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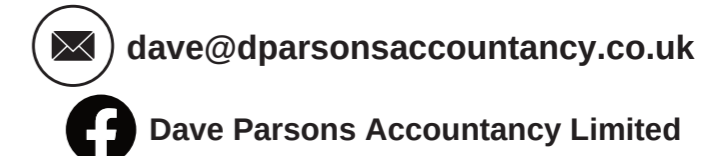
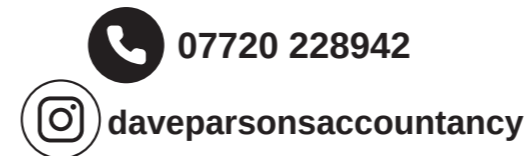
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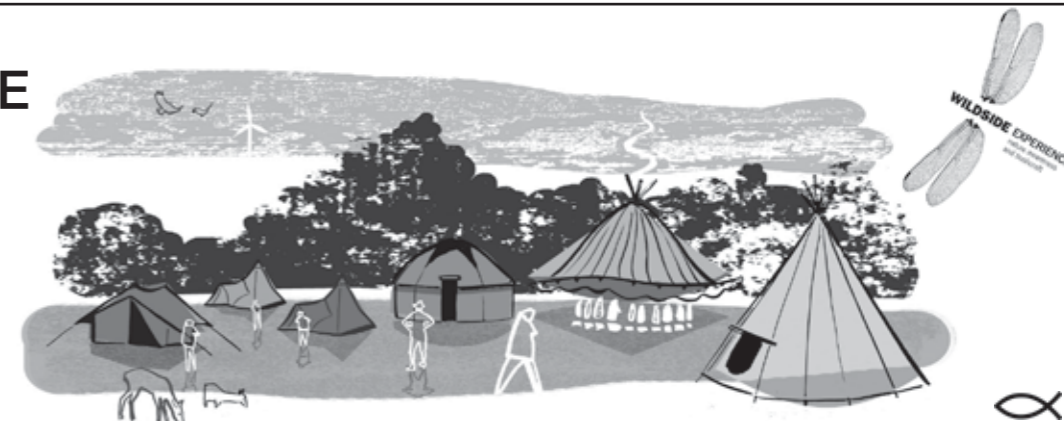
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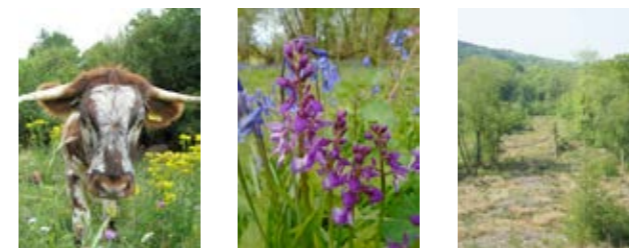
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**SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2023**

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> Festival of the Transfiguration	<b>9.00am</b> Communion service (Traditional 1662)		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> Mary Sumner Day	<b>All Saints Culmstock</b> <b>10.00am</b> Communion service celebrating the work of the Mothers' Union (Mary Sumner day - 9 August)			
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>St Mary's Hemyock Patronal Festival</b> <b>10.30am</b> Benefice Communion service			
	<b>All Saints Culmstock</b> <b>6.30pm</b> Evensong (Traditional 1662)			
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>6.30 pm</b> Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	<b>10.00am</b> Communion by extension	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship followed by Parish BBQ – all welcome <i>please note 11 am service start time</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Pet service in churchyard	<b>11.00am</b> Communion service  <b>5.00pm – 6.00pm</b> Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

**In addition:** A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. On Tuesday 8 August it is a Communion service celebrating the work of the Mothers' Union. The remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer. All services are contemporary in style, unless designated 'Traditional'. Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services.

### Services in the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

The parishes of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock  
 'Communities of faith, hospitality and inspiration; loving God and loving our neighbour'  
 Everyone is most welcome to services throughout the Mission Community  
[www.culmkirks.co.uk](http://www.culmkirks.co.uk)

#### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>9.00am</b> Communion service (Traditional 1662)		<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Pet Service in churchyard
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity		<b>2.30pm</b> Horse Riders' service	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship  <b>6.30pm</b> Choral Evensong (Traditional 1662)	<b>11.00am</b> Communion service
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>3.30 pm</b> Harvest Festival celebration	<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service	<b>10.00am</b> Communion service	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>St Mary's Hemyock</b> <b>7.00pm</b> Harvest service followed by Harvest supper			
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity		<b>10.00am</b> Communion Service	<b>10.00am</b> Morning Worship	<b>11.00am</b> Harvest Communion  <b>5.00-6.00pm</b> Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

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

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>2.00pm – 4.30pm (arrival from 1.30pm)</b> Wildside, Madford	<b>Afternoon: 'The Big Picnic'</b> at the Wildside Centre, Madford A Culm Valley Churches event
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> Hemyock Baptist Church	<b>Evening of praise and worship</b> Led by Gareth Jenkins at Hemyock Baptist Church A Culm Valley Churches event

## Parish Pump | No. 298 August – September 2023



### Shifting Sands

As I write this, I am sitting in a holiday cottage in a wood that grows upon sand dunes at the mouth of the estuary of the river Loughor in South Wales. There is something special about estuaries.

First they offer rich habitats for a wide variety of animal and plant life. Sand dunes and salt marshes provide ideal conditions for birds, reptiles, insects, worms and other invertebrates. Sheep graze the marshes and their food imparts special flavour to their meat. Humans have tried to keep the sea back behind a wall, but it has broken through and, as a result, restored a thriving and diverse ecosystem that would otherwise have been lost.

Secondly, estuaries are continually altering their appearance. The tide sweeps in and out twice each day, exposing and covering mudflats and sandbanks. The light of the sun and the shadows of clouds produce an infinite variety of colours and patterns, while powerful currents and stormy winds can shift the positions of those dunes and sandbanks.

The cottage in which we are staying is built on sand, although I suspect it has some concrete footings. Thankfully, it shows no signs of imminent collapse, although there have been wildfires locally and it must be at some risk from such phenomena.

Jesus told a parable about building a house on sand. When the rain and the winds struck it, the foundations were insufficiently stable to prevent its collapse. A wiser housebuilder in the parable constructed his property on rock and no forces of nature could demolish it.

We live in times of anxiety and insecurity, and it feels as if our hopes for a settled future are threatened by shifting sands of worries and fears. It doesn't take much tidal surge to breach the walls of pride and self-assurance we set up to protect ourselves from the '*slings and arrows of outrageous fortune*'.

The rock that Jesus suggested we use as the foundation for the lives we strive to build is none other than the God who created us, the source of love that binds us to one another and strengthens us. May his love give you strength to stand in the face of whatever shocks you encounter on the shifting sands of life.

David Major

**All Saints Church, Culmstock**  
**HARVEST POTLUCK LUNCH**  
**Sunday 8th October**  
 following the 11 am morning service

**ALL WELCOME**

If you are able to bring a contribution,  
 please contact Carlie Salter for suggestions:  
[Cisalter@hotmail.com](mailto:Cisalter@hotmail.com)



# St Mary's Hemyock

### In This Issue:

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- ◆ Big Picnic
- ◆ LEAP Summer news



### Summer Fete

The young people who are members of Moira Mansbridge Dance Group were a highlight at the summer fete of Hemyock parish church.

Performing a number of dances in sunny but very breezy weather they were a delight. Church treasurer, Hazel Partridge, opened the event with Molly her full-size knitted friend who had been sat in the churchyard for a week saying they were both bag ladies causing much laughter. St Marys was festooned with red/white/blue bunting made by the Poppy Club whilst other examples of members handcraft could be found both in the church and churchyard. The usual fete stalls were kept busy throughout the afternoon whilst a long queue was found at the refreshments. Around £1,200 was raised for church funds. Had there been a prize for who travelled the furthest to attend it would have gone to John Tartaglia from Bermuda. John grew up in the village and was visiting family.



Above Jacky McCulloch: Jams and Preserves  
Below Moira Mansbridge Dance Group



### Ring for the King (continued)

So did we manage it? Just! On the morning of the Coronation 9 of us met to ring out the news. This included our latest recruit, Catherine, who started training just 5 weeks before.

With slightly more ringing behind him our band included Les Stevens. Les rang for the last Coronation in 1953. This makes him one of a special little group, with nearly 80 years faithful service. This we feel shows one thing - ringing is good for you. Gentle exercise with musical additions!

Brian Samuels

### Charity Shop

June saw the Charity shop hold its annual session of giving donations to other charitable groups in the village or groups that support the village in some way. This was a month later than usual as there was an event taking place in London which people wished to watch.

We had 3 donations to give out this year. The Ladies Tuesday Group, if you trace its history, started first as a mens' group. That was some considerable time ago, and the ladies are keeping up their variety of events. The Hemyock Youth Football Club is a relative newcomer to the locality and we view their plans for children from 8 upwards, both girls and boys, is very worthy of support. Falling into a small group of supporting charities we had the RNLI Lifeguards at Exmouth. They join the Air Ambulance and the Hospices in Taunton and Exeter as village supporting. It is good to know that children and adults are watched over when enjoying our local beach which has challenging currents. This takes our donations to well over £8000 during the time we have been open. A big THANK YOU to everyone in the village (and beyond) for all the support that enables us to do this.

Brian Samuels



### St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

As we looked around the shop recently we found:-  
Atlases, Books, Candles, Dog leads,  
Egg cups, Flower vases, Golf balls, Handbags, I Spy books, Jewellery, Kitchen utensils, Lamp shades, Maps, Needles, Orange peelers, Paintings, Queen Elizabeth mugs, Railway kits, Suitcases, Teddy Bears, Umbrellas, Vinyl Records, and a Wet suit.  
But we did not have the X-ray glasses so did not find the Yacht or the Zebra.

What will you find?

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Tuesdays and first Saturdays  
10am till Noon  
Church Rooms, Castle Hill

Castle Hill

### The Late Colin Arthur Popham

Anne, Spencer, Lucinda and Amanda would like to express our grateful thanks to all our friends, family and neighbours for their support, kind messages and cards received after losing our beloved Colin on 2nd June 2023. Colin fought a 10 year battle with Parkinson's Disease with great dignity and fortitude. He never lost his good nature or sense of humour and he never complained about his condition.

So far we have raised over £450.00 for Parkinson's UK. Special thanks to Anne Browse our celebrant for a beautifully organised service, to Pring and Sons for their arrangements and to Ashley Persey and his team for providing an excellent lunch at Shuttleton Farm after the funeral.

We cannot forget our wonderful carers, Nicky Gregory, Emma King, and Ami-Lou from Homelife Care, as well as our very good friends Denise Wood and Joanna de Valero. With loving support from Colin's sister Di and her husband Ed, and the carers mentioned above, it was possible for Anne to look after Colin at home, surrounded by his family. Our grateful thanks to all.

Anne Popham, Shuttleton Farm



**Coronation Tree**

Rev John Stone led the June Cafe Church service at Hemyock on Trinity Sunday which began with the congregation, including 2 holidaymakers from Kentucky, enjoying coffee and light refreshments amongst which were scones with 3 different jam toppings to represent the Holy Trinity.

Music was provided by Piers & Liz Langdon, readings given by Friederike Reed and Barbara Offord with prayers led by Diana Cooper. The service ended in the Church Room garden where in glorious sunshine Rev Stone gave a blessing for a lilac tree planted to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.



**Poppy Club**

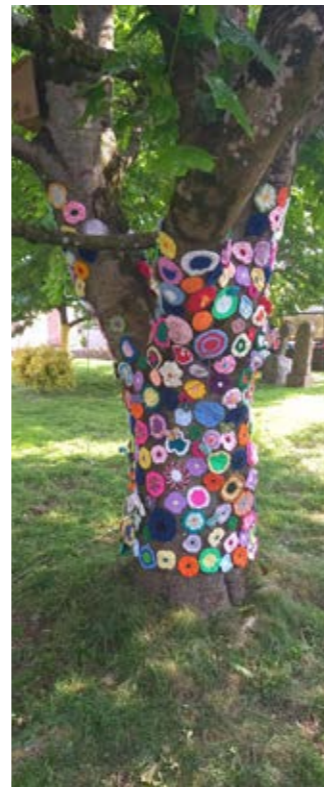
A steady stream of visitors to St Marys Church Hemyock were left in awe when viewing the amazing collection of mainly knitted & crocheted goods on display as the village Poppy Club took part in the Worldwide Knitting /crochet in Public Day.

The churchyard had various people busily working on their craft as well as offering to help anyone interested in taking up a new hobby. Tree trunks were decorated with handmade flowers, bunting was strung around the perimeter walls and "Dolly" a full size crafted figure sat on a bench waiting to welcome anyone who wanted to sit with her.

Amongst the displays in the church were 10 large boards that held a large collection of items from various people from hats and jumpers to intricate shawls & baby blankets to pictures, cushion covers & tea cosies. A white full length wedding cape with hood was displayed on a mannequin with another holding an outfit of skirt and waistcoat spun and made by Meg Palmer who also had other items of display made from the wool of her Jacob sheep.

Handcrafted bees were found all around the area and there was a small display of goods made for a charity supporting Ukraine & Moldova including a blanket sewn together from squares from Bulford Ladies Group.

St Marys Charity shop gave people the opportunity to purchase handcraft goods amongst other items, a raffle held, and delicious homemade refreshments were available.



**Hemyock Holiday Club**

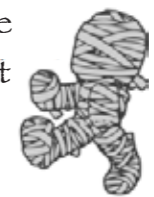
Calling all explorers aged 5-11!  
Come and join us for Holiday Club at Hemyock Primary School from 11am - 2:45pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August as we travel back in time to Ancient Egypt and begin our amazing adventure...



The cost is just £2 per day or £5 for all three days. You'll need to bring a packed lunch and 50p for tuck - soft drinks are provided.



You can sign up now in the porch at 4 St Margaret's Close and post your form and payment through the letterbox; just remember to tell your mummy...!



**Prings Farm Cream Tea Afternoon**

On Sunday 2nd July we hosted our 10th cream tea here at Prings farm and what a huge success it was! The sun shone, the bunting fluttered in the warm breeze and the pianist tinkled away while everyone enjoyed their tea, fabulous cakes and scones on the lawn. Huge thanks to Auctioneer Andrew Luxton for amusing us all whilst selling a varied 28 lots, all so generously donated.

The plant and cake stall sold out and the raffle and "Guess the number of sweets in the jar" were hugely popular too. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated auction lots and raffle prizes, cakes and plants. And of course to the Blackmore family for so generously supplying all the delicious Palmers Farm milk for the event. We couldn't do this without so many wonderful friends helping us on the day to set it up, man the tea table and the stalls, tackle the mountain of washing up and generally help out. And of course for our brilliant friend Bill Young for adding a real sense of occasion to the afternoon with his piano skills.

A huge thank you to you all - we really couldn't do it without you. Finally an enormous thanks to everyone who came and supported us on the day, you were all so generous and kind in helping us raise £5159.00 - such a huge amount of money and the donations are still trickling in!! Such a wonderful afternoon and Thank you all once again!!

*Sarah Machin & Judy Barton*



**NEWS FROM HEMYOCK BAPTIST CHURCH** Well, summer's here and maybe there's time for a bit of frisbee on the beach... Did you know that the frisbee first enjoyed commercial success after a bunch of bored students from Yale started throwing around empty pie tins produced by the Frisbie Baking Company? One of the students saw some potential and sold a plastic version to the Wham-O Company, who tried to cash in on the UFO craze by marketing it as the 'Pluto Platter'. Then came the game-changer. Their employee, Ed Headrick, took on the little-known product and significantly improved the design, making it more aerodynamic and adding concentric grooves – rebranding it to give it a more grown-up and sporty image. The results were amazing and in the mid 1960s, the Frisbee took off! What a gift... to be able to see the potential in something beyond what it is, and utterly transform it. Ever wondered what God can do for you...? **Pastor Steve**

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**SERVICES IN AUGUST 2023**

- **Sunday 6th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 13th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 20th** 10:30 am Communion, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 27th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee

**SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

- **Sunday 3rd** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 10th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 17th** 10:30 am Communion, Young Church & coffee
- **Sunday 17th** 6.30 pm Culm Valley Christians New Songs Worship
- **Sunday 24th** 10.00 am KING'S BREAKFAST Family Fun Service

<p><b>MONDAY's TODDLER TIME</b></p>  <p><b>*CLOSED IN AUGUST*</b>  <b>RE-STARTS MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER</b>                  9.00 - 11.30 am                  Open to all under 5's, no need to book, toys, activities &amp; refreshments.</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY's CHAPEL CAFE</b></p>  <p><b>*CLOSED IN AUGUST*</b>  <b>RE-STARTS MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER</b>                  9.15 - 11.30 am                  Tea, coffee &amp; chat. Other refreshments available for a donation.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY's 30 MINUTES WITH GOD</b></p>  <p>10.00 - 10.30 am                  A silent time for prayer, rest &amp; reflection, please pop in, a prayer team member will be available.</p>	<p><b>HOUSE GROUPS</b></p>  <p>7.30 pm                  Tuesdays with Anne (680057) or Thursdays with Vivien (680952)                  Informal, friendly, open to all, look forward to seeing you!</p>
<p><b>FILM NIGHT</b>  <b>SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER</b></p>  <p>7.00 pm                  An inspiring family friendly film showing from 7pm, open to all. No need to book. Come along early for a coffee and a warm welcome.</p>	<p><b>MESSY CHURCH</b>  <b>FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER</b></p>  <p>4.00 - 6.00 pm                  A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children &amp; their adults. Booking not essential but helpful!</p>	<p><b>KING'S BREAKFAST</b>  <b>SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER</b></p>  <p>10.00 am                  Our fun family service complete with a Cuppa, Bacon Roll or Sausage Sandwich!.</p>	<p>☆☆ HOLIDAY CLUB ☆☆☆                  Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd &amp; Thursday 24th August 2023</p>  <p>Please contact Maureen or Steve to volunteer or book your place!</p>

**CULM VALLEY CHRISTIANS**



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 WORSHIP & MORE

**SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**  
 2-4.30 PM  
 ARRIVAL FROM 1:30PM

**ALL WELCOME!**  
 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT - 01823 681164

WILDSIDE EXPERIENCE, MADFORD, EX15 3QX

**NEW SONGS WORSHIP EVENING**

*A new monthly evening of contemporary Christian worship and good coffee, organised by Culm Valley Christians*

**SUNDAY 17TH**  
**SEPTEMBER, 6.30PM**  
 THIS MONTH HOSTED AT  
**HEMYOCK BAPTIST CHURCH**

 *New Songs Worship*



1<sup>st</sup> Hemyock Scout group invites you to come and celebrate

**'Scouting over the years with Hemyock Scouts'**

Refreshments with cake, bacon butties and more

Camp fire  
 Axe throwing  
 Whittling

Photos and Memorabilia collected over the years

Free Bacon butty / slice of cake with any piece of your old scouting (or guiding) uniform (Pre 1990) brought

DATE: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
 TIME: 10 am – 2pm  
 VENUE: Hemyock Parish Hall

If you have any memorabilia you would like to display, please contact Karen on 07747668055

*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](mailto: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?**



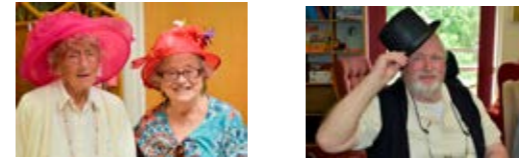
**The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH.

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

Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing [centre@bhlac.org.uk](mailto:centre@bhlac.org.uk)

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



**Come and join us for a Cream Tea**

**Thursday 10th August  
1.30pm - 3pm**

**Live Music from Honiton Band**

**Everyone Welcome  
Healthy Living Centre**



Your Community Shedders invite you to a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
11am – 2pm

The Garages, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

Raising funds and awareness of what we do  
BCS is part of the Men’s Shed movement



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

<b>Riverside Club</b>	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
<b>Community Shed</b>	Sundays and Mondays most weeks of the year, 10am – 1pm. 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
<b>BSG Lunch Club</b>	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
<b>Stay &amp; Play Hub</b>	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. Health Visitor clinic on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
<b>Monday</b>	Pilates (3 classes) 9am, 10.15am & 11.30am Louise Lyus (lou@connectedpilates.com) Yoga 6.15pm Julia Baldock (07708 469745)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Yoga 9.30am Lea-Ann Furphy (leaannfurphy@gmail.com) Pilates 6.30pm Harriet Tubbs (07791234319)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pilates 6.30pm Harriet Tubbs
<b>Friday</b>	Pilates (2 classes) 9.30am & 10.45am Sarah Grey (pilatessouthwest@gmail.com)
<b>Therapies</b>	Chiropractic – Sue Moore (07534 222031) Massage – Rachel Ridler (07854 973276) Osteopathy – Martha Price (07734 431624) Massage – Ruth Bell (07892 896895) Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – clinic@betonica.co.uk

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH  
[www.bhlac.org.uk](http://www.bhlac.org.uk) or call 01823 680687



Take Part, Laugh,  
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Fun-filled day  
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Two-course  
lunch



**Mondays & Thursdays  
9.30am – 3pm**  
Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock  
Ring 01823 680687 for further info.





Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock




**Blackdown Stay & Play Hub**  
**Sensory Sessions**

*Term time*  
 Wednesdays 9.30am – 11am  
 Healthy Living Centre  
 £2 per family

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS

  
 HEMYOCK CHRISTMAS CLUB PRESENTS  
**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Raising money in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and the Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital

**30 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**HEMYOCK PARISH HALL**  
**DOORS OPEN 6.45PM FOR 7.30PM START**

£10 per ticket, enter in teams of up to 6  
 Turkey baps, roasties and festive trimmings will be served, bar available  
 Extra points awarded to those wearing their Christmas jumpers!!

To book your table, please email  
 hemyockchristmasclub@gmail.com or call Lydia on  
 07870 877776 or Stuart on 07974 209990




**Autumn Concert**  
 with  
**The Wyndham Singers**

and Special Guests  
**Gregory (soloist)**  
 &  
**Clair (poet)**

**Willand Church Hall**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2.30 – 4.30pm**

Tickets: £6 including cream tea  
 From: Carole Britton 01884 841434

In aid of Hospiscare & Children's Hospice SW

Hemyock Gardeners' Association  
**Autumn Show 2023**



**Hemyock Parish Hall**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Ploughmans lunch and viewing from 12:30  
 Tea and cakes from 2.00pm

<http://hemyockgardeners.org.uk>

**Blast from the Past**

*An occasional look back through the Parish Pump pages at village events. Aug/Sept 2009 issue reported -*

The parish church held a day long fete at the Recreation Field with the event opened by the late BBC Radio Devon personality Tony Beard aka The Wag of Widdecombe whilst 7 members of the Red Devils delighted the hundreds of people present by parachuting amongst a cloud of orange smoke into the field.

A concert was given by the Salamanca Band & Bugles of The Rifles.

MDDC held their annual Civic service at St Marys followed by a cream tea at the Parish Hall.

Holiday Club celebrated its 40th year, the world remembered the 40th anniversary of man landing on the moon whilst Valley Arts held their launch with a black tie evening, St Marys welcomed Rev Bob Evens Bishop of Crediton for a Confirmation service and on another occasion Bishop Cramner and his wife Hope from Uganda who along with Exeter Archdeacon Penny Driver attended a morning service.

On an extremely hot day folk from the area attended the Exeter 1100 Centenary Day which was celebrated on the cathedral green with the Archbishop of Canterbury ending with a Songs of Praise with host Judy Spiers radio presenter. A busy but very enjoyable summer of events.







## MONTHLY EVENTS

The 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 d-

<p><b>HEMYOCK LUNCH CLUB</b> 1st Wednesday of the month 12:30pm Blackdown Healthy Living &amp; Activity Centre, Hemyock</p>	<p><b>ROSEMARY LANE LUNCH CLUB</b> 2nd Wednesday of the month 12:30pm Rosemary Lane Chapel, Rosemary Lane</p>
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**Did you know??**

The Blackdown Support Group have a custom converted Fiat Doblo wheelchair accessible vehicle available for self-drive hire or to hire with a volunteer driver. Great for family outings with relatives who are in a wheelchair, or to enable people who have limited mobility to access appointments and social opportunities more easily.

Can be used with any manual wheelchair and some power chairs depending on dimensions. Also has additional front and rear seating for escorts/carers to accompany wheelchair passenger.

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## WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

The Blackdown Support Group is here to help people of all ages in the Blackdown Hills who are finding life difficult.

**We can provide:**

- Advice & support
- Transport  
(for medical, social & wellbeing appointments)
- Social clubs
- Bereavement support
- Someone to talk to
- Volunteer visiting & sitting service
- Prescription delivery for the housebound
- Toe nail cutting
- Wheelchair accessible vehicle hire
- Wheelchair loan

To use any of our services or for information on how you could become a volunteer with

**The Blackdown Support Group contact:**  
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**Valley Arts**



Our new committee has been meeting regularly and planning all sorts of events including our 2024 Pantomime. We are investing in a variety of workshops, which are FREE for 2023. They are open to all over 18s and for more details contact Lynn at lynn.pulman@btinternet.com Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com

They include:

- A stage make-up workshop, with our experienced make-up artist Jessica Symons. On Tuesday 18th July 7.30 – 9.30pm.
- Dance and acting workshops TBA before October, for details get in touch with any of the above contacts.
- A lighting workshop, with Kevin Stratton, who has been involved with our group for many years, he sets up lighting and sound at the Tachymorris Centre and for many local shows, he has a huge range of experience including teaching, acting and singing. Kevin will bring an array of items from desks to lanterns, mainly LED. This is an ideal opportunity to learn how to set up lighting and run it during a show. The workshop is open to anyone over 18, it will be in Hemyock Parish Hall 7.00-10pm on the 12th September, come along-with Kevin it will definitely be light hearted!

We enjoyed some singing sessions with Zelda earlier in the year, preparing to sing at the Coronation. Zelda will be taking more rehearsals in October; these will be in preparation for our show in February. We have narrowed show suggestions down and just have to study these and choose one which is suitable for our group.

- The first read through will be in Hemyock Parish Hall on 19th September 7.30-9.30pm.
- The second get together will be music in the Hall on 26th September 7.30-9.30pm
- The third get together will be casting in the Hall on 3rd October 7.30-9.30pm
- Start of Show Rehearsals will be in the Hall on 10th October 7.30-9.30pm.

Our Social event for 2023 will be a BBQ on 10th Sept at 1.00pm on the LONGMEAD FIELD. Everyone is welcome, members FREE, Friends and family and anyone that would like to join in £ 5.00 for burger/hot dog, salads etc. and a selection of puddings. Please bring your own drink; there will be disposable glasses available.

Please let the above contacts know if you will be coming and if you have special dietary requirements.

We are still arranging a trip to the theatre in the spring of 2024 with shopping and a meal, Dates and details to be confirmed. A date for your diary is our Xmas meal in the Catherine wheel Sat 16th December. If you are interested in joining the group this year and think you would also like to participate in any way, don't hesitate to get in touch with the above contacts.

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

**Hemyock History Group**

After our talk from Alan Reeve about the Bishops Lydeard Mill, we arranged for a group of our members to go by car to the Mill and have a private showing around this historical building. After billing the visit on our Facebook Group page we filled 5 cars with our members and had a wonderful afternoon in June taking in all the heritage displays that have been protected by the Back family.

Amongst the trades on display are the cooper's and saddler's shops, the blacksmith's shop and the Victorian kitchen, as well as a thatching display. The wheelwright's shop has been transported from Devon and preserved exactly as it was left the day the owner shut up shop for the last time. A transport museum is also on site with carriages giving a realistic view of what life would have been like.

Bishops Lydeard Mill has been painstakingly and precisely restored by the Back Family over many years. The Mill and the attached Mill House have been cited as places of historical interest and given a Grade 2 conservation listing. The aim of the project was to preserve a small piece of history in the picturesque village of Bishops Lydeard whilst also helping to shape the future into a better one for less fortunate people. Five charities receive all the proceeds and donations raised by patrons of the mill.

The Back family are content to live in the small residential part of the Mill House while leaving the majority of the buildings available for visitors to take in all the exhibits of a bygone age requiring many workers for all the trades involved in the milling process. The miller's stream originates in the Brendon Hills and is the same stream that provided the water when the wheel last turned fifty years ago, it is aptly called the Back stream!

The group were supplied with an abundant Devon cream tea in the cafeteria with all proceeds going to several local charities that have benefited greatly from the generosity of the Back family. A fascinating afternoon seeing what life was like in this area all those years ago. Hemyock, with 4 mills on the Culm operating for many years but all now converted to residential occupation.

Our new year starts in September with talks on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm. The first talk will be given by Peter Fisher on Thursday 14th September on the interesting subject of the Battle of Rourke's Drift in the Anglo Zulu war. Which real hero did Michael Caine play and how many VC's were won by British Regiments and did any of the participants come from this area? Peter has, hopefully, all the answers to your many questions. Our October meeting will be a review of our activity and financial results and what our members suggest we concentrate our efforts on over the coming years.



## Around Hemyock

**B**y now almost everyone in the village will have noticed the work of the Poppy Group whose wonderful handicraft has been on display both in and around the parish church. The group took part in the Worldwide Knitting & Crocheting Day in Public on a morning in June where not only could their work be admired (in particular 'Dolly') but members were willing to teach anyone who wished to take up these hobbies.

The session attracted a large number of people as did the school fete which took place during the afternoon. St Marys church held their fete once again in and around the church which proved to be another well supported afternoon with the display from the young folk from Moira Mansfield Dance Group drawing warm applause. Meanwhile over £5,000 was raised at Pring's Farm Cream Tea afternoon. All these events, and others, depend upon many whether by organising or attending on the day. We are lucky to have such a supportive community.

Another summer event which has taken place here for over 50 years is Holiday Club organised by our local churches and supported by young leaders whose enthusiasm and faith is abundantly clear. Having been involved in past years I know how much work goes into the event and how much fun is had from the youngest to the eldest. This year it runs for 3 days in late August.

Understandably as the village population has grown many different things have started, changed or ended. The Parish Pump is one of these as that which was started by the Rev Tony Grosse, when a group of villagers, including myself, met at The Rectory to put the pages together. It grew into an A5size before the larger size now distributed to every household - thanks to the distributors, - nowadays it is also available online. Another two more recent projects are the Little Community Library and the Community Foodbank with both being popular and well used. Where are they situated people have asked? Facebook and the Pump magazine will normally have the answer.

Did you notice that Football Club have recently been featured in a local paper in their new kit with details of the charities they are supporting? St Margaret's Hospice and the Devon Air Ambulance will be the beneficiaries of fund-raising events.

Get well soon wishes are sent to those who are unwell or recovering from illness and operations. These include **Trace Howe, David Palmer, Mo Anderson, Mavis Clist, Chris Hudson, and Dr Barnes**. We also send good wishes to past residents now living in Care Homes.

Sadly, a number of well-known local people have recently passed away - **Colin Popham, Gordon Sparkes, Chris Edmonds** whilst further afield **Rev Roy Barber and Gordon Hold**. Love and condolences are sent to their loved ones.

### Colin Popham – 10/10/37 to 02/06/2023



Colin was born at Great Torrington on 10th October 1937 and went to school at Great Torrington and then on to secondary school in the same town.

After school Colin worked at Newbolds Photography developing prints then started his working life properly in the laboratory of Torridge Vale Dairy in Torrington and it was his lifetime ambition to become a Factory Manager within the Dairy Industry.

His National Service with the Fleet Air Arm saw him serving aboard H.M.S Ark Royal visiting many countries. He joined up reluctantly because he was enjoying his new career in the Dairy industry, but he was really very fortunate with his time in the Fleet Air Arm seeing the world and so many interesting places at such a young age.

Colin's ambition to be a Factory Manager was realised after 24 years in the industry ... working his way up from Laboratory Assistant at Torrington to Production Manager at St Ivel Chard then on to St Ivel Hemyock where he started as Production Manager on a brand-new product called St Ivel Gold. The technology for St Ivel Gold was bought from a Swedish Company and starting up a brand-new product line, a technology never previously attempted in the UK involved Colin and his Production Team working closely with the Swedish Company ARLA that developed the product, a very exciting time in his career. Travelling to Sweden became part of Colin's life and he made lifelong friends through his associations with Arla and Sweden.

Colin went on to be promoted to Factory Manager at Hemyock in 1978 and remained in his post until, after receiving his award for 40 Years Loyal Service, he chose early retirement in 1994.

It wasn't long before Colin tired of early retirement, always a very hardworking man, he invested in a free-range egg production line at Shuttleton Farm looking after 4,000 free-range hens producing top quality free-range eggs for supermarkets throughout the country.

The egg market fluctuated wildly and after a few years Colin retired properly this time and enjoyed playing golf at Oak Manor Golf Club as well as joining Hemyock Bowling Club playing in many matches and tournaments.

Art was another hobby and Colin was a talented watercolour artist regularly attending the Hemyock Art Group in the parish hall and during the summer months he hosted his fellow artists at Shuttleton Farm as well as visiting other local venues to sketch and paint.

Colin and his first wife Rita with daughter Amanda lived at Langtree until the family moved to Taddipport near Torrington moving to Yarcombe when Colin was promoted to Production Manager at St Ivel Chard Junction where he remained until

offered another promotion to Production Manager at St Ivel Hemyock in 1976. Colin would later take over as Factory Manager of St Ivel Hemyock in 1978.

Colin and Rita went their separate ways in 1981 and Colin married Anne on 21st August 1982. They had 2 children Spencer and Lucinda.

During the 1990's Colin and Anne hosted many European and Overseas Children at the farm, mostly these children came to experience country life and to speak English in a family setting, but many came back year after year becoming part of the family, most notably among them was Beatrix v Wissmann who came as a 14-year-old horse-mad Berliner from a lovely family of her own. Nonetheless Bea adopted the Popham's as her English/Scottish family in the UK and remains extremely close to the family. Now Dr Wissmann, Colin called Bea a 'theoretical boffin' from an early age, a description she remembers with warmth and affection. José Angel from Madrid and Elina from Finland are just two others we keep in regular contact with.

Living in Sampford Peverell, life changed dramatically as the children became interested in horse-riding and both Spencer and Lulu joined the Pony Club. With three ponies the family needed land and moved to Shuttleton Farm, Hemyock in 1992 where they have lived very happily for 31 years.

The whole family spent every weekend away with the ponies competing at Team Showjumping, Dressage and Eventing. Away from horse events, Colin also enjoyed watching Spencer and Lulu play school sports such as Rugby, Cricket and Hockey.

Colin always loved children, he had 7 grandchildren, was always kind and patient taking pleasure in their company and always having time for them.

2013 - Colin was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2013 and fought a brave fight and he didn't let it stop him enjoying his many hobbies until he lost his mobility in 2018. Even after Colin lost his mobility, he was very stoical, always trying to make the best of a difficult situation. Colin was supported in later life by his wife Anne, his family and a team of wonderful carers from Homelife Care who looked after him so carefully and kindly right to the end and to whom the whole family are extremely grateful.

Last Christmas, the BBC film of The Boy, The Mole, the Fox and the Horse was released, and all the children watched it enthusiastically, none more so than Hunter (now 4). All this watching of this wonderful film went on in Colin's room where he sat every day, and he must have known the film word-for-word! Hunty liked best the part where the horse grows wings and takes to air with the Boy, The Mole and The Fox on his back and he likened him to 'Pegasus'. When our old grey mare 'Blue' was put to sleep on 1st April 2023 we explained to Hunty that she was now "Flying like Pegasus". Hunter now firmly believes that Granddad is "On Blue, flying like Pegasus". We like to think that he is right!

Colin was given only two weeks to live in May 2022, but surrounded by his wife and children and grandchildren, he

managed a miraculous extra 12 months at home, able to enjoy his last year. He was so brave and so cheerful through a very difficult illness. Colin was kindness itself, a generous father, a warm-hearted brother, a funny uncle and a friend to all. He was the perfect gentleman, well respected in his community and liked enormously by everyone who knew him.

### Gordon Sparks

14.04.1940 – 15.05.2023

Gordon died peacefully in hospital after coping bravely and stoically with many years of ill health. Heather sends heartfelt thanks to family, friends, Dr Stuart Murray, Doctors and staff of the Blackdown Practice and carers Margaret, Denise, Pete and Tracey for their love and care.

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**Gordon Hold** spent his childhood here and will be remembered by many who lived here in the 1960/70 where he still had family. He was a Baptist Minister who lived in Bury St Edmonds with his wife Tekhi. Gordon, aged 70, died shortly after Christmas from a heart attack leaving his wife, 2 children and 3 grandchildren. On his last visit to Hemyock, he gave the eulogy at the service of his dear friend the late David Jones.

**Rev Roy Barber** had ministered to churches in our Mission Community with particular ties to Culmstock.

No doubt there will be a variety of things taking place during August & September for villagers and visitors to enjoy so do check out the diary centre pages. If you are new to the parish a warm welcome - we look forward to meeting you.

Enjoy the summer and all it offers.

Janice

Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

#### HEMYOCK PARISH HALL (HPHMC)

Just a reminder that for bookings and queries, **01823 680517** is the ONLY number to ring to contact Becky Pike, the booking secretary. We are aware that some of the information on our website - [www.hemyockparishhall.co.uk](http://www.hemyockparishhall.co.uk) is not accurate. We are doing everything possible to correct it and hope to get things up to date soon. We have recently had an upgrade to our lighting on the premises and now have LED throughout. Thanks to Chris Hearn for a trouble free installation and to the forbearance and patience of our regular hirers during the disruption. The lighting compliments the purchase of more comfortable chairs and round tables and we hope provides for a more comfortable space for any future major functions such as wedding receptions or large parties. The cost of providing heat and light has become a major expenditure, and the hall trustees will be examining ways of ensuring that the premises continue to provide good value to users, in a reasonably comfortable environment. Thank you once more to users local groups for your continued support. The next meeting of HPHMC trustees will be 15th May 2023

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## What's On August

Tue 1			BSG AGM PH 6.30 - 10
Wed 2			Parish Council, BHLAC 7.30
Thu 3	Taunton FM		
Fri 4			
Sat 5	Tiv. Ch'ford, Well FM Mobile Library, PH, 9.55 – 11.55, Cricket 2 – 7 pm		
Sun 6			
Mon 7			Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 8			Tues Club, PH, 7.30
Wed 9	BSG, Rosemary Lane Lunch, 12.30 “Empty Spaces” 2.30 – 4.00, BHLAC,		Gardeners, 7-9pm
Thu 10	Taunton F Market		
Fri 11	Empty Spaces BHLAC, 10.30 – 11.30		
Sat 12	Cullompton, Yarcombe FMs		
Sun 13			
Mon 14			
Tue 15			
Wed 16			
Thu 17	Taunton & Honiton FM Poppy Group 10 - 3pm, CR Mobile Library, PH 2.15,		
Fri 18			
Sat 19	HEMYOCK MARKET, Well. FM		
Sun 20			
Mon 21			Young Farmers, FL, 7.30
Tue 22	HOLIDAY CLUB 11 – 2.45, Hemyock School		
Wed 23	HOLIDAY CLUB 11 – 2.45, Hemyock School		
Thu 24	HOLIDAY CLUB 11 – 2.45, Hemyock School		Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 25			
Sat 26	Uffculme + Cull. FM, AUTUMN SHOW, PH 1pm – 3.30pm		
Sun 27			
Mon 28	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 29			
Wed 30			
Thu 31			

### Weekly Meetings in Parish Hall and Elsewhere (Forbes Lounge, Church Room, BHLAC & Garages etc)

Sunday	Community Shed	10 – 1 pm	C Shed
Mondays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	9.30 - 12.30	PH
	“Toddler-Time” (free)	9.00 – 11am	HBC (restart Sept.11)
	Mature Movers	11 -12 noon	Garages
	Art Group	10 -12 noon (Sept-May)	FL
	Community Shed	10 – 1 pm	C. Shed
	Badminton	1.30 – 3.30	PH
Tuesdays	Salsa DX Dance Exercise	6.30 – 7.30	PH
	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45	BHLAC
	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 – 12 noon	CR
Wednesdays	Yoga	9.30 – 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 – 7.30 pm	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 – 3.15 pm	PH
	Moira Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 – 6.15 pm	CR
Thursdays	Chapel Café	9.30 -11am	HBC (restart Sept 6)
	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 – 11 am	BHLAC
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 – 7.15 pm	BHLAC
Fridays	Riverside Club	9.30 – 3 pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	1.30 – 4.30 pm	PH
	Devon Dance Fit, Gold	10 – 11 am	PH
	Devon Dance Fit	7.00 – 9.30 pm	PH
Fridays	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 – 10.15 am	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 September

Fri 1	Devon Schools; first day of Autumn Term		
Sat 2	Tiv, Well, Ch'ford FM Mobile Library (Parish Hall, 9.55 -11.55), Cricket 2-7pm		
Sun 3			
Mon 4			
Tue 5			
Wed 6	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30		Parish Council, BHLAC 7.30
Thu 7	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 8	Empty Spaces 10.30 – 12.00		
Sat 9	Cullompton, Yarcombe Farmers' Market		
Sun 10			
Mon 11	“Toddler Time” re starts, 9-11am, HBC		Young Farmers, FL 7.30
Tue 12			Tues Club, PH 7.30
Wed 13	Chapel Café restarts HBC , 9.30 – 11am, Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 2- 4. pm	Gardeners' Meeting PH 7pm	BSG, Rosemary Lane Lunch Club,
Thu 14	PUMP DEADLINE Taunton F Market, Mobile Library, PH		History Group, CR 7.30
Fri 15	Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12, BHLAC		“Messy Church”, 4 - 6pm HBC
Sat 16	HEMYOCK MARKET, Well., FM,	DEFIB Training 3-5pm, BHLAC	“Heritage Arts and People” PH - 2 – 5pm
Sun 17	Culm Valley Christians present		“New Songs Worship Evening”, HBC, 6.30
Mon 18			
Tue 19			
Wed 20			
Thu 21	Poppy Club, CR, 10 – 3pm		Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 22			
Sat 23	REPAIR CAFÉ, 10 - 1pm PH		Uff,+Cull. F.M
Sun 24			Film Night, HBC 7pm
Mon 25			
Tue 26			
Wed 27			
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market		
Fri 29			
Sat 30	Mobile Library, Hemyock PH 9.55 – 11.55, Cull FM, “Christmas Club” Quiz, PH, 7.30		“Wyndham Singers”, Willand Village Hall, 2.30 – 4.30pm,

### Forthcoming Events 2023/24

Oct 14	History of Hemyock Scouts, PH 10am
Oct 23 - 27	Devon Schools Half Term
Oct 27	Hallowe'n Party
Oct 29	British Summer time ends
Nov 5	Bonfire Night
Nov 12	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 25	Repair Café, Parish Hall
Dec 18 – 29	Devon Schools Christmas Holiday
Jan 2, 2024	Devon Schools Spring Term starts

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  
 BHLAC – Blackdown Healthy Living Activity Centre

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## Hemyock Parish Council Update

Firstly, there have been a few changes over the last few months to the Council. We were pleased to welcome three new members at the end of last year - Corinne Matthews, Stephen Ward and Kelly Talbot and more recently Kevin Andrews and Stuart Summers have come onboard. We are sure that their various skills will be of great use to both the Council and the local Community. Sadly, Tim Barton decided not to stand for re-election in May and so we would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to Tim for his hard work and contribution to the Parish Council over the years.

It is with sadness that we must report that our longstanding Clerk, Donna Evans, has had to take sick leave and, our fingers are crossed for her a speedy recovery and we cannot thank her enough for all the work she has done and will do in the future. Whilst Donna is off, we are very lucky to have cover from Sue McGeever, who currently is Clerk for both Halberton and Sampford Peverall PC's. Sue has a great deal of knowledge having run her own business, as well as being secretary of the Exmoor Pony Society for 17 years, so we are in safe hands. Please continue to use our email and phone number if you need to contact us for any reason.

May saw the Coronation of Charles III and Queen Camilla and we were happy to fund the celebrations under the guidance of Sue Scantlebury and her team - what a wonderful weekend it was with something for everyone from the Bring and Share Street tea party, the Open Air Church service and the big clean up with the Scouts. It really brought the village together and everyone commented on how much they enjoyed the various events.

The Parish Council are working with the Dog-Walking Community to find a mutually acceptable solution to the 'Dogs on Leads' issue at Longmead. A working group has been created with members of the public and the Parish Council involved. We hope that by working closely together we can come to an agreement to satisfy everyone.

We are currently in discussion with the Youth Football team and are looking to purchase permanent goal posts for them at Longmead.

The village has been very lucky to have had a Community Larder set up by Sarah Bitmead which has been reliant on donations from the community. We are working together with both Sarah, St Mary's and the charity Foodsave to grow this incentive and move it to a more central place in the village. We are happy to be working with this group to help the wider community and more details will be available shortly.

The PC makes grants to various organisations in Mid Devon which provides services to Hemyock residents. This includes the Citizen's Advice Bureau, which offers confidential, impartial and independent advice on a range of issues including financial. The Tiverton office has a free advice line on 08082 787999 or visit the website at [ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://ruraldevoncab.org.uk)

There are still issues with potholes around the village- please report these on the Devon County Council website, the more they are reported the more likely they will be repaired. If you see that they have already been reported, please ensure that you add your name to the report.

There have been a growing number of incidences of anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the Public Toilets. It is costing a great deal of money to keep the facility open and in a good state of repair for the benefit of the community. Given that the majority of the damage is carried out in the evenings, the Parish Council is having to consider closing the toilets at night to prevent further damage.

The vegetation has put on a growth spurt in recent weeks, this has become a particular problem where properties are by a road or footpath causing overhanging. Please can residents cut this back, not just the sides but the top as well, as this often hangs down. The safety of both pedestrians and road users is extremely important.

And finally, just a reminder that on Saturday, 16th September there will be defibrillator training at BHLAC – use of a defibrillator could save a life.

## Heritage weekend at Culmstock

9th to 10th September 2023

For some years now, the second weekend in September is celebrated in many communities as *Heritage weekend*, with historic buildings and Churches opening to the public and laying on special events. This year, All Saints' Church in Culmstock will be pleased to welcome visitors to look around the Church building, with an exhibition featuring interesting episodes and people from Culmstock's long history. Parts of the Church building date back to the 13th century, and the yew tree growing from its tower is a unique feature.

### Conveying our past to future generations

Before the Covid pandemic, children from Culmstock Primary School visited the Church to explore local history in the context of its architecture. It is hoped that the experience will be repeated towards the end of the week that follows Heritage weekend.

### See the view from the Church tower

Those with enough stamina to climb the spiral staircase to the roof of the tower will be rewarded with spectacular views across the upper Culm valley, as well as being able to get up close and personal to the Culmstock yew and the Church bells, one of which is over 465 years old. The tower will be open on the morning of Saturday 9th September.

### Hear beautiful music in the English choral tradition

After Charles II was restored to the throne in 1660 the Church of England published a version of the Book of Common Prayer with services and prayers that remained the principal pattern of worship until the second half of the 20th century. The language of the Prayer Book, along with the King James' Bible and, of course, Shakespeare, has had a profound influence on the development of the English tongue.

The Prayer Book, first introduced by Archbishop Cranmer in 1547 during the Protestant reformation, took services that had been recited throughout the day in Churches and Monastic institutions for centuries, and condensed them into just two services – one in the morning (Mattins) and one in the evening (Evensong). Over the centuries that followed, composers have produced musical settings of the two services which have been

sung, particularly in Cathedrals and larger Churches, and which remain among the best loved services of the Anglican Church.

The Taunton-based choir *In Ecclesia* began life as the Rural Church Singers, with the express intention of bringing Evensong, with its traditional language and poetic cadences embellished by beautiful music, to Churches and communities that could no longer muster their own forces to sing the service. They will be joining us on Sunday 10th September at 6.30 pm to present a service of Choral evensong with words and music that might have been recognisable to the last King Charles 360 years ago.

If you were impressed or moved by the ceremony and music at the Coronation of Charles III three months ago, please come, listen and participate in this special service. You will be most welcome.

### Support your Church building

Our parish church requires a lot of maintenance, which inevitably costs money. We are blessed with a group of Friends of All Saints who contribute time, effort and creativity to keep this vital asset in the heart of our community available for all. There will be no charge for any of the events over the Heritage weekend, but any donations towards maintaining the fabric of this architectural treasure will be gratefully received, particularly if enhanced by Gift Aid.

David Major

## Hemyock Gardeners' Association

**M**embership of Hemyock Gardeners is just £10 per person. Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month we invite interesting and entertaining speakers to our meetings, as well as visits to gardens near and far. There is the opportunity of taking part in our Spring and Autumn Shows and getting together for social events. Admission to meetings is just £1 including refreshments and guests are most welcome to attend one of our meetings. If you need any further details please do get in touch.

This is what the Gardeners have been up to ...

**June 14** – a really lovely hot June day! We visited White Post Nursery at Langford Budville on the hottest day of the year thus far. Who'd be a nursery owner and having to constantly water all those pots? We were made to feel most welcome and ended the afternoon with delicious tea and cakes.

We are always so lucky with our **June Weekend away!** Although very warm at times, the sun shone almost constantly and the only rain we had was whilst travelling. Jane had arranged to visit six gardens in three days – Yeo Valley Organic Garden on Friday morning and Llanover Gardens on Friday afternoon. Saturday was the National Botanic Gardens of Wales and Aberglasny. Sunday saw us visiting Dryffn Gardens and dropping into Watcombe Gardens at Winscombe on the way home. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Thanks to Barbara and Stewart for organising the weekend and special thanks goes to Jane for her superb selection of gardens. This will be the last year Jane is coordinating the garden visits and we thank her very much for all her hard work over the last ten years.

The high winds and heavy showers at the beginning of the month put paid to our July garden visit to Cottage Flowers at Horton Cross. The new date is to be scheduled in August 9. Rendezvous in the Parish Hall car park for car sharing at 1.15. If you would like to join us, please contact Jane or the website or phone the numbers below.

We eagerly await the **Autumn Show** during the August Bank Holiday Weekend – **Saturday 26 August**. The show will be open for viewing from **12.30** and Ploughman's Lunches will be served between **12.30 and 2pm**. Afternoon refreshments with homemade cakes will be served thereafter at **2.15-3.30pm**. The raffle and prize giving will be at **3.30pm**. Everyone is most welcome to come along to view the exhibits, have lunch and / or afternoon tea and maybe win a marvellous raffle prize. A great way to spend a Bank Holiday Saturday!

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**The Blackdown  
Food & Craft  
Fayre**

**Sunday 27th August 2023  
12noon - 4pm  
FREE ENTRY**

**Churchinford Village Hall & Car Park**

*Come & see the best the Blackdowns have to offer*

**Cream Teas from 12noon**  
Lots of delicious samples for you to try

Learn about local food, mixed crafts, how they're made & produced!

Face painting and other young people activities

Car parking a short walk away with a drop off available at the Village Hall for less abled visitors and disabled parking onsite

**In aid of Churchinford & District Community Shop, Churchinford Preschool & Churchstanton School**

Further information Ruth Marshallsay at 01823 601026 or [shopmanager@churchinfordshop.co.uk](mailto:shopmanager@churchinfordshop.co.uk)

Find us on @BlackdownFoodandCraftFayre



## 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.

## Dear Residents

**T**here is a road closure in Culmstock closing the Village for through traffic from early Sept to October, for house maintenance, this is causing a lot of concern and will affect the Culm Valley area.

This just a bit of update of what is going on regarding DCC's finance.

Members have received regular budget monitoring reports throughout 2022/23 in which budget pressures and risks have been identified. The outturn underspend of £156,000 is achieved after a contribution to the budget management reserve of £1.5 million and a carry forward of £500,000 into 2023/24 for Highways. The final outturn position is an improvement from the £3.6 million overspend forecast outturn which was reported to Cabinet on 8th March and a significant improvement on the £30.5 million forecast overspend at month 2 at which time there was a further £10 million risk identified relating to in year inflationary pressures. The organisational wide response to the financial challenges faced by the authority, resulted in £25.4 million of additional in year savings, income and alternative applications of funding being identified. Delivery of savings and additional income contained within the budget totalled £33.7 million against planned savings of £38.7 million.

Briefing Note / Position Statement from the Director of Children and Young People's Futures recognises the importance of pay awards in helping us to recruit and retain a strong and dedicated workforce, we are concerned that an unfunded pay rise would have significant impact on our maintained schools. The increase of £1,925 for NJC staff along with the proposed 6.5% for teachers represents an additional £13.8 Million in costs to DCC maintained schools in the 2023/24 financial year. This is an average of 7% of total schools funding of £185 Million (calculated as Schools Budget Share plus Mainstream Additional Grant).

### Times of Mobile Library

#### Hemyock Village Hall every 2 weeks

**Thursdays 14.30 – 15.40** Feb 2, Mar 2 & 30, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22, Jul 20, Aug 17, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 7.

**Saturdays 9.55 – 11.55** Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 5, Sept 2 & 30, Oct 28, Nov 25.

## FOR SALE (due to change in circumstances)

Raclet Solena TRAILER TENT in vgc £500. 10yrs old but dry & no damp as has been kept in garage – from a pet/smoke free home. Double bedroom in trailer with large awning containing a double bedroom pod inside which can be detached to make a bigger living area. Contact – Becki bawler@gmail.com.

Adult Care Operations and Health outturn is £4.8 million overspent, which reflects significant pressure on unit rates and higher residential and nursing placements volumes and complexity present throughout the year. These pressures have been partially offset by one off grant monies and underspends on staffing budgets which reflect the difficulty in recruiting care management staff.

Devon County Cabinet are proposing the decommission the Mobile Library vehicles and provide £25K transition support for vulnerable users to continue to access alternative library provision. The Council would provide funding to help with the transition to other existing and new library services to ensure that the most vulnerable members of the mobile library community continue to access services they value. This has now been called to scrutiny for discussion. Cabinet do not have to accept any suggestions /recommendations. The earliest any closure of the mobile library will not come into force is Sept.

Each of our county councillors has an annual locality budget, to be used as a fund of last resort, of £5,000 that they can use to respond to local needs within any financial year (April to March). Councillors can, if they wish, make grants to support projects or activities that benefit the communities they represent.

Always pleased to follow up on ant issues that are causing concern.

Ray Radford  
Devon County Councillor  
Willand & Uffculme Division  
Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk



## 1st Hemyock Scout Group

**W**elcome to a typical English summer. Sunshine, wind and rain. I am sure we will have some more sunshine, it is raining and blowing a gale as I write this report.

Typical camping weather but of course that does not put off us hardy scouts!

Anyway, what have we been up to? I have been in touch with our Group Scout Leader Josh and he tells me the following. (Before I start must tell you that Josh has moved house to within five miles of Hemyock, there is dedication- but I am sure he has other reasons for the move too.)

He says that all sections have had a busy summer term, which is rapidly coming to a close (it will be summer hols by the time you receive this edition of the Pump.) Their programmes have been packed with outdoor activities.

You may have seen the various sections of the group out and about around the village as they completed their first aid training back in May. Also the cub pack has been hiking, going further afield and venturing into the depths of Somerset.

Beavers and Squirrels have spent time by the canal during our Jamboree on the Trail event and I am assured that a messy, muddy time was had by all- including the leaders. Scouting at its best.

The whole group attended District camp in June which was held at Huish Woods Scout Site which is just outside Taunton on the way to Ilminster. Here our young people had the opportunity to take part in many activities including caving, zip line, orienteering and the popular daily wakey shakey. This camp in particular marked a milestone for the group with our Squirrel section (4-5 year olds) completing their first time away camping. (I am sure they all had a super time) Old Rikki adds-- we have camped at Huish Woods many times in the past including including in 1996 with our Danish friends from Tonder. Fifty Danish scouts joined us and we had a great week of camping and activities followed by a week in Hemyock with more fun and games. I am sure that there are some who are reading this report were there in 1996, with hopefully fond memories.

Back to the present. Josh tells us that the Group has purchased a new patrol tent and some Kelly kettles to diversify the activities that we are able to offer and cater for our growing group. These were given their maiden outing by the Explorers on their camp in July on the hills outside Hemyock where they also took part in archery and axe throwing.

Moving forward into the summer break keep on eye out for the launch of our new group website including volunteering opportunities and ways you can support our group moving forward.

Thanks Josh, as you can see we are still a very active, outdoor group with growing numbers. In 1st Hemyock we must be doing something right for our young people.

I am afraid that Old Rikki will bore you with a bit more history. Having cast my mind back I know of scouting in Hemyock over nine decades! I am sure some of you can remember too. In the 1940s we had a scout section, in the 1950s a cub section (Rikki

was one of those cubs.) Then a short break to 1960 when cubs restarted, followed by scouts in 1961. As we know scouting has continued in Hemyock during every decade since up the present day. I have said this many times and I make no apology for repeating—a big thank you to all of our leaders, volunteers and executive members who have loyally supported the group and continue to do so. End of history!

The group is now on its summer break, but of course Autumn programmes are being planned up to Christmas. Let you know what we will be doing next time.

I couldn't leave you without a finally, so here we go.

Sorry, back to history! I have a Scouters Book of Ideas which cost five shillings (25 pence in modern money) in 1962, first published in 1933. I wonder if we had scouts in Hemyock back then - anyone know?

Josh mentioned above about hiking, here is what our book of rules called POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules) said . Hiking forms a pleasurable part of scout activities developing mind and body and bringing out the best of the character. The great fault in hiking generally is that the hiker endeavours to do too much when they set out. The Chief Scout's advice is to start easily until real experience has been gained. I am sure that our present Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, agrees with our Founder and First Chief Scout Baden Powell.

Enjoy the Summer.

Old Rikki

## Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe Our Next Event is on Saturday 23rd September at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1.0pm.

Please do come along and have all your broken items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs enjoy some refreshments in our tearoom café. Our Repair Cafe Events for the whole of 2023 are as follows:

25th September and 25th November.

All on Saturdays at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW from 10am until 1.0pm

(We are now able to take on extra, larger and more extended repairs due to us now also having a workshop facility)

Many thanks and kind regards

Stephan Lehner  
Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

### 2023 Flu vaccinations

The Blackdown Practice will be offering Flu vaccinations in line with NHS guidance to:

- Patients aged 65 years and over
- Patients aged under 65 years in defined clinical risk groups
- Patients aged 2 & 3 years old on 31st August 2023
- Patients who are residents in care homes
- Patients who are carers
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Pregnant women

We will have plenty of Flu Vaccines available and will be able to arrange appointments for all of our patients who are eligible.

Our booking process will open during the 1st week of September, and we expect to start vaccinating from early October. We will hold vaccination sessions across all three of our surgeries.

Bookings will be a combination of direct mobile text message booking, online booking, and by telephoning the surgery flu line number.

Further details of the booking process will be made available towards the end of August via The Blackdown Practice website and via text messaging – if you are not currently signed up to receive text messages but would like to do so please let us know. Please do not contact the surgery with individual queries regarding flu until this information has been made available.

### FiPL funding for the purchase of standard fruit trees in the the Blackdown Hills AONB



Adam's Apples Tree Nursery, based in Dulford on the edge of the Blackdown Hills AONB, have available a quantity of standard M25 rootstock apple trees which local landowners and farmers within the Blackdown Hills area can order. Grants are available for larger plantings of fruit trees within the Blackdown Hills AONB, via application to the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Programme.

The varieties include dessert, cookers, cider and dual purpose apples and all have been selected as being well suited to grow in the Blackdown Hills area. These varieties include Adam's Pearmain, Beauty of Bath, Ben's Red, Browns,

### Poets Corner

#### DAWN OF THE SUMMER NIGHT

Black night,  
Lights so far away,  
Walk the well worn path of,  
All nights before,  
To step though the door  
Of a brand new day,  
Lit by the colours of it's dawn,  
A day The Lord has made,  
A day to hope and praise.

David Palmer

#### What is Joy?

What is love in a world full of hate?  
Small redemption, twist of fate

What is peace in a world full of anger?  
Blessed calm, cliff hanger

What is hope with so many lost dreams?  
Sweet rest, free from greed

What is comfort when some suffer?  
Privileges, better than others

What is happiness in a world so sad?  
Short break, good times had

What is joy in a world of bad?  
You or I finding love, peace, hope, comfort and happiness.

Erika, aged 10

Camelot, Court of Wick, Dabinett, Farmer's Glory, Golden Bittersweet and many more. A full list is available from sales@adamsappletrees.co.uk.

Adam's Apples also produce and sell other types of fruit tree on very vigorous rootstocks, plum, cherry etc, which would be suitable for growing in the Blackdowns, and many more apple varieties than are on the list - ones listed are just varieties that are considered to be particularly suitable.

Further information about grant funding available can be obtained from the Blackdown Hills AONB by emailing jane.robertson@devon.gov.uk or mark.edwards@devon.gov.uk.

Early order/application is recommended, as we expect considerable interest in this opportunity, the number of trees available for this project is limited and they are only ring fenced until November, at which point they will be opened up for general sale.

Adam's Apples, Dulford, Cullompton, Devon EX15 2 GA Tel: 07521 648502. <https://www.adamsappletrees.co.uk/>

### LEAP Summer News

There have been some Summer visitors to the Longmead environmental area. Firstly the human variety. Greendays continue to visit on a monthly basis and it has been great for them to see how the runner beans, leeks and spinach that they have planted have grown over the weeks. It has been a bit of a struggle for the young plants with such a hot and dry June. Greendays last visit was dedicated to pulling up the invasive Himalayan balsam, cutting paths through the long grass and weeding.

We also had a visit from the year twelves of Taunton school who had a week from their usual studies to prepare university applications and to volunteer. They were mostly big lads, many of whom were keen rugby players, and they had brought along a rugby ball for any down time. Not that they really wanted to run around on what was one of the hottest days this year. At first they seemed quite sophisticated and bemused of what is the wild space at Longmead, but this soon changed once they started to channel their inner boy. Soon they were finding froglets, paddling in the river in their trainers, building a weir and looking for invertebrates and fish. Such excitement when a crayfish was found! Unfortunately it was already dead and the invasive signal crayfish variety. It was left on the picnic bench whilst the lads worked in groups to clear back the paths of brambles. By the time we looked at the crayfish again it had been cooked by the sun and was pink in colour. Hopefully this collaboration with Taunton School will continue and we can look forward to more young people volunteering and livening up our green space.

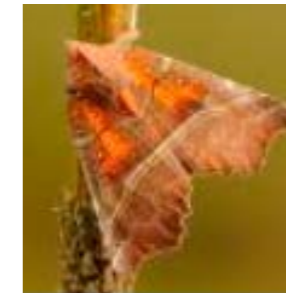
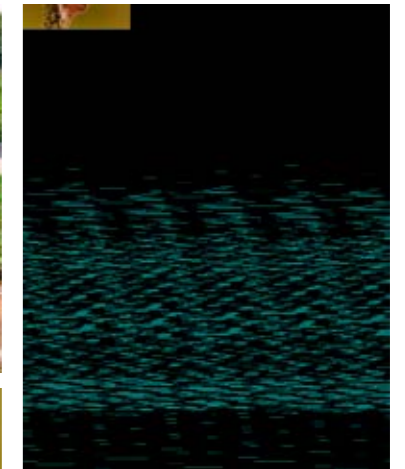
The grass in the area is very long and looks unruly, but this is no bad thing. This grass is a good habitat for slow worms and a variety of insects, moths and butterflies. A large attractive moth visitor is the herald moth, which has brown and white cross lines and orange blobs and scalloped wings. This most attractive moth feeds on willow, so Longmead is a great habitat for it.

Also, overhead, so we cannot claim it for our own, a red kite lazily flew over the area travelling south east. Strange that we don't see more of these impressive birds in this area, when they are so visible even in quite built up areas in the south. At the moment though the sky is full of house martins and swallows. They love hunting for insects over the sewage treatment plant!

There is rhubarb and blackcurrants for picking and plenty of herbs. Also please take a large bunch of marigolds as they certainly need thinning out. The runner beans are looking a bit sparse, but perhaps will make up for lost time now that we have had some decent rain.

As usual, do get in touch if you would like to volunteer.

Trish Slater - July, 2023



### Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist Competition 2023

Are you aged 7-11 or 12-18?

To celebrate the natural beauty of Devon's coast and countryside, Devon CPRE's 'Best Young Landscape Artist' competition is inviting young artists to submit a painting, drawing or mixed media artwork capturing a landscape of their choice. Anything goes as long as it's in Devon - a favourite beach or beauty spot, a local park or green space, somewhere visited on a day out or even the artist's own garden.

PRIZES: £100 for the winning entry in each age category and £25 runner-up prizes.

Closing date: Saturday 30 September 2023

PLUS some of the best entries will be on display in Okehampton at The Museum of Dartmoor Life.



To enter, simply post us your artwork which must be A3 or A4 size, clearly marking your name, full contact details and age to: Devon CPRE, PO Box 26, Beaworthy, EX21 5XN. For full details visit [cpredevon.org.uk](http://cpredevon.org.uk)







# St Andrew's Clayhidon



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**St. Andrew's Church News**

The Bishops of Plymouth, Crediton and Exeter, all from the Exeter diocese, have all visited Clayhidon church in recent years for which we have been very proud and honoured. The present Bishop of Exeter leads for the Church of England in the House of Lords on the subject of agriculture. He is a Devon bishop who realises the importance of agriculture to its people and pays it great respect.

Our present Bishop Robert of Exeter is due to leave us in September and we will be sorry for his departure. We have been asked to consider the personality and commitment of his successor and no doubt agriculture will be one of his interests that we would wish for. We were delighted recently when a wedding took place between Tim and Clare who have very recently moved into Clayhidon and who are so welcome. Rector, Becky, participated in the ceremony and Tim's father, Jack, who is also a priest, was able to marry them. Another new occasion in our church history.

Sadly, Freda's husband's funeral took place in the churchyard but no doubt she was comforted by the large number from the parish in the church for the service.

On Bank holiday weekend in August there will be a Local History Group display on the subject of 'Coronations'. We are still hoping for contributions from those who have recorded their memories of earlier occasions or the children who have written about this years event. The occasion will be gloriously exhibited in floral displays done by Bridget and her helpers. The church will be open each afternoon during the weekend from 2 – 5pm.

On Sunday there will also be a BBQ at lunch time. Let Maurice know numbers. On September 10 at 2.30 there will be our traditional Horse Riders Service. We look forward to this occasion each year and welcome everyone. Our very good wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday time.

God be with you.

*P.Reynolds. PCC*

**CLAYHIDON FILM NIGHTS**

A reminder that Clayhidon's Film Nights will start in the Autumn.

Look out for posters, or prescribe to the Hall's events by emailing Anne on :- [ablangford@aol.com](mailto:ablangford@aol.com)

**HORSE RIDERS SERVICE**

St.Andrews Church, Clayhidon

On Sunday September 10th at 2.30

With a short service in the field, followed with a ride out and tea.

We do hope you can join us




**CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS  
AND NEIGHBOURS AT  
CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL'S  
BIG BRUNCH**

**Choice of Full English  
or a smoked salmon  
filled bagel**



**ON SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2023  
From 9am – Last orders 12.30**

**To reserve a table  
Please call Caroline on  
01823 681047  
Or email: [cjbendle@outlook.com](mailto:cjbendle@outlook.com)**




**CLAYHIDON  
VILLAGE HALL'S  
CAFÉ**

IS OPEN  
**ON SATURDAY 12th AUGUST**  
10.30—12.30

Come and enjoy  
a fresh brew of tea or coffee and a  
large range of sweet and savoury treats




**RAFFLE**

**CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL**

The Committee would like to thank all parishioners who have and are supporting us.

We're reviewing the events we organise and want to hear your views. Please let us know what events you'd like to see at the village hall. You can either send us an email to Anne on [ablangford@aol.com](mailto:ablangford@aol.com) with a list of events you'd like us to consider hosting or fill out our online survey by visiting: <https://forms.gle/ft1Gct3uriFwEdfC7>

Thank you.

**Clayhidon Parish Council**

Councillors were extremely sorry to accept the resignation of their parish clerk, Mrs Donna Evans, because of illness. They all send her their very best wishes. A search for a new clerk is underway, and anyone interested should contact the chairman. Alison Weekes.

The council met on May 15 and on June 12. No election was held in the parish as there were seven nominations for seven places. Lee Saunders became a new councillor in place of Richard Brown.

Alison Weekes was re-elected chairman, nominated by Nick King and seconded by Richard Drew who was re- elected vice chairman.

Following the death of Gareth Weekes, the parish website which he began several years ago needs a new moderator/manager to keep it updated. Mrs Weekes said she would try and meet with anyone interested in taking this on as there is certain information the parish council must publish on a website to comply with regulations.

**Planning.**  
The council was not content with an application to remove 10m of hedgerow on land at NGR 316310 113301. The meeting decided there was no supporting information to justify the need for a new gateway when it appears there is already a gateway to the field. Mr Drew abstained from voting. Permission approved was noted for the erection of a side extension to form a conservatory and link to bedroom and conversion of garage to bedroom at The Cottage, Clayhidon. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building at Bolham Mill.



**Finance.**

Income £8,910 MMDC precept.  
Expenditure £600 Mrs A Weekes, reimbursement coronation band  
£122.76 Community First Insurance.  
£144.77 Reimbursement coronation expenses Mrs C Blackmore.  
The council reviewed and adopted the statement of internal control, and noted various internal governance controls.  
The council adopted the MMDC code of conduct and the latest financial regulations and standing orders.

Trustees appointed to the Clayhidon Charity are Nick King, Donna Evans and Jamie Blackmore.

Trustees remain unchanged for the Mary Parsons Gift Trust, Richard Kallaway, Richard Drew and Donna Evans. The Mary Waldron Charity is looking for a trustee to represent Clayhidon. Richard Drew continues to be the co-ordinator for the parish lengthsman, Chris Houghton.

Alison Weekes continues to be the representative on the Blackdown Hills Parish Network steering group.

The chairman thanked everyone for their part in the Coronation event and it was greed to send thankyou letters to the Bendles for the use of their field and to Erica Whitcombe for the cake. The marquee was damaged and Richard Drew said he would report back on a possible repair.

Councillors Bendle, Kidner and Blackmore met with the Devon Highways representative to show him the problem areas in the parish. Discussions included repainting of white lines, getting water off roads, clearing concrete channels and road surfaces on the main road to Hemyock, Wiltown Corner, the road by Heazle, Ridgewood Lane and Bolham. Everyone was reminded to report road issues on the Devon Highways website page.

It was suggested the council should organise a fundraising "pot fest" to raise funds for filling potholes.

The clerk was asked to report to MMDC enforcement a development near Heazle which may not have the necessary planning permission and another development at the top of French Nut Tree.

Meeting held at parish hall on Monday, June 12.  
The clerk, Mrs Evans was absent. Minutes were taken by Lee Saunders.

**Pothole report from parish lengthsman Chris Houghton.**

Mr Houghton said that between December 2 2022 and January 6 2023 he repaired 56 potholes over a wide area of the parish using 52 ultra crete repair tubs supplied by Highways using a tamper plate. He said all sank slightly over a period of time but were still in good order.

As a test he repaired six potholes in April at French Nut Tree, Wiltown, Graddage Farm, near the Ford Street junction and Rosemary Lane using bags of 25kg cold mac @£13 per bag. Five repairs done by hand sank a small amount and the one in Rosemary Lane using a wacker plate had not sunk at all.

Mr Houghton said he felt if the council could get funding direct it should use the cold mac bags as it would be possible to repair more potholes and that also, whenever possible a wacker plate

should be used to compact the repairs and using a primer spray costing £18 per can.

Mr Houghton is only permitted to repair smaller potholes. Larger ones have to be left for Devon Highways.  
The council agreed to ask Mr Houghton to attend the next council meeting to discuss his report.

**Planning.**

23/00810/House The council decided to make no comment on the application to erect a single storey rear extension with roof terrace following demolition of an existing conservatory and solar panels on the front elevation at The Sherriffs, Smeatharpe. The Council noted permission was approved for a certificate of lawfulness to establish the lawful commencement of development of conversion of barn to dwelling and construction of new vehicular access as approved by planning permission 18/01284/Full Middleton Mill Farm; and 23/00344/House erection of side extension Jacks House, Luppitt; and 23/00566/PNAG Prior notification for erection of an agricultural storage building, Honey Hill Farm.

**Expenditure.**

Income DCC Highways grant £126.00. DCC P3 Grant £500.  
Expenditure Chris Houghton pothole repairs £760.00, and footpath maintenance £58.50

No update was received from County Councillor Ray Radford. Natasha Bradshaw and Simon Clist were elected as councillors for the Upper Culm ward of MMDC. Mr Clist gave a full report from Mid Devon.

A meeting relating to the sale of land from the Mary Parsons Trust did not take place and will now not take place until the autumn. It was agreed to contact Churchstanton Parish Council to clarify the position.

Date of next meeting is Monday, August 14.

**News From Rosemary Lane Chapel**

**O**ne of the great joys of working, serving and living on the Blackdown Hills is the beauty of the landscape. Of course, we can sometimes lose that sense of wonderment and joy in our surroundings when they are our daily backdrop. But, occasionally, we are reminded! And when we are, it can do more for our souls than merely make us marvel.

I was reminded of this when, at the end of June, we were joined by Matt and Becki Dillingham who spoke about their work with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Chad, where they live with their two children. Becki serves as a pilot delivering medical support, resources and the good news of Jesus, to isolated people. As part of their presentation, we saw many images of an often dry, arid and expansive land which has a beauty of its own. In contrast, when Matt and Becki stepped outside after the service and looked out from the car park down the valley towards Hemyock, they stood and marvelled at the green rolling countryside, before exclaiming, as we stood their talking, 'It's wonderful!' Quickly followed by, 'God is good.' For Matt and Becki, and many more besides, the beauty of the landscape, which sometimes passes us by, reveals something of the greater glory of the God who created it.

But beholding creation can do more than just make us marvel, it can be a cause of great comfort and encouragement. That same evening, Matt and Becki had shared with us details of a great many challenges they face in Chad and in the work to which they are committed. And yet here, observing creation, with thoughts and hearts stirred toward the Creator, we were comforted, even encouraged.

In difficult days when all feels dark, when life is filled with challenges, God regularly delivers his comfort and encouragement to us through four simple words:

*"I am with you."*

Let these words come home to you. These were the words of promise given to Isaac in Beersheba (Genesis 26:24). These same words were given to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:12). And David, in the darkness of the valley, experienced the communicated presence of God (Psalm 23:4). The living God knows what we need most in our deepest distress, when life seems so challenging: Not answers, though that is often what we want, but the promise of his presence.

And yet, as one writer on this theme comments, *'the power of this promise rises only as high as our knowledge of the One who gives it.'* The presence of a vague and unknown benevolence is of little help when we are troubled, or when we are in the valley as David was. And so, God not only promises His people that He is with them; he also longs to remind them of who He is.

When we walk through the valley of deep darkness, He calls himself Shepherd (Psalm 23:4).

When we are lost, overwhelmed, or feeling forgotten, He calls himself Redeemer (Isaiah 43:14).

And, wonderfully, when we feel troubled and afflicted in a world of woes, He calls himself Creator (1 Peter 4:19a):

*"Let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator..."*

Which means, when we hear the promise of His presence, we can know the nearness and upholding power of the One who made the mountains (Psalm 104:5). When we are challenged in life we can know the faithful presence of the Creator who tells the oceans where they can go (Job 38:11).

And all around us, these hills we call home speak of the glory of the Creator, and He who made it all, says to you:

*"I am with you."*

Jonathan Hillman  
On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel  
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**Y**et again, by popular demand, kids can drive trains on our SOLDOR model railway layout. The little blue engine and his chums will be whizzing around the tracks driven by children (& adults) at our 9th Model Railway Show on SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL.

It is open as usual from 10am until 4.30pm. The cost is £5.00 for adults and only £1.50 for children. There is of course free parking and wheelchair access to most of the hall. Bring your children (or let your children bring you) to let them have a drive of their favourite engines on our scenic Soldor model railway. There are 2 controllers so 2 children at a time can drive & there are also sidings for the older kids who would like to use their skill at shunting. For the younger ones push buttons allow them to drive the tram engine into a tunnel & then watch it come back from a different tunnel. This is a great day out for families and will be super fun for visitors and club members alike.

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Creativity from Quaker Faith & Practice 21.38

In a broadcast Good Friday meditation given by an ex-colleague I was surprised to hear him speaking about the way in which listening to Bach's Brandenburg Concertos had been the crucial factor in his recovery from a near fatal heart attack. He said that whenever he listened to them, on the Sony Walkman his son had given him, at whatever time of day or night, he could feel the atoms in his body rearranging themselves in response to the glorious order and freedom of Bach's music. From the moment he began to listen to them his healing had begun.

For weeks after hearing that meditation I found myself reflecting on the way in which music acts as a restorative for me. I listened to the Brandenburg Concertos again and was aware of the stimulation to my own central nervous system. But then I noted that Frank Sinatra singing 'New York, New York', or Shirley Bassey singing 'Don't cry for me Argentina' could have a similar effect. The raw energy of Tina Turner singing could, if I gave myself up to the rhythm, produce a responding surge of energy in me. I understand that students doing tests after listening to Mozart are reported to have better scores than when they do the tests without the warm-up.

The Holy Spirit can indeed restore us to health (or stimulate us to work well) through the medium of music as well as prayer or antibiotics! And why, indeed, should I be surprised that this is so? Creativity is the gift that we were given on the eighth day of creation. In naming and re-making the world we are co-workers with God, and whether we are making a garden or a meal, a painting or a piece of furniture or a computer program, we are sharing in an ongoing act of creation through which the world is constantly re-made.

*Jo Farrow, 1994*

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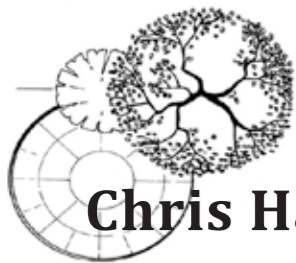
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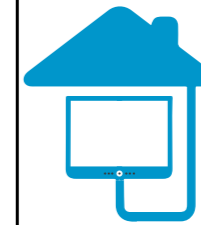


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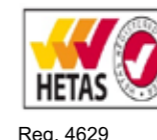
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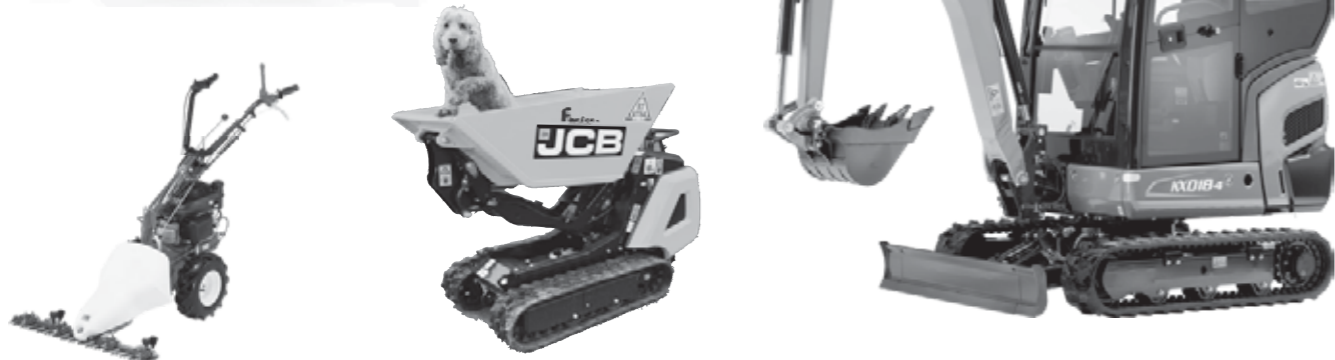
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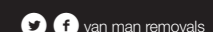
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