	3.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday		10.00am Rogation Morning Worship	10.00am Morning Worship (Contemporary)	11.00am Communion Service
Thursday 26th May Ascension Day	7.30pm All Saints Culmstock United Benefice Communion Service			
Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension	10.30am St Andrew's Clayhidon United Benefice Communion Service			

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St Mary's Hemyock

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Service in Devon to Celebrate Centenary of the Young Farmer's Club and Where it Started

The Bishop of Exeter took part in a special service on Sunday 20 February to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Young Farmers' Club movement.

Hemyock Calf Club was founded in Mid Devon in 1921 and evolved into the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, which is now one of the largest rural youth organisations in the UK with 19,000 members aged 10 to 28.

The service, which was postponed from last year due to the pandemic, took place in a packed St Mary's Church, Hemyock and featured members of the local Young Farmers' Club and some live calves.

Chair of the Young Farmers Club in the Culm Valley, Michael Vaysey, said that it meant a lot to the whole club that the church had arranged a celebration service. He said, "The Young Farmers Federation means a lot to me as I have been in the Young Farmers since the age of 14. I have done a lot of competitions now but before Young Farmers I never used to be able to speak to anyone. I was very shy when I was in school. Now I am the Chairman of the Culm Valley Club. I am nearly coming to the end of my time as a Young Farmer so I am trying to get the younger generation to come up and see what I have done so that they can get a better future for themselves."

Members of the village have also made 19 giant calf lanterns, some of which were on display in the church. They were the centrepiece of the village's annual December light parade, which was in honour of the Calf Club and Young Farmers centenary.

The Rector, Rev'd Becky Totterdell, said, "The Calf Club, formed in 1921, was a very creative way to develop the interest and skills of local young people in farming. It was just after the First World War when food was still scarce and the need for new enterprise was great. The Calf Club's focus on the four H's of 'Head, Heart, Hands and Health' was a winner and resulted



Top Two live calves made themselves known at the service

Above Left Calf lantern on display in the Church

Above Right Bishop Robert had a question and answer session with the congregation

in the Young Farmers' Club becoming an international movement. This area of the Blackdown Hills is an immensely creative area generally, and it is great to see music, craft work and film production by members of the village community all playing a part in this celebration."

Georgie Pengelly the Culm Valley Young Farmers press secretary said, "The Culm Valley Young Farmers are very proud of the heritage that sparked what is now an international organisation."

The Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Robert Atwell, is chair of the Church of England's Rural Interest Group and speaks on rural issues in the House of Lords.

He said, "I'm delighted to be at this centenary where we celebrate a new generation of farmers. Devon has some of the best farmland in England and it's great to see the resilience and creativity of the farming community."

"It is extraordinary that out of this Mid Devon village, so much has flowed. What they have been doing here for decades now is encouraging young people to get involved in good animal husbandry, in the care of livestock and to really uphold food production."

Bishop Robert said churches can help support their local community by getting to know the farmers in their area and talking with them to understand the challenges that they are facing including "The challenges that come with leaving the European Union and the challenges in trying to reduce our carbon footprint," he said.

"We are asking our young farmers not simply to be producing food, we are asking them also to be carers of our environment too and these are big asks."

Piers Langdon, from St Mary's, said, "There were around 35 people directly involved in making the service such a memorable event, bringing the community together"



Above Hemyock Calf Club, 1921

Below Young Farmers' Club 2021



Cr2ee/Ukraine

Hemyock has once again shown what an amazing parish it is raising just under £3,000 in a fortnight for Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) who many will be aware of through their Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The Devon charity based at Exmouth who help families in Moldova, has been supported for a number of years by David and Janice Bawler, acting as a satellite collecting point, and in turn both by villagers and those further afield.

Janice said "As well as the immediate response to financial aid we have been, and continue to be, inundated with good quality humanitarian aid. Bags and boxes of clothing, footwear, medical items, walking aids, babies goods, sanitary products, toys, non perishable food and other items have filled our dining room, 2 bedrooms, a porch and most of the kitchen. There has been a huge number of sheets, blankets and duvets which are so desperately needed. This is though, the typical response one gets from the village, surrounding area and further afield. People are incredibly supportive. We have also accepted and been extremely grateful to those who have helped transport goods to the charity depot"

To date, 15th March, Cr2ee have sent £25,000 to their colleagues in Moldova. This is to support the refugees and the families who, although having little themselves, are offering accommodation, food and clothing to Ukrainians who have flooded into this small and very poor country many in transit seeking sanctuary in other parts of the EU.

The charity has temporarily closed one of their soup kitchens offering it to 2 Ukrainian mothers with young children and a humanitarian aid truck is due to leave Exmouth in late March for Moldova. Cr2ee, who have been in existence for over 30 years have no paid staff so all donations go on aid. If you would like further details please contact David on 07773579809.



Above Some of the bags of aid in the Bawler's house.

Below Janice presenting the financial donation to Hugh Scudder, Director of Cr2ee



St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

TUESDAYS

in the
Church Rooms,
Castle Hill

10.00 am to 12noon


Also on the first
Saturday of each
month

Friends of St Mary's
Piers & Liz Langdon

report on two weeks

with

ACTION ETHIOPIA



Friday 8 April 7:30pm

Church Room

Refreshments. Wine

Admission £5.00p

HEMYOCK PTFA

Village Fete 2022

18TH JUNE 2022
12 - 3PM
HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Everyone welcome! We will have lots of stalls to explore, activities and games, bouncy castles, soft play, food, cake and drinks - what more could you wish for!

Massive thanks goes to our main sponsors:




Do you have memories to share of Dunkeswell Abbey Church?

Dunkeswell Abbey Church Trust is creating a new archive of material about the church and would love local stories, memories and anecdotes to be at the heart.



Did you visit the church when you were younger?

Do you have any photos to share?

Could you help us create a community archive?

Please get in touch with marie@heritageartspeople.uk or say hello at our Community Open Day on Sat 7th May 1-4pm at Dunkeswell Abbey Holy Trinity Church.



St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop

Come and help us celebrate 10 years of serving the Village

Saturday May 7th

in the
Church Rooms,
Castle Hill

10.00 am to 12noon



Bank Holiday Monday 18th April
from Hemyock Baptist Church, 10:30am

Join us for our annual family friendly walk as we take a stroll around the beautiful local countryside and return to the Baptist Church for a light lunch of fresh bread, home-made soup & cheese.

The guided walk should take no longer than an hour and a half; (with a brief stop halfway for an optional banana) just long enough to get plenty of fresh air and work up an appetite!

Everyone's welcome (dogs too) just turn up for 10:30am... see you there!

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL

MAX. 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM

NOSH AND KNOWLEDGE

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2022


QUIZ NIGHT

CHEESE AND NIBBLES

7.30PM

£10 PER PERSON

TABLES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING RUTH: 07984425029



HEMYOCK PTFA

Village Fete 2022

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Would you like to have a stall, run an activity, provide music or sponsor the event then please get in touch: hemyockptfaevents@gmail.com

18TH JUNE 2022
12 - 3PM
HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Many thanks goes to our main sponsors:




Helen Pepperell

The family of Helen Pepperell would like to express their huge gratitude and thanks to friends, family and the wider community for all the help, support and positivity that was shown to all of them during the last year of her life.

Every act of kindness, however small, helped us give Helen another year of life which was filled with love, laughter and cake.

We would especially like to thank Dr Stuart Murray and the entire Blackdown Practice for their outstanding care of the whole family and feel very lucky to have such people within our community.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Helen's memory please send it to the Somerset Unit for Radiography Equipment so that others can benefit from the services as Helen did.



HEMYOCK'S QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
Saturday 5 June and Sunday 6 June 2022

SATURDAY

A Sports-themed Event on Longmead Field with live music and bar in the evening

SUNDAY

An open-air service led jointly by St Mary's and Baptist churches at Hemyock Parish Hall and recreation ground
BYO Big Lunch



Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

Hemyock Parish Hall

A friendly group run by mums for Mums, Dads, Bumps, Grandparents and Carers

For babies and pre-school children

Tuesdays 1.45pm - 3.15pm (Term time only)

£2.00 per adult- includes snacks and a hot drink for adults

We have ride on toys, soft matting for baby play, books, puzzles, craft table, toys for imaginative play, musical instruments and lots more!

We look forward to seeing you soon

For more information call

Karen 01823681034

Heidi 07771771980

Or check out our Facebook group



Jon Dagger's

£100

1st Prize

Teams of 4 or 6



Licensed Bar & Snacks

£5 per ticket

Big Quiz Night

Easter Sunday 17th April

Doors open 7pm

Quiz starts 7.30pm

Blackdown Healthy Living Centre

Hemyock EX15 3SG

Arts & Crafts

Music & Singing

Snacks & Story

Baby Weigh

Blackdown Stay & Play Hub

Term time on Wednesdays
9.30am - 11am
Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock
£2 per adult

Sensory Play

Messy Play

Tea & Coffee

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW PARENTS

The Violet Chapman Trust

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

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

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

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

There are many examples that we could give of the patients we have helped recently and would cite one that required

their bathroom to be modernised to enable them to continue to live at home; another patient who needed a chair that would help them in getting in and out without assistance. Another example is a patient who had severe back pain and a grant was given for them to have remedial massage.

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

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

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

COULD WE HELP YOU?



News from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre

We are pleased to announce that the Blackdown Stay & Play Hub is re-opening after Easter on the 27th April. It will run on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am – 11am, term time only.

All are welcome, parents, grandparents, carers, babies and pre-school children. We will have soft play, messy play, arts and crafts, musical instruments, role play, books and puzzles. It's £2 per adult, includes snacks for the kids and tea/coffee for adults. Please join the Stay & Play Hub Hemyock group on Facebook for up-to-date information.

The Blackdown Community Sheddars have been busy over the past couple of months with Community Projects. They have repaired some equipment at the children's play park next to the Parish Hall and they have made some bird boxes for the Longmead Environmental area. The Blackdown Community Shed is now open on Sundays and Mondays 10am – 4pm. Why not pop along and meet the Sheddars and see how you can get involved.



Poems from the Riverside Club

We asked our members who attend our Riverside Day Centre to write an acrostic poem to Riverside. These are two that were submitted:

Resting old bones in easy chairs
 Injuries coming to the fore
 Very good company
 Every Monday and Thursday
 Resulting in peace
 Sunny days approaching
 Inviting nature
 Dedicated staff
 Everyone a star

River is flowing
 In the garden of birdsong
 Verdant garden of our song
 Every time that we meet
 River runs fast to a place that we know not
 Singing its ever song
 In slow time and quick time
 Down past the Centre
 Every sound passes

By Jim Kearney

By David Palmer



Blackdown Support Group Annual Cream Tea

The Friends and Volunteers of the Blackdown Support Group came together recently at our annual Cream Tea, held in Hemyock Parish Hall this year. It was a fantastic opportunity for people to get to know each other, make new connections and enjoy being in each other's company once again. The hall was full of chatting and laughter, which was wonderful to hear. Thank you to those who contributed to the delicious selection of cakes and sandwiches, and to our dedicated staff and Trustee team who worked so hard to make it a success on the day.

Without the generosity shown by our Friends, who support us via annual subscription, and the Volunteers who deliver our services, we would not be able to support as many people as we do. We are very grateful to each and every one of you. If you would like more information about the Support Group, would like to become involved as a Friend or Volunteer, or you or someone you know would benefit from our services, please get in contact, we would love to hear from you.

01823 681036 @BlackdownSupportGroup d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net



ACORNS CLUB (formerly the OVER-60s)

At our AGM on 19 January 2022 we were unable to form a committee and therefore had to accept the fact that the Club was no longer viable. A motion was proposed and agreed by all members present that, reluctantly, the Club had to close.

We have been in existence for 52 years which for a local group with no national affiliation is remarkable. During that time we have fulfilled the aims and objects of the Club as stated in the constitution: "to provide companionship, community spirit and information on village affairs, to hear interesting speakers and have the opportunity to go on outings."

We have enjoyed what the Club has offered and it is sad that it has come to an end with our generation. But life has changed and with it aspirations and priorities. In the words of ancient wisdom: "to everything there is a time and a season."

Val White (Secretary)



Above 21 members enjoyed a final meal together as a group on 16 February at the Catherine Wheel. The remainder of our funds (£726.40p) has been donated to the Blackdown Support Group.

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

Riverside Club	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9.30am – 3pm. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687		
Community Shed	Sundays and Mondays most weeks of the year, 10am – 4pm. The Shed is a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending in a social setting. Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687		
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		
Stay & Play Hub	Wednesdays term-time 9.30am – 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for babies and pre-school children. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories. Starts on 27 th April.		

Monday	Yoga	6.15pm – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Yoga	9.30am – 11am	Lea-Ann Furphy
	Pilates	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Pilates (2 classes)	6pm & 7.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30am & 10.45am	Sarah Grey

Therapies

- Massage – Ruth Bell (07892 896895)
- Chiropractic – Sue Moore (07534 222031)
- Osteopathy – Martha Price (07734 431624)
- Massage – Rachel Ridler (07854 973276)
- Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – clinic@betonica.co.uk

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

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH
01823 680687 or centre@bhlac.org.uk

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d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net

Regular Calendar of Events

Blackdown Support Group run regular events throughout each month. Everyone is welcome to attend and booking is essential. To book your place please call us on 01823 681036 or email us d-ccg.bsgadmin@nhs.net. Transport can be arranged if required.

1st Wednesday of the month
Hemyock Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00pm
Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock.

2nd Wednesday of the month
Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30 for 1.00pm
Rosemary Lane Chapel.

3rd Wednesday of the month
Dunkeswell Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am
Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell.

Last Wednesday of the month
Culmstock Lunch Club 12.30 for 12.45pm
Culm Valley Inn, Culmstock.

Exeter Community Energy have been joining us at our social groups recently, as part of their Healthy Homes for Wellbeing project. Their advisors offer practical energy efficiency advice and support to help you save money and stay warm in your home. If you would like to find out more or to make an appointment with an advisor, please contact us for more information or call Exeter Community Energy direct on 0800 772 3617.





Do you feel lonely or isolated?



Two-course lunch



BLACKDOWN COMMUNITY RIVERSIDE CLUB

Fun-filled day for older people



**Mondays & Thursdays
9.30am – 3pm**

**Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock
Ring 01823 680687 for further info.**



Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners' Association holds meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Trips and weekends are arranged and interesting speakers are booked to entertain and inform. Meetings are held in Hemyock Parish Hall at 7.30pm until 9 with refreshments provided.

You have to admire Nature. Dudley, Eunice & Gladys did their best but snowdrops and crocus emerged and the dancing daffodils are a testament to a garden's resilience. Let's hope March will go out like a lamb and April showers are few and far between so we can look forward to tulips and bluebells in April and May. Our Gardeners' meetings resumed in 2022 after a slight hiccup when a COVID-spiked January meant the cancellation of our planned social evening.

February's meeting brought an unexpected delight. David Moon gave us a wonderful audio visual presentation all about the National Garden Scheme. Open gardens raise huge amounts of money for charities every year so just by visiting gardens you can support this remarkable organisation.

Our Social Evening did finally take place on March 9. The high COVID infection rate in our community took its toll along with the foul weather but those members who joined together enjoyed a Quiz, Raffle, Competition and a delicious buffet provided by each member. Our subscription has been the same for more than 15 years but this year it has had to increase to £7.50 per person. We are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors. Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Association.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13 April. Our speaker is Becca Flint talking about Food for Free! And in May we have an innovative evening: gardeners question time and plant sale. This will provide a forum for members' horticultural advice and the chance to pick up a lovely plant. Admission on the door is £1 and we have a prize raffle.

You can always keep up with news on our website www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk We have a Facebook page and regularly post on the Hemyock Community group page. Our Spring Show is on Saturday 2 April when the Parish Hall will be blooming with wonderful flowers and handicrafts, not forgetting culinary delights. Afternoon teas will be served from 2pm so do come along, buy a raffle ticket and something from the Plant Stall and enjoy a lovely afternoon tea, not forgetting to take a look at the fantastic exhibits. Let's look forward to a warm and peaceful Spring to enjoy gardening and gardens.

Susan Scantlebury, Secretary, Hemyock Gardeners' Association.

Valley Arts

Valley-Arts are at last holding their AGM on Fri 25th March in the Cornhill room 7.00pm-8.00pm with a meal in the Catherine wheel after the meeting.



Everyone is welcome to the AGM and meal. We are delighted that Stuart has offered to produce the show with Zelda directing the music and Adele doing the choreography. Andy has taken over our Valley-Arts Facebook page, so you will now get regular updates and photos if you follow our page. Bob would like to hand over stage building and large props and Alice would like to ease back on costumes, so if anyone would like to help out with costumes, stage or props, just contact Caroline, Sally or Stuart - emails below.

We are busy discussing plans for the future of Valley-Arts and we should have come up with a plan before the next edition of the Pump. The Christmas meal has been booked for Saturday 17th Dec; please keep the date in your diary.

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. Please come and join us you will be most welcome.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)



Come and play cricket !!!

Hemyock Cricket Club would like to welcome new and old players of all standards and ages for the upcoming season. We are a friendly social club that plays Saturday afternoons in Division 3 of the West Somerset League, and some friendly matches.

For more information please contact :

John Hurley (Captain) 07972 744279 jchurley66@googlemail.com
 Malcolm Steer (Secretary) 07456 690503 malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk



WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!

ARE YOU?

In 2022 the Hemyock PTFA are inviting the whole village to once again join them on a Bear Hunt.



The bear hunt will take place from 28th May - 11th June. Entries for displays will open on 2nd May.

Keep up to date with the latest information on our Facebook page @HemyockPTFA

For more information contact:
hemyockptfaevents@gmail.com



Around Hemyock

If you were amongst those who attended the Hemyock Calf Club centenary service (postponed from last year) you will remember what a joyous occasion it was. St Marys was filled with present and past members of Culm Valley Young Farmers Club along with friends, the Lights Brigade cows and 2 very well behaved calves. Following the service YFC members served cream teas and then took part in a question and answer time with the Bishop of Exeter. There is a full report elsewhere in the Pump.

Thanks to the work of many people we now have a village skatepark which is proving to be very popular in particular with younger members of the community. Maybe we will have an Olympic champion in the future.

The Poppy Club which began recently is also proving to be a success. Meeting once a month the aim is to make poppies to be used over the Remembrance Sunday period. Beginners or the more experienced are welcomed to meet at St Marys to knit, crochet, chatter and enjoy cake and coffee.

For generations Hemyock has been known as a very generous and caring parish. Those who have lived here for many years may remember some of the events where helping others has been the priority. Flowers being sent to an area of London for Mothering Sunday, the Egg Service that saw youngsters taking eggs to St Marys which were later sent to local hospitals over the Easter period, toys were collected prior to Christmas and donated to the children's ward at Musgrove Park Hospital, the Christmas Shoebox appeal and in 1967 the then Rector, Rev William Llewellyn-Jones, set up the Culm Valley Feed the Hungry Campaign. This resulted in a 6 month campaign with 540 containers of dried milk weighing nearly 7 tons leaving the village Unigate factory, which stood at Millhayes, for an area of India where people were starving.

This brings us up to recent weeks when the horror of Russia brutally invading Ukraine has shocked the world. The village response and that of our surrounding area has been amazing. Through supporting Christian Response to Eastern Europe(Moldova) (cr2ee) almost £3,000 was donated within 3 weeks, with other people making private donations whilst the amount of humanitarian aid has been overwhelming. Cr2ee will work with their partners in Moldova to offer support to Ukrainian refugees and the Moldovians who are opening up their homes to help them. See report elsewhere in Pump.

There have also been villagers who have driven to Poland with aid from another area and someone who has chosen to go to help in Ukraine. Thanks must go to all those who have helped in any way and we pray for their safety.

Covid continues to rear its head here although most cases appear to be less severe. We remember all those affected by it and those who are unwell or recovering for surgery including **Barbara, Ron, Alan, John, Chris and Mary**. Condolences and love are sent to those who have recently had a loved one pass away including **Valerie Goff** and **Joan Adams**.

The following has been received -

Dorothy Hutchings

Dorothy, formerly of Cornerways, Hemyock aged 88 sadly passed away on 23rd January 2022. She had been a resident of Camelot

house for the past 2 years due to the onset of Alzheimers.

Dot lived a long and happy life in Hemyock with her husband Ray and enjoyed sequence dancing where they met many new friends. She was also partial to the odd game of snooker. In her early days she worked for Alfred Wide then spent many years working for D W Hart Builders, figures being her speciality. She was a great knitter producing whatever pattern we gave her from Cricket jumpers ,Arran sweaters ,Bobbie hats and many children's garments. Just before she went into the home she kept herself busy by knitting squares although they often came out in all shapes and sizes often like scarfs because she couldn't remember how many stitches and the size. She would have been pleased to know that all 105 of them have now been sewn together to make 3 colourful blankets to go out to Moldova where I'm sure they will be appreciated now. Well done Dot.

Henrietta Andrews

Henrietta Andrew's (nee Cload) was born on the 29th January 1924. She was the fifth of seven children and her parents farmed at Dykes Farm Sampford Arundel.

Henrietta worked in Taunton after leaving school at Clements and Browns - now Hatcher's. She then spent several very happy years during the war in a Bristol aircraft factory welding rivets into spitfires. She married Ron Andrew's a local farmers son from Culmstock in February 1955 and they lived and farmed at Corks Farm Uffculme. Ron and Henrietta had two daughters, Shirley and Judy.

When Ron died in 2001 mum moved to Prowses in Hemyock where she spent many happy years independently until she went into Oak Tree court at Wellington in April 2021. She was two weeks off her 98th birthday when she passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 15th January this year.

She loved cooking, knitting and being with her family. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Joan Adams

Here is an excerpt from the address given by Revd Canon Becky Totterdell at Joan's Thanksgiving service:

Les met Joan at a Whist Drive about 22 years ago, and he told me the story. In his words, more or less:

‘I asked Joan if she would like a lift home from the Whist Drive.

First, she said “No”, then she altered her mind and said “Yes”. When she got home she got out of the car and said to me, “I’ll see you next week.” So I said, “Aren’t you going to ask me in for a cup of tea?” And she said “Yes”.

Well, the tea must have been all right because Les tells me that, after a month, he moved in.

They carried on going to Whist Drives and Bingo and were very happy together. They also enjoyed going on coach day trips to the seaside, especially Teignmouth and Weymouth. If Les lost Joan at the seafront he’d always know where to find her, because she loved playing on slot machines, and apparently was always winning teddy bears.

Everybody liked Joan; she had a bubbly personality and liked to laugh. She could always see the funny side of things. She was very well-known here in Hemyock where she had grown up and enjoyed community life. She did not have an easy life but was a very strong person and found real happiness once she had met Les. Her strength of character is reflected in the first hymn we had, ‘he who would valiant be, gainst all disaster’.

Joan brought up her three children on her own - Susan, Brian and David - with the help of her parents and her brother Viv. And was blessed with the gift of three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

As you reflect on the Joan you knew and loved, there will be very many things that you want to give thanks for. We thank God today for Joan’s faith in God, reflected in the wonderful hymns we sing today. We thank God for all that Joan achieved in bringing up her children in difficult circumstances, and that she was able to see the family grow and expand with the gift of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And we thank God for the great happiness she found with Les in the 22 years they enjoyed together.

Sid Richards

Some readers may remember Sid Richards, who sadly passed away around the Christmas period. Sid was the deputy head at Hemyock school under Clive Richardson, when it was opposite the church. He used to be a member of Hemyock singers, before moving away to take up a headteacher position at Templecombe. He lived at Stalbridge in the latter years of his life.

Once again our local facebook page speaks of peoples concern about the speed of vehicles in the village. This is nothing new as as far back as June 1915 the school log reports that *‘Mary Burrows met with a fatal accident whilst going home from school and died within the hour despite being attended by Dr Huth’s surgery at Culmstock’*

Many will remember Vicki Sherwood, daughter of Rev David and his wife Lizzie. We send congratulations to Vicki and Luke on the birth of their first child, a daughter named Freya.

Congratulations also to Charlotte Vincent who by the time you read this will have appeared on BBC2 Great British Menu programme.

Having held the Calf Club Centenary service we look forward to the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee and to being part of the 1st Hemyock Scout Group 50th anniversary of friendship and camping with Tonder, Denmark. 50 years! That must make some of us feel old!

Having run the 1st Hemyock Brownie Pack for a number of years I was saddened to see there has been no response to the appeal for helpers. The group began in 1943 being formally recognised 2 years later. The Scouting and Guiding bug had led to around 6 people becoming Brown Owl between then and now and seen hundreds of girls enjoy all the organisation has to offer.

As always, we look forward to hearing of any news you would like to share such as in our case attending a university graduation in March, postponed due to the pandemic. Perhaps there are others

who will also be celebrating their youngster’s special day?

Take care everyone and enjoy the Springtime weather.

Janice – Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Hemyock Bowling Club

Covid clearly remains an issue in terms of incidence and prevalence, but fortunately, with more people triple immunised, the impact on most people seems now to be much more manageable, and so life is beginning to get back to normal, at least in terms of formal restrictions.

Hemyock Bowling Club will open its green to members again on Saturday April 16th, Easter Saturday. All members will be chafing at the bit to dust off their bowls and get out in the fresh air to bowl. We shall all take care to stay safe and responsible.

This season promises, at long last, to be a normal bowling season without restrictions, and with a full programme of league and friendly matches, as well as internal competitions and social events. As an open air sport with no (significant!) contact, and play spread over a nice large area, it remains a low risk sport from the ongoing point of view of Covid. It is ideal for all members of the family, of all ages, not only the oldies!

On the bank holiday weekend at the end of May, Bowls England is promoting a Big Bowls Weekend across the country, and Hemyock will be taking part, holding an open day on the Saturday, when anyone who would like to try bowling will be able to come and give the sport a try. Watch out for fliers and posters, and come along. However, you don’t need to wait until then. Come along on ant Friday evening (club night) after about 6pm, and you will be made most welcome, and you can have a go then. Free coaching is available, and membership is free to all new bowlers for their first year. The club is really enthusiastic to encourage more people to discover bowls.

Come and try bowling.

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.

History Group Report

Chris Western, a History Group member, gave a really good talk at our February meeting which was enjoyed by a loyal group of our members. The talk was on the amazing 1893 Polar expedition led by the Norwegian, Fridtjof Nansen with the object of being the first team to reach the North Pole while exploring the Arctic.

He had previously successfully organised a trans Greenland expedition in 1888 with a small team and modest amount of equipment suited to the conditions with the objective of simply crossing Greenland. He led this team of six, coast to coast across 300 miles, becoming the first to explore the interior of Greenland and taking scientific readings on the way, all while enduring temperatures dropping to around minus 40 celcius, and ascending to the interior plateau approaching 9,000ft in height.

Previous well known expeditions by the major powers searching for a sea route through the Arctic, where it was believed there was an open sea between the ice floes, were both abject failures. The American Jeanette expedition of 1879 financed by the NY Herald with 33 men, of whom only 13 returned, was like the HMS Terror and Erebus British expedition of 1845 with 129 men, all of whom were lost. These expeditions planned at a Government level had the grand object of finding a Passage through the ice and into the presumed open Arctic sea. Nansen's plan was for a much smaller team and set about improving their equipment, making sledges lighter, stronger and increasing their capacity. He produced designs for better sleeping bags, skis and stoves, and took advice from the northern 'Sami' people, native of the northern territories in what is now Finland, on travel and survival techniques in the high northern latitudes. He worked with naval architects to create a design which was very different to the American and British ships which were all standard large ship designs for normal ocean going with a length to width ratio of around 5.5. His design was for a squeezed hull with a ratio of 3 to 1, a round hull bobbing on the sea with a double thickness hull of very strong timbers that could withstand the pressure of the thick ice. In the open ocean the rolling of the hull would cause sea sickness but in packed ice would simply slip up above the ice like a slippery eel. The major factor noted by Nansen was that the USS Jeanette crushed by the ice pressure was found 3 years later when some of its ice encased wreckage was discovered on the southern tip of Greenland, some 2,500 miles from where she was lost.

Nansen correctly calculated that there must be a trans polar ocean current moving south west from the area North of Russia and Norway, taking a vessel encased in ice very close to the North Pole. So his wooden ship called the Fram would simply provide good storage and shelter for his crew while they carried out scientific experiments on the ice, while leaving the ship's movement, while encased in ice, towards the North Pole to nature. Due to the success of his first Arctic expedition to Greenland he was able to raise finance, build his special designed ship, the Fram, raise a crew of 13 and generate a large amount of positive support in Norway. His expedition proved there was no land mass in the Arctic north of Greenland since this would have blocked the southerly flow of the ice encased ship. Although they did not reach the North Pole they carried out a great amount of research on the ice proving there was no Arctic land mass or northerly open sea and brought all his team, equipment and ship home safely. This provided a boost to Norway becoming independent of Sweden in 1905.

The March talk was given by Colin Spackman on the history of Wellington. The town of Weolington and Bocland was a saxon town created around 904ad after King Ina had taken control of Taunton Vale around 720ad and Bishop Asser of Sherborne, who wrote the history of King Alfred, is mentioned in the town history. St John's Church was founded in 1250 and although the town was mentioned in the Domesday Book there is no mention of a manor house until Sir John Popham built his home in Wellington between 1600 and 1650, however the main building was damaged in the civil war, but the grounds were donated to the town and became the town park enjoyed by all residents today. The 19th century saw real growth in industry, jobs and population with Thomas Fox and Elworthy building woollen mills in the town, the start of the real prosperity for the 4,000 people in the town. The 1830's saw the building of the Town Hall, Baptist Church and Workhouse, all large impressive buildings plus the extension of the Great Western Canal south of the town towards Exeter, but only reaching Tiverton. The 1840's saw the railway extending south from Taunton to the Beambridge and the creation of companies by Walter Gregory, cosmetics, Walker with his milk factory, the Price bros with their bed factory, now Relyon and in 1867 Egerton Burnett built Jubilee warehouse, which became the main part of Wellington School. Of course, earlier, King George made Wellesley Duke of the town, since he needed a similar name to remember. The end of the century saw the completion of the cottage hospital and the Monument which had taken many years gradually reaching to the sky on the top of the hill. The gradual industrial growth of the town went into reverse from the 1960's, although the population continued to grow. Thus current growth has been in supermarkets and service industries. We now look forward to a unitary authority. What is the future for the History of Wellington?

Our Easter talk on 21st April is a special event with Mrs Patricia Davies talking about her experiences in WW2 which is covered in her and her sister's book, Code Breaking Sisters, a Secret War, which she has previously covered on a BBC interview. The May talk is by John Somers, a retired lecturer from Exeter University on the changes he has seen in his long lifetime. Can we make a plea for anyone with an interest in history to become more involved with the Hemyock History Group, in whatever capacity, to take the group forward. Our web site www.blackdownarchives.org.uk receives regular requests for historic material of the area which we are usually able to provide due to our own archives held on the Groups computers. I understand that Hemyock Castle will be open for visitors on the coming Bank Holiday weekends. We do need to support this historic building at the centre of our community, before it is lost to the developers.

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HEMYOCK PARISH HALL
Saturday 30 April 2022

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Info: 01823 680351 Doors open 7.30

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Lights Brigade Spring Dance 2022

It's been three years since we staged an evening of raucous live music and fun at the village hall in aid of the Lights Parade. On 30th April 2022 we bring you Mr Tea and the Minions, a top quality band united by a love of tea, energetic dancing, cheeky riffs, silly hats, and cake.

"The Minions seamlessly weave Balkan Beats with ska, dub and swing to create a bouncing set. It's impossible not to get involved."
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They will be supported by local rising stars Drop in the Ocean, expect the usual wide selection of drinks, plus special gin bar.

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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

What's On April 2022

Fri 1	
Sat 2	Ch'ford + Well. FM, Mobile Library, PH SPRING SHOW, P Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 3	
Mon 4	
Tue 5	
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30 Parish Council, F.L 7.30
Thu 7	Taunton FM,
Fri 8	Local Schools End of Term (until April 22) Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12 “Stories from Ethiopia”, Piers Langdon, CR 3pm
Sat 9	Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmers' Markets
Sun 10	
Mon 11	Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 12	Tues Club FL 7.30
Wed 13	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12.30, Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 2.30 – 4, Gardeners' Meeting
Thu 14	Taunton FM Mobile Library, PH, 2.15pm, L. Millhayes 3.25
Fri 15	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 16	HEMYOCK MARKET + Well F.M
Sun 17	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon 18	EASTER MONDAY
Tue 19	
Wed 20	
Thu 21	Taunton and Honiton F.M History Group, FL 7.30
Fri 22	Young Farmers' "PRIZEGIVING"
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market
Sun 24	
Mon 25	Local schools term starts Young Farmers FL 7.30
Tue 26	
Wed 27	
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 29	
Sat 30	Mobile Library, PH, 9.55 Lights Brigade, Spring Dance, 12 – 2 pm, PH “Love Musgrove”- Sky Diving Event, Dunkeswell

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

Sunday	Community Shed	10 – 4 pm	C Shed
Mondays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	10 - 12.30 noon	PH
	Mature Movers	11 -12 noon	Garages
	Art Group	10 - 12 noon	FL
	Community Shed	10 – 4 pm	C. Shed
	Badminton	1.30 – 3.30	PH
	Salsa DX Dance Exercise,	6.30 – 7.30	PH
	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45	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
	Moir Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 - 6.15	FL
Wednesdays	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 - 11 am	BHLAC
	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 May 2022

Sun 1	
Mon 2	
Tue 3	
Wed 4	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30 Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 5	Taunton FM Parish Council AGM, Focus “Community Land”, Cheese & Wine, PH, 7.30
Fri 6	
Sat 7	Tiverton, Cullompton, Yarcombe. FM
Sun 8	
Mon 9	Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 10	Tues Club, PH, 7.30
Wed 11	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30 Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4pm, BHLAC Gardeners' Meeting FL 7.30
Thu 12	Taunton F Market Mobile Library, PH, 2.15, L.Millhayes, 3.25pm
Fri 13	Empty Spaces, 10-11.30, BHLAC
Sat 14	“HERE FOR YOU”, Church Open Day, REPAIR CAFE Pump Deadline
Sun 15	
Mon 16	
Tue 17	
Wed 18	
Thu 19	Taunton + Honiton Farmers' Markets History Group, CR 7.30
Fri 20	
Sat 21	HEMYOCK MARKET 10-12, Well. FM, CRICKET commences 2 – 6pm
Sun 22	
Mon 23	Young Farmers. FL, 7.30
Tue 24	
Wed 25	
Thu 26	Taunton FM
Fri 27	“Pimms & Puddings”, FOSM, CR, 7 pm
Sat 28	SCOUT Coffee Morning, PH,10 -12, Mobile Library, PH, 9.55 – 11.35
Sun 29	
Mon 30	
Tue 31	

Forthcoming Events

JUNE	02 – 05	Platinum Jubilee weekend.
JUNE	02	Clayhidon Queen's Jubilee, Evening Party, Beacon Lighting at Ridgewood Hill
JUNE	04	Clayhidon Village Party, Children Fancy Dress Comp.
JUNE	04	Hemyock Short Mat Bowls
JUNE	05	Joint Thanksgiving Service (Clayhidon) 2.30pm (St Andrews & Rosemary Lane Chapel, at St Andrews.)
JUNE	11	Coffee Morning, 1, Pencross View, for Alzheimers
JUNE	25	Wyndham Singers, St Mary's, 7.30
JULY	02	St Mary's Summer Fete
JULY	17	Open Gardens, FOSM

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

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HEMYOCK QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS



**Saturday 4 June
Sunday 5 June**

Hemyock Parish Council are pleased to announce plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. To mark the 70th anniversary of our longest serving monarch we have been given a four day weekend!

On Thursday 2 June The Queen's Birthday parade (Trooping the Colour) will be held in London and the nation will light Platinum Jubilee beacons. Friday 3 June at St Paul's will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's reign.

Then on Saturday 4 June Hemyock will come together in the spirit of sport. It may not be Racing (the Queen's love of horses is well-known) but in football, tennis and skateboarding.

Hemyock FC have offered to stage a five aside tournament and a penalty shoot-out on the football field at Longmead. Do come along and cheer your favourites on! The tennis club have offered up their courts for a Tennis Open Day and Have-a-go! There will be racquets and ball machine available for all you budding Andy Murrays and Emma Raducanus. For the first time on the MUGA there will be the chance to see our future star skateboarders with a SkateJam. An evening of live music from popular band Bar None is on offer with a bar run by Culm Valley Young Farmers and among the food vendors, Ellises Farm. If the weather is kind it'll be a great way to watch the sun going down

Sunday sees the Recreation Ground and Parish Hall take centre stage in our Celebrations. In the morning an open-air service of thanksgiving for the Queen's reign will be led jointly by Rev Becky Totterdell and Pastor Steve Williams. The car park will be set up with tables and chairs or you can bring along picnic chairs to take part in the service. This will be followed by songs sung by the choir from Hemyock Primary School and a singalong. Nothing like a bit of community singing to lead us into the Big Jubilee Lunch! Bring along a picnic, chairs, gazebos and whatever food and drink you want – or even the Queen's Pudding - and enjoy! We're hoping for some cool live music to accompany this chilled out lunch or a game of the biggest rounders match ever!

TV coverage of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant will be shown in the Baptist Church
If you would like to get involved in the celebrations, do get in touch
Sue 01823 681393 Alex 07834 734292 Paul 07812 393259
or email hemyockpc@gmail.com.
We're also on Facebook: Queen's Platinum Jubilee

SATURDAY 4 JUNE		LONGMEAD SPORTS & MUSIC DAY	
14.00		LONGMEAD FIELD FOOTBALL Five-a-side Penalty shoot-outs	
		MUGA (LONGMEAD) SKATE JAM	
		TENNIS COURTS TENNIS OPEN COMPETITION HAVE-A-GO (Racquets & ball-machine)	
17.00		LONGMEAD FIELD BBQ from Ellises Farm BAR from Culm Valley Young Farmers PA Music	
19.30		LIVE MUSIC Bar None band	
10.30		CLOSE	

SUNDAY 5 JUNE		HEMYOCK PARISH HALL CAR PARK & RECREATION GROUND	
11.00		OPEN-AIR JOINT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING LED BY REV BECKY TOTTERDELL AND PASTOR STEVE WILLIAMS	
12.00		Hemyock Primary School Choir	
12.30		THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH Music Rounders	
16.00		CLOSE	

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)

The management committee have always been keen to maintain the hall as an asset and improve facilities where funds allow. Users will notice the new access restriction system. The old 'punchkey' system became a bit clumsy with many codes in existence and therefore to improve security, the system we have chosen to install will regulate hirers to access for the agreed hire period.

The PA system has also been upgraded, with new loudspeakers and a replacement amplifier. Those hard of hearing will appreciate that the hearing loop system is now functioning properly, and there is also a bluetooth connection enabling connection with mobile phone or other compatible device. We have purchased a number of round tables. These are primarily for use at functions such as weddings or other parties to give a more sociable feel than rectangular tables, and some replacement (more comfortable) chairs are also on the way. Issues that the committee are set to discuss include the heating system, replacement of the fence along the Culmbridge Rd perimeter, and progress to the children's playpark.

I noticed recently whilst filing some papers, that in 2006 when Robin's Court was built on the old tennis courts, that there were 21 trustees involved in managing the hall and recreation field, and that this number has dwindled in the present day by just about half. The committee meets every two months and if you feel able to contribute just a few hours to help maintain the parish hall and the field, we'd love to hear from you. It's a wonderful parish asset, and many depend upon it for their social wellbeing, so new faces at our committee meetings would be very welcome.

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

2,400-MILE VAN TRIP TO HELP UKRAINIAN BABIES

Conrad Fielding and Mark Farrell left Hemyock on a 2,400-mile round trip to eastern Poland today (March 17) in two vans crammed with aid for babies rescued from war in Ukraine. Conrad – who runs the Wellington-based catering business Conrad's Kitchen – and Mark, who runs a small transport business, have previously helped refugees camping in the Calais Jungle.

This time they are driving to the Poland/Ukraine border, near the town of Lviv, with sterilised baby bottles, food and walkie-talkies collected by Taunton For Ukraine. Conrad and Mark will be covering their own food, accommodation and insurance costs but would really appreciate any help to cover the diesel bill.

"If you would like to donate towards fuel costs, that would be wonderful, thank you", says Conrad, whose bank details for online payments are CJ Fielding 20-25-24 30171093.

Any money over and above the fuel costs will be spent directly on medical or other most urgent supplies. They'll be guided by the charities on the ground.

Blackdown Hills Repair Café Big Fix Event

We are offering you all to attend our next Blackdown Hills Repair Café Big Fix Event at the **Parish Hall in Hemyock** on the **14th of May 2022 from 10am until 4.00pm.**

Many Repair Café's in the whole of the United Kingdom will be repairing items on this day. At this event you will be 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 throughout the day, where on offer will be a selection of home made cake, tea and coffee and also Bacon Butties. (This event will replace our usual slot on the 28th May 2022) Stephan - Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783 or at: sfelehner@aol.com

Poets Corner

HEAR LIFES SOUND...

The wind breathes air from lungs of Winter,
Sighing though the woodland branches;
Small sounds of living in the woodland,
A dry leaf rustles,
Small beasts are running, hiding,
Trees are swaying, touching, talking,
Music over glade and meadow,
Wind in grass and sound of rain squall,
Small sounds, that we hardly hear them,
Creation's sound is all around us,
Sudden sound then sudden sunshine,
Sound then silence.
Then silent sound,
Of springtime greening.

WALKING BY THE RIVER.

It's peaceful by the river,
These first few days of April,
When the air is fat with springtime,
And my heart is full of wonder;
Thinking the Easter story,
Dying there beside Him,
Dreaming that I hear Christ speak,
"This day with Me in Paradise."
Here beside the springtime river
We walk the Easter journey
Full of springtime fullness, we see
Death can only die and
LIFE will rise live in wonder,
With Christ today in Paradise,
For ever!

David Palmer



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Singers, Poets, Rappers
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Will be have an Info Stall
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Celebrations
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Wanted! Volunteers to help
On Saturday 4 or Sunday 5 June
For Hemyock's Queen's
Platinum Jubilee celebrations
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Wanted! Aspiring Bands
If you want to perform on stage
at Hemyock's Queen's Jubilee
Celebrations at Longmead Field
On Saturday afternoon 4 June
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Wanted! Food pop-ups!
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LEAP NEWS

It has been a busy few weeks at the Longmead environmental project. The Hemyock Community Shedders visited the area armed with a ladder and a host of bird boxes that they had made in the shed. They proceeded to site them on the trees alongside the stream, so hopefully they will become the 'des res' for the tits and small birds this Spring. Many thanks for the bird boxes and a promise of some bug hotels in the future. A great collaboration!

The wildlife hedging saplings arrived from the Woodland Trust and an enthusiastic group of volunteers contacted mostly by the Hemyock Community facebook page, set about preparing the ground to plant the little elder, hawthorn, dog rose, hazel, dogwood and crabapple. It was a jolly crowd ranging in age from teens to very grown ups! There was soon a good routine of making a big enough hole in the clay soil, dipping the sapling roots in mycorrhizal fungi gel, planting it and supporting it with bamboo and a tree guard. There is now a zig zag of a hedge planted at a few sites within the area, mulched with wood chippings kindly donated and delivered by Paul at Ashculme. Fingers crossed that they all thrive over the next few months - we need a nice warm Summer - not too hot and dry please!

We have now purchased three Austrian scythes thanks to the Community Support Award from councillor Ray Radford. This means that we can scythe the grass in different areas as it grows and remove it, thus allowing a greater diversity of habitats in the grassland. The long term aim is to encourage meadow plants, once the fertility of the area has been reduced.

The young rhubarb is ready for pulling if you fancy a crumble, the blackcurrants are shooting and it will soon be time to plant up the beds with herbs and vegetables. There is frog spawn in the pond, the grey wagtails (the ones that look yellow rather than the grey ones which are called pied wagtails) are flitting about the stream and there is a cute little fungus called scarlet elfcup growing on the decaying vegetation near the pond. Why not wander down and have a look?

Trish Slater
March, 2022.



Hemyock Tennis Club

A few dates for the diary - the AGM will be held on Thursday 7th April at 8pm in the Longmead pavilion, immediately following the social play. We look forward to seeing as many as possible. Over the Easter school holiday, Dan Sizer will run a holiday club, so look out for more details, times and dates etc. etc. See Dan's details below.

Platinum jubilee celebrations will take place over the first weekend in June, and on Saturday 4th June, following that mornings social play, the club will hold an open afternoon, and throw open the courts with the emphasis on including as many as would like to swing a racket.

Thoughts at the moment are to give one court over to juniors, another to the ball machine, and try to arrange some more serious tennis on the remaining court. There is more entertainment being arranged to take place at Longmead, including 5 a side football, a band playing in the early evening, and there will be food and drink available throughout the afternoon.

With British Summer Time and Easter almost upon us, thoughts turn to better weather and (hopefully) balmy summer afternoons and evenings that are perfect for tennis. Letters of invitation to renew membership will shortly be posted. The committee have decided that the adult renewal fee will be 100, (150 couple). The full package of membership options can be found on the website.

Julie Steed (steedjulie52@gmail.com) continues to coordinate 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, get in touch with the club or Dan at dansizer@hotmail.com

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 has a few tubes of tennis balls left and will, I'm sure, soon be ordering more. The last delivery was priced at 8.80 for 2 tubes of 4, so pretty good value, and Jerry can usually 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 a 'Strawberry & Tennis' and 'Mince Pies & Tennis' afternoons 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.

Hello again, I do believe Spring is with us as I look out at the sunshine and daffodils in the garden. It would appear that we can now see the worst of Covid behind us and we can get on with our proper scouting. However before I tell you about 1st Hemyock we must remember our fellow humans in Ukraine who are suffering the atrocities of war- not of their making. I saw over the weekend on a television report Ukrainian scouts helping out in one of their hospitals. It just reminds me that we are a worldwide brotherhood. As scouts we are praying for a peaceful solution and as quickly as possible.

As a group we are now moving towards the end of our Spring programmes with Easter rapidly approaching. I know all sections are now working on programmes for the Summer term and I will tell you about them next time.

Our "biggy" is getting ever closer at the end of Summer term. The visit of our Danish friends from Tonder Spieder Corps after fifty years visiting each other and camping together. As I said last time we will be camping in Torbay where we first met in 1972. We will be in camp from 23rd July for week and then back to stay in Hemyock until 3rd August when the Danes return home. It will be quite an occasion as we know that there are very few groups in UK that have an International friendship spanning fifty years. Our organising leaders are busily working on the details which hopefully will include a trip to Brownsea Island up at Poole. I am sure that most of you know that was where our founder Robert Baden Powell held our 1st scout camp in 1907. We have a list of 39 Danish scouts and guides who will be travelling over to see us, many old friends and many new faces. We will all enjoy the visit. I will tell you all the details next time in the June/July Pump

Last time I gave you some details of the 1972 and 2016 camps together. Here are a couple more. In 1980 forty eight Hemyock scouts sailed across the North Sea. We camped with 7000 others at a site in Stevinghus. It rained and rained and rained. The mud was knee deep with water floating through the tents. A wonderful welcome awaited back in Tonder where the Danes dried us out and looked after us for the second week. If you bump into leader Colin Grabham. He will tell you about it- he was there as a young scout. In 1996 fifty Danish scouts joined us for a camp at Huish Woods just outside Taunton. A beautiful place with lots to do. And of course home hospitality and more events. Treasure hunts, visits to Exeter and Butlins in Minehead and a BBQ for all families and friends. It was in fact a hog roast organised by old scouts Mark and Kim Pearce (their father Eric was a cub leader known as Squirrel- we keep it in the family!) That year also marked Rikki's half century and was pleased and proud to receive a Danish BP hat as the birthday was during the visit.

Our next event will be St Georges Day Parade and Service with you in St Marys. It will be the first service since 2019 due to the pandemic. The Parade will be from the Parish Hall at 10.45am for the Service at 11.00am. We are looking forward to being with you where we will renew our scout promises with a chat and a bit of

fun with Rikki. You will probably see that hat I mentioned above. Why? You must join us to see!

All leaders recently received an e mail from Chief Scout Bear Grylls/Uk Chief Commissioner Carl Hankinson. They agree that it is great to get back to proper scouting with light at the end of the tunnel after two years of the pandemic. It was a big thanks from them to all leaders for keeping scouting going during difficult times. They look forward to much FUN- so they agree with Old Rikki!

I will finish with a few of those old adages I found:
"If you do not know where you are going, any road will take you there"
"The brave man is not he who doesn't feel afraid but he who conquers that fear"
"Hope is a good thing and good things never die"
"With a little seed of imagination you can grow a whole field of hope"

Those few thoughts maybe can make us think about what is happening in Ukraine. Lets all pray that it will be over between me writing this and you receiving the Pump. Thats all for now,

Old Rikki



Culm Valley Singaround

It began as an anonymous post on the 'Everything Uffculme' facebook page. 'Coming soon [if anyone is interested] the Uffculme singaround group.' Eventually a group of local Uffculme suspects gathered in the Square Corner cafe and thrashed out what we wanted.

Accordingly there's going to be a first meet in Uffculme Church on Tuesday March 15th. The next 2 meetings are March 29th and April 12th. It is not a church event, but we decided that the church would have a good acoustic and a pleasant vibe as well as making social distancing easy. What everyone wanted to do was get together and sing songs with harmonies in a Natural Voice Style. So there will be folk songs, pop songs, songs from other countries with simple harmonies learned by ear. Leading the singing will be Andrew Hague, late of Sweet Honi Rock choir. There will also be opportunities for individuals to perform a la Folk club 'Come All Ye' To be honest, we don't really know what shape this thing will end up being. It's democratic so get in at the beginning and help mould it into a real community event. The charge will be minimal as all that we really need to do is pay for the venue hire and perhaps buy a few arrangements and pay for a bit of advertising. If you are interested get in touch with Andy Hague on hague151@gmail.com. We kick off at 7.30pm and we're aiming to finish by about 9pm.

Dear Residents

We are bringing back into house, the children's services which have been under Babcock. Cabinet, on 1st August 2022, 204 FTE staff currently employed by Babcock LDP to deliver Education services will transfer back into Children's Services in Devon County Council through a TUPE process.

In preparation for this, officers from all departments affected by the move (Children's Services, ICT, Premises, HR, Finance, Communications etc), have been working as part of a project steering group to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure a smooth transfer of staff and also that the delivery of services to schools and therefore children will not be impacted. Schools' representatives sit as part of the Project Steering Group and all Headteachers have been updated on progress. This report is to provide an update on the progress being made to transition all of the services, and the staff who deliver them. and TUPE for over 250 staff (204 FTE) Over the past 9 months senior staff have also been involved in workshops looking at how all our services currently work together and how this could be improved. There has been excellent engagement across the Council to support the transition of the Babcock LDP teams into DCC and all the workstreams are currently on track to deliver the necessary steps on time. As you will have gathered by now, County have put together their 22/23 budget, I have included again the basic figures that make up the budget, it was agreed at our Budget meeting on 17th Feb.

Immediately below are the figures for this current year up to month 10 (End of January)

Adult Care and Health services are forecast to overspend by just over £3.8 million, a reduction of £1.3 million from month 8. The forecast includes budgeted savings of £283,000 still considered deliverable.

Adult Care Operations is forecasting to overspend by just over £4.1 million, this continues to be a mix of price and volume pressures but the improved position is the result of a funding agreement being reached with health around costs associated with the hospital discharge programme. Within Learning Disabilities and Autism higher demand has continued into this year with client numbers in these areas being 164 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 47 more than the budgeted level of 516. Adult Commissioning and Health and Mental Health is forecast to underspend by £359,000.

Children's services are forecasting an overspend of £8.8 million a reduction of £300,000 from month 8. However, this figure does not include the projected deficit of £39.9 million on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The targets set for each service area have been subject to different pressures and influences.

Totals for this years budget 21/22 was £580.671m with inflation etc. Totals for 22/23 £629.362m increase of £48.691 (8.4%)

There is no getting away from the fact that this budget is one of the most challenging the authority has ever faced. Investment of over £87 million is needed for our services next year and even with the increase in funding from Government that level of investment is not affordable without making significant savings and taking money from our reserves. We put those reserves aside for a rainy day and I think we can all agree it's more like the monsoon season right now. As I have often said these reserves are finite and can only be spent once; however, I am certain that it is the right thing to, using some of that money to support the young, the elderly and the most vulnerable in our communities.

I know that roads and their conditions are of interest to all Parish Councils and the community, so I have included some information regarding this.

Network Condition, Highway Authorities are required to collect and submit data on the condition of their highway network on an annual basis. In Devon, this information is collected via a driven machine survey. The main measure of condition is the Road Condition Indicator (RCI). This is made up of several parameters, such as cracking and rutting, which combine to give an overall measure of the state of the road.

Potholes, Another indicator for the condition of the road network is the number of recorded potholes. In general, the number of potholes recorded each month in 2021 has been below the five year average. In addition to the general improvement in the condition of the network discussed above the relatively benign weather throughout autumn and the start of winter has been a benefit. The above average figures recorded for June and August were due to the wet weather experienced in May and June and the reprogramming of annual inspections to the summer months.

Gully Cleansing

The gully cleaning gangs are slightly behind programme but are confident of addressing this gap by dedicating some 'hand clean' gangs to some problem areas and increasing resources if necessary.

Grips, Easements and Buddleholes.

The cleaning of grips, easements and buddleholes remains slightly ahead of programme.

Management of Drainage Issues.

This financial year has seen in excess of 25,600 referrals made by the gangs. In response to these referrals the gangs have been able to address more than 22,000 of these requests. This is an area of the work that the team would like to continue developing by increasing capacity to meet the demand and reducing response times. However, this is going to be difficult in the next financial year with a proposed reduction in both revenue and capital budgets.

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.

The Blackdown Practice

Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Winter Service

The start to the winter season has been relatively quiet with below average levels of salt spread in both November and December. The forecast for the start of 2022 was indicating milder, damper conditions. The risk of a short, sharp winter event has not been discounted.

A question was asked at the last Full Council meeting (17th Feb) about 20mph limits. What is the timescale for decisions and intended implementation for the 20mph speed limit routes now being invited for proposal?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES said, "we are committed to introducing new 20 mph speed limits in Devon in the coming financial year, as we resolved at our December Cabinet. As you will be aware elected Members and communities have been asked to submit their applications by the end of March. After this, officers will prioritise schemes for delivery. I will ask that an update is provided to Members as the prioritisation work is undertaken and a detailed delivery programme developed".

I just thought you might be interested in this, particularly around Schools.

Devon, along with other councils, continue to raise concerns with the DfE over the rising costs and demand of special educational needs, and although government has responded nationally with £730 million for 2022/23 and a further £325 million in the recent spending review. Devon's share of this funding is £12.5 million which is not sufficient to deal with the demand on the High Needs Block

Local authorities have a statutory requirement to meet the needs of people eligible for care, to support them and their carers, and to fund care for those people with needs who meet financial eligibility criteria. The Adult Commissioning and Health team work with NHS colleagues to assess the strategic health and social care needs of the Devon

population, and ensure there are solutions to meet those needs through integrated commissioning and joined up services. Commissioners work with the independent sector, helping to shape the local market to encourage quality, choice and sufficiency of provision. Local authorities have a responsibility to ensure care is maintained where a provider fails financially and services cease – for everyone, including self-funders, to ensure people's needs can continue to be met.

The team are also responsible for commissioning intelligence, statutory returns and surveys, internal performance management, and involvement in sector-led improvement; for commissioning and operational policy development and strategic planning; and engaging the users of our services and their carers.

This is just a flavour of what is going on at County, if there are other issues you would like to know about, please ask, and I will find out. Of course any issues around Uffculme, always want to know about and I will try and do my best to resolve.

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

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 Parish Council

Business Update, April 2022

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

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 21/02522/HOUSE. Construction of a front dormer loft conversion to provide additional accommodation. 4 Longmead, Hemyock.
- 22/00268/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey rear extension. 14 Lower Greenfield, Hemyock.
- 21/02312/MFUL. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/00423/MFUL - Erection of 11 dwellings with garages - to allow substitution of previously approved plans. Former St Ivel Station, Hemyock.

Permission granted noted for:-

- 21/02160/HOUSE. Erection of a conservatory to rear. 7 Higher Millhayes, Hemyock.
- 21/02249/FULL. Erection of an agricultural storage barn. Rodleigh Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/02303/FULL. Erection of a general-purpose agricultural building. Land at NGR 314111 111293 (Moorhayes) Hemyock.
- 21/02437/FULL. Change of use and conversion of garage into holiday let. Brownings Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/01944/FULL. Alterations and erection of two-storey extension to dwelling following demolition of conservatory, conversion of agricultural/equestrian building to create holiday accommodation and home office. Horwood Farm, Hemyock.

Finance

Income – included grant money, donations, interest and cemetery. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, water, asset maintenance, footpath maintenance, stationery, room hire, bank charges, and skatepark jam.

The following grants were awarded:-

£1,000 - Healthy Living & Activities Centre
£250 – Mid Devon Churches Housing Action Team
£5,000 – the pc will purchase a piece of play area equipment to the value of £5,000 and gift it to the Parish Hall Committee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A working group has been set up and the following has been suggested:- Saturday afternoon/evening – Longmead Football match, 5-a-side mini football tournament, tennis club open day, skate jam, bar, food stalls, and band. Sunday 11am-4pm Parish Hall/Rec field. Open air service (Baptist and St Mary's) followed by a bring and share picnic, brass band, rounders game and sing-along with the primary school choir. Confirmation and more details will follow.

Longmead

The parish council is looking to improve the overflow car parking areas at Longmead. It has agreed to install CCTV at Longmead in the hope that it will deter anti-social behaviour around the site.

Mid Devon Public Spaces Protection Orders

The pc is supportive of the order for dogs having to be kept on a lead at Longmead. Dogs freely running on football pitches is not acceptable. The pc is supportive of dog owners and to that end it will ensure a dog friendly off lead area will be created as part of the new community land. However, following feedback from many dog walkers, the pc will look at the possibility of creating an area at Longmead that dogs may be off leads but unable to access the football pitches.

Defibrillator Training

Do you know how to use a defibrillator? South Western Ambulance Service will run our annual defibrillator training on Saturday 23rd April at 2pm at The Garages. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting will be held on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm Parish Hall. The focus will be the new community land. Cheese and wine will be available.

Community Speedwatch – More Volunteers Are Needed!

Hemyock Speedwatch Group is part of the Devon & Cornwall Police Speedwatch Organisation based at Police HQ in Exeter. Unfortunately, numbers have reduced recently due to people moving away, having different work commitments, etc, and, therefore, additional operators are needed to keep the speedwatch scheme going. If you would like to take part in Hemyock Speedwatch and play a part in helping keep our village roads as safe as possible please contact our coordinator, Martin Dear, for more information. Martin Dear on 07805254115 or email martindear7@icloud.com.

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

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 April 2022 at 7.30pm). Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil. *The council is meeting at the Healthy Living & Activities Centre until June 2022.

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

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

Not an easy one to write this month. On the one hand life goes on as normal, ordinary and unchanged from before 24th February; the pigs still need feeding, Widget-the-puppy is fast becoming Widget-the-dog, old reed comes off the roof and new reed goes on.

On the other hand a war has begun that will affect every one of us, on which all of our histories pivot. I listen to the news and set out to work for fear of getting stuck waiting for some miracle, wading through a clutter of journalists minutes as snaggle-toothed as an old wire fence, catching on our hopes and fears and little good news to ease the passage of the day.

Still the house we are thatching has seen wars come and go and won't stop leaking for this one, so old reed comes off and new reed goes on. It's a good roof, nice and steep, so the water runs off it well and as a result the main roof has lasted a good 22 years. The tricky bit on this one is the Western Power lines which are closer than I'd like. They are safe and shrouded, but Daisy and I are going to have to work tight to the ladders not to touch them. It's wheat reed too, which is the one I favour over water reed for how it is to work with. There is more of a rhythm to it, you have to do more with it than you do the water reed so it absorbs your mind more.

Over the weekend we spent a day working on Daisy's barn, hanging a few gates, fitting the cattle crush and casting the last bit of the floor. Before we started up the mixer she went to check on 'Red', one of the cows as the others were all up asking for cake. She found her just starting to calve and after 4 mixes of concrete I went to find Daisy sitting in the hedge with a huge smile on her face and a brand new calf alive and well and being cleaned from head to toe by it's mother. We left her be and with the excellent help of our friend Stuart finished the concreting. New life on a fine day in the Blackdowns.

Poppy Club

The Poppy Club held at St Marys church Hemyock is proving to be very popular and an outstanding success. The first monthly meeting was held in February and by the second hundreds of poppies had been knitted or crocheted.

The poppies, which will be a major part of the Remembrance Sunday commemoration in the village, are in four different colours the most famous being the red representing remembrance and hope. The purple poppy remembers all the animals, in particular horses, lost in war with the African, black and Caribbean communities brought to mind with the black flower. The white poppy founded in 1933 has become more evident over recent years and promotes peace.

Cake, coffee and chatter are shared by those enjoying their handiwork on the third Thursday of each month from 10-12noon and anyone interested in helping is welcome to join them. Further details from David on 07773579809.



Culm Valley u3a

The Culm Valley u3a is part of a UK wide collection of 1000+ locally run interest groups providing opportunities, for those no longer in full time work, to learn, stay active and have fun.

Culm Valley u3a is a vibrant, welcoming, and friendly organisation with many activity groups to choose from with more becoming active on a regular basis.

Speakers are booked for our regular monthly meetings at Willand Village Hall, EX15 2PL on the First Thursday between 2pm and 4pm. These will include talks about Walking the North Downs Way, the work of the Plymouth RNLI, the Climate and Ecological Crisis, the Puzzling Aztecs of Mexico, Dartmoor Myths and Legends and how many of those 'illegal immigrant' garden flowers and weeds arrived in this country. Something for everyone!

We have stall at The Walronds Springfest on Saturday April 9th to showcase our activities. We will also be selling crafts, including the pictured cute bunnies, and plants. Do please come along between 9.30 and 2.30 to meet some of our members and to find out more. On Thursday June 2nd we will celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a 1950s indoor tea party with bunting, flags, music, food, dance, and some surprises too!

Keep a look out for more Culm Valley u3a celebrations when we join in with the National u3a's 40th anniversary during September this year.

Meanwhile, we hope to see you at The Waldrons on the 9th of April! For more information please contact Cvu3achair@gmail.com.

St Andrew's Clayhidon

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- ◆ John Griss Charity Developments



St. Andrew's Church News

Snowdrops have been flowering in great abundance in the churchyard once more, particularly near the grave of Rev. Walrond Whitter Clarke who was the rector here for forty seven years. Now it is the time for the beautiful daffodils to show their wonderful display in the front and back churchyards where we can praise and thank the Lord for another of his glorious gifts to us.

We have reached the beginning of Lent and a time for greater thought about the agony which Jesus was to endure. On Ash Wednesday we were able to gather together in Culmstock church to be 'ashed' before visiting prayer sites in the church and receiving Holy Communion. Quite soon it will be Mothering Sunday and an opportunity to give thanks for our mothers. In April, the week before Easter, it is Palm Sunday which we have always celebrated by walking down the church path together carrying a palm cross. This year we will share the service with Rosemary Lane Chapel. Our walk may be further this time but the weather can influence exactly how we carry out our celebration which will be a joyful occasion that we can share. We will also share with the other churches times of great thought and reflection during Holy Week and Good Friday leading up to the joy of Easter Sunday. Once more we would like to welcome everyone to a special celebration 'Sunrise' service at 7am high up in the field at Gray's Lane in Clayhidon, when we can stand round a fire while we sing and then enjoy a warm drink.

Lent meetings are taking place in each of the parishes and will continue until Easter, this year on the heading, 'Surprised by generosity'. The discussions following them can lead to interesting comments and thoughts. Helen suggested doing Lent walks on Sunday afternoons. The first one has taken place which proved to be even more delightful than one might have anticipated. Not only was it a time for meditation but a lovely time to talk with others while enjoying beautiful scenery perhaps not seen before. There was time after this one to come back to Hemyock church to join with others in a prayer vigil for Ukraine.

Julie and Helen will be holding a craft afternoon for the children before Easter as they have done previously, at a time and date to be arranged. We can wait with excitement for Maurice to tell the children about Easter eggs, perhaps with a hunt involved.

As the summer comes nearer we look forward to more outdoor activities and opportunities to share with the benefice churches and friends in Rosemary Lane and other places who unite with us in singing and praising our Saviour.

P.Reynolds. PCC

Jubilee Celebrations

Organisations in Clayhidon are busy planning events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. The four-day holiday begins on Thursday, June 2, when beacons will be lit around the country.

Clayhidon is holding an evening party, as it did ten years ago for the Diamond Jubilee, on Ridgewood Hill. Again there will be live music, a bonfire, a hog roast and a bar run by the village hall committee. On Saturday afternoon, June 4, there will be a tea party at the village hall, with a special emphasis on children. This will include a fancy dress competition with a royal theme and special prizes for the winners. On Sunday June 5 at 2.30 pm there will be a joint service of thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church with the Rosemary Lane Chapel, followed by a cream tea and maybe a surprise or two. Celebration mugs will be distributed to children of the parish. Initial funding for the events is coming from the parish council and John Griss Charity.

CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL

A big thank you to all the parishioners who came to the Cafe on Saturday, 12th March, and supported the committee's request to raise funds for DEC Ukraine. £530 was raised, which amounts to £1060 when doubled by the DEC scheme.



SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S, CLAYHIDON

Sunday 10th April
Palm Sunday

Benefice and Churches Together
10.30am
St Andrew's Clayhidon
Palm Sunday Family Service at St. Andrew's, with procession to Rosemary Lane Chapel for United Service at 11.15am. Alternative start venue and service for the less mobile: 10.30am at Rosemary Lane Chapel Ends at 11.30am with refreshments.



Sunday 17th April
Easter Day

7.00am
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followed by BBQ breakfast
10.00am
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Clayhidon History Group

We are looking forward to meeting together again for our monthly presentations which we have missed during the covid restrictions. On the rare occasions we have seen friends during this time, it has been for a short chat and not for our usual time listening to an interesting speaker.

We are fortunate that Peter Fisher will speak to us in March about Oscar Thomas, a young doctor who in 1914 volunteered for the Great War and became regimental army officer of the cavalry regiment at Cairo. Peter will give us a slide show of historic events dating from the 1850s. Oscar Thomas took photographs of historic events that were contrary to Army regulations at the time.

In April Michael Leigh-Mallory will also be able to illustrate his talk to us about the use of metal detecting. He has no doubt had some very fascinating moments, perhaps of joy or disappointment during many years, but which we will be eager to hear about. Have you ever seen a picture of our country's old coin from the reign of Henry III? Perhaps you will tonight. Come and see.

In May Pauline Rook, who has had an exhibition of photographs of the Blackdown Hills at the Somerset Rural Museum, will be with us to share some of these delightful pictures that we can sit and enjoy together and listen as she tells us interesting information about them. Our meetings will be as usual at the Church Room on the third Thursday of the month, except the April one which has to be postponed a few days. It will be so good to be started again in our sequence of events. We will also discuss further our historic display in August which will be our participation in the Clayhidon Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Village Hall Programme

Programme for April, May and June.

April 9th

THE BIG BREAKFAST

The Hall will not be holding its usual Cafe, but is making way for The Big Breakfast which raises funds for Cancer Research. Details are elsewhere in The Pump.

May 7th

SPRING QUIZ

Peter Walter will be the Quizmaster for an evening of intense competition between teams of 4 from Clayhidon and from afar. Enjoy a Plowman's supper and drinks from the bar.

May 14th

CLAYHIDON CAFE

This will open as usual, 10.30 - 12.30.

June 4th

JUBILEE HOLIDAY 2ND - 5TH JUNE

As part of the celebrations, Clayhidon Village Hall will be hosting a children's party on Saturday afternoon. More details will follow nearer the time.

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Clayhidon Parish Council

Clayhidon Parish Council Update, April 2022

The council met in February. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meetings is as follows:-

Planning

Planning applications considered for:-

- 22/00177/HOUSE. Erection of a carport with home office above. The Cottage, Clayhidon.

Approval noted for :-

- 21/00239/FULL. Change of use of redundant agricultural building to dwelling (Revised Scheme) and erection of 1 outbuilding. Barpark, Clayhidon.
- 21/01857/FULL. Erection of replacement guest house (use Class C1) following demolition of agricultural building. Foxhayes, Clayhidon.
- 21/01265/HOUSE. Erection of a garage/workshop following demolition of existing garage. Lavender House, Clayhidon.
- 21/01476/FULL. Conversion of a barn to holiday let with kitchen extension. Crockers Farm, Hemyock.
- 21/01479/LBC. Listed Building Consent for the conversion of a barn to holiday let with kitchen extension. Crockers Farm, Hemyock
- 21/02332/FULL. Conversion of an agricultural barn to a dwelling with formation of access track. Palmers Farm, Clayhidon.

Finance

Income – grant payment. Expenditure – parish maintenance, bank charges and purchase of litter picking equipment.

The following grants were awarded:-

Mid Devon Churches Housing Action Team £100

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.

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 has been set up and the following has been suggested:-

Thursday evening – bar, hog roast, bonfire and band
Saturday afternoon – children's tea party at Parish Hall
Sunday 2.30pm joint church service and cream tea
More details to follow

Defibrillator Training

Do you know how to use a defibrillator? South Western Ambulance Service will run our annual defibrillator training on Saturday 23rd April at 2pm at The Garages, Hemyock. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

The John Griss Charity Registered Number 1193024 Charity Update

Rose Cottage

A planning application to demolish Rose Cottage and build a row of 3 terraced houses has been delayed whilst various wildlife surveys are completed. The scheme includes the redevelopment of the developer's Brethren Chapel, next door to Rose Cottage. If planning permission is granted, the charity would look to own 2 of the terraced houses which might be rented at affordable rents to local people. At this stage no decision has been made with regard to how the charity might proceed with Rose Cottage and it will obtain legal advice to ensure it complies with any Charity Commission regulations/guidance.

Hartsmoor Lakes

Mike Leigh-Mallory is continuing to manage the lakes on behalf of the charity until December 2022. A specialist engineer inspected the fishing lakes and has produced a report giving the charity advice on how best to mend the temporary fix to the outlet pipe on Greensands Lake. The charity intends to follow his advice and recommendations. Firstly, it involves arranging for a specialist company to CCTV the outlet pipe to pinpoint the exact location of the temporary fix. It then hopes to seal off the old outlet pipe and install a new outlet.

The Environment Agency (EA) conducted a bathymetric survey of Greensands Lake which provided much valuable information, including confirmation that the current water volume of 24,186m³ does not fall under the Reservoir Act. This is good news for the charity as it does not have to concern itself with the extra compliance and regulations that would result if the management of the lakes were governed by this act. However, it should be pointed out that if the capacity reduction enacted in Wales in 2016 is implemented within England (which could happen in the next 5 years) then the Greensands Lake would need to be registered under the Reservoirs Act. Later this month, the otter fencing

will be erected around the syndicate lake to protect the fish from predators. A small grant from the Angling Trust helped towards the cost of the fencing.

Mr Leigh-Mallory has been asked to put forward his proposals for the long-term future of the lakes for the charity to consider. At this stage no decision has been made on how the charity might proceed. Options include selling the lakes, keeping the lakes, or leasing the lakes, and it will obtain legal advice to ensure it complies with any Charity Commission regulations/guidance.

The land

The charity is leasing the land to local young farmer Rob Burridge until December 2022. The charity was successful with its application to the Rural Payments Agency for the land to be included in a Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier Scheme. This means it will be able to receive grant monies towards tree maintenance, hedge laying and some fencing.

The land was damaged when various pieces of heavy agricultural machinery were removed following an auction. The charity is liaising with the purchaser with regard to reinstatement of the land.

East Devon Hunt has been told that it does not have permission to use the land. At this stage no decision has been made with regard to how the charity might proceed with selling the land, keeping the land, or leasing the land and it will obtain legal advice to ensure it complies with any Charity Commission regulations/guidance. As above.

General Admin

The estate has now been settled and all monies transferred to the charity. The charity awaits confirmation from the land registry that the assets have been registered. The charity's financial year-end is March 2022 and AC Mole have been appointed to prepare the accounts and tax return.

The charity plans to meet bi-monthly to move things forward.

And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm Parish Hall, with the council meeting following at 7.45pm. 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.

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Similarly, William Cowper, the hymn writer, knew a great many difficulties in his lifelong battle with depression. During one season of immense darkness, when he could not see the way through, he penned these words:

*God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform.
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.*

*You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.*

Joseph trusted in God because, whilst he didn't always understand the events in his life or the events in the lives of those around him, he understood something of the heart of God for him and for others. He understood something of his love and grace and goodness.

For us, as it was for William Cowper, the heart of God, His love and grace, is manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have One to whom we can look, a place to which we can come amidst all the events of life and be assured of the constancy of His love and grace and goodness towards us, even in the face of darkness and in the day of difficulty:

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us
1 JOHN 3:16

Why do I share this with you? Recent events in Ukraine create in our hearts a great many questions, most of which may remain unanswered and unresolved. We are left broken-hearted for those whose lives have been devastated by the warfare that has broken out within their borders. We are made aware that millions have been made refugees and millions more left internally displaced by this conflict. Those who hold fast to their faith are not immune to these questions. And whilst I offer no answers regarding the outcome of this war, I am comforted by God's word that reveals his heart for those affected in this war:

*The Lord protects the foreigner among us.
He cares for the orphans and widows.*
PSALM 146:9

Time and time again, God's word reaffirms his heart for the broken-hearted, those made refugees and those made orphans and widows of war.

His heart is for their protection.

His heart is for their consolation.

His heart is for their comfort.

Understanding God's heart, the love that is manifest in Jesus who came to bind up the broken-hearted, would, I pray, give rise to compassion. We do not know what the coming days will bring, but I know that these will be days in which we must allow the heart and love of God to lead us into action, both prayerful and practical. For as John continued...

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:16-18

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel

Jonathan Hillman

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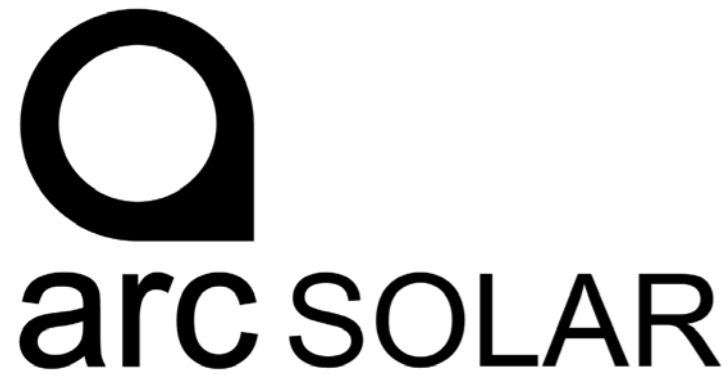
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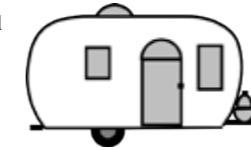
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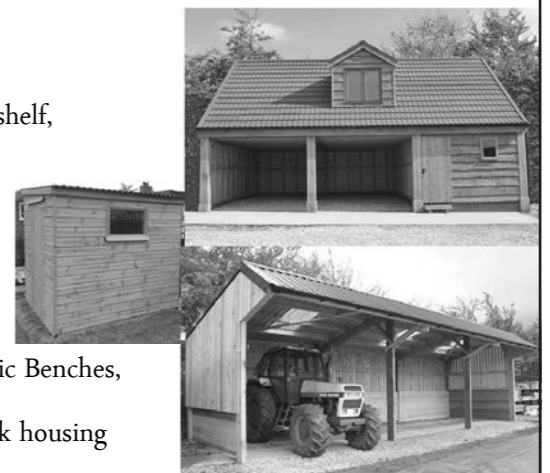
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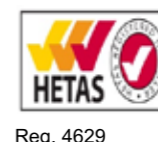


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