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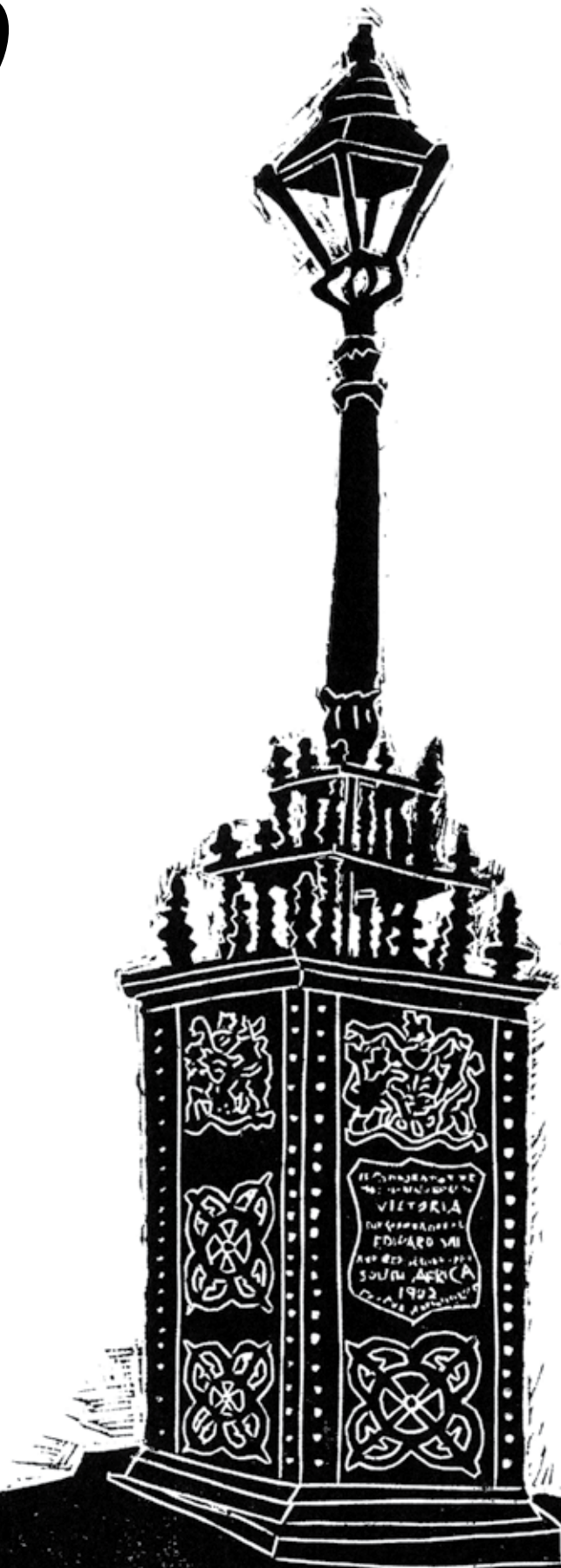
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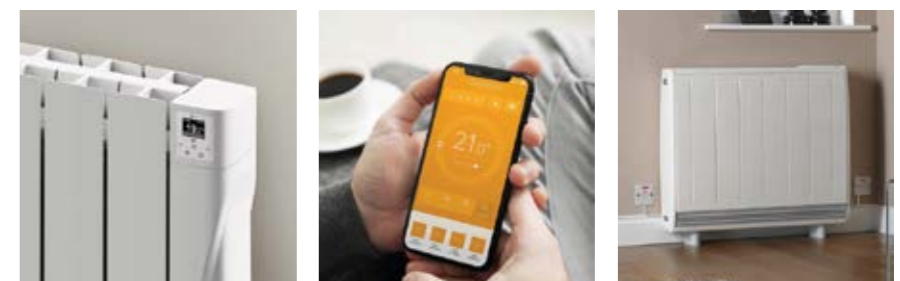
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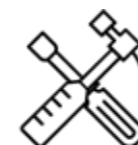
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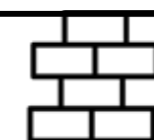
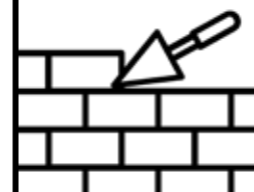
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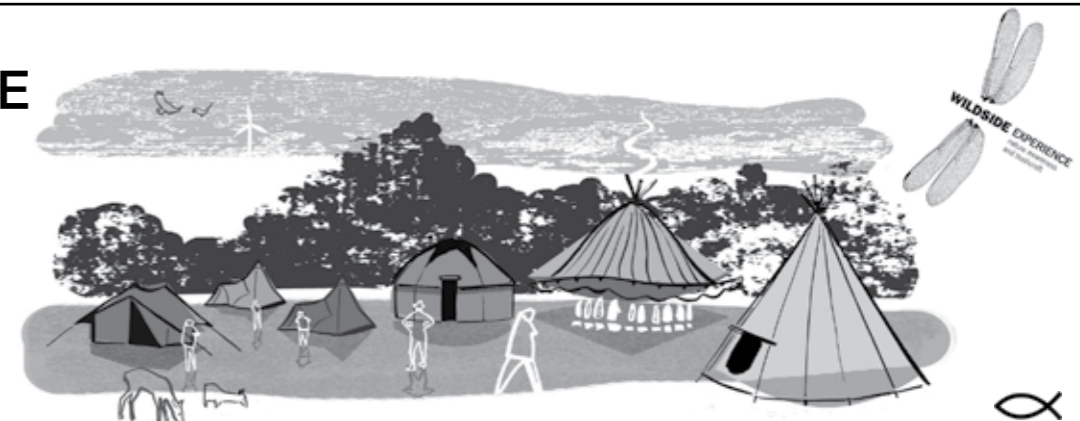
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Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve. Image credits Peter Eeles, Butterfly Conservation.

What will the volunteer role involve?
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Sunday 14 April 3 rd of Easter	10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Communion Service
Sunday 21 April 4 th of Easter	6.30pm Evening Prayer (traditional 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion Service	11.00am St George's Day Scouts Service
Sunday 28 April 5 th of Easter	10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion Service	11.00am Communion Service 5.30 – 6.00pm Prayer Vigil for world peace

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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

SERVICES FOR MAY 2024

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 5 May 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Café Church
Thursday 9 May Ascension Day	6.30pm All Saints, Culmstock United Benefice Communion Service			
Sunday 12 May Sunday after Ascension Day Rogationtide		10.00am Rogation walk and prayers	10.00am Morning Worship 8.00pm Sung Compline <i>With refreshments from 7.30pm</i>	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 19 May Pentecost	6.30pm Evening prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion service	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion service

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

On the 4th Tuesday (**28 May**) it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer. All Communions are Common Worship (2000) liturgy, unless otherwise indicated.

All services are contemporary in style, unless designated 'Traditional'

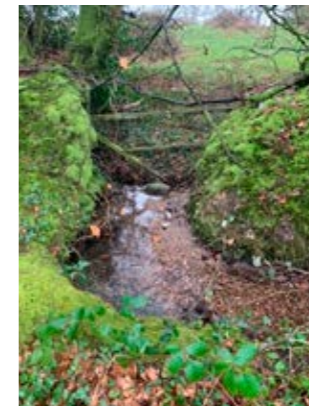
Please check notices outside the churches for up-to-date information about services.

Water flows uphill in Hemyock!?

There is a secret place in the lanes around Hemyock where water appears to flow uphill. That can't be true I can hear you say but take a look at the picture. The water is flowing from right to left, through a gap in a hedge and into that bramble patch. Okay, so you won't believe it until you have seen it with your eyes. I keep going back just to check and I will tell you where it is as a special Easter gift from me to you.

I was asked by the Church Ministry team to write something for the church spot in The Parish Pump, so here it is. I am writing this before Easter, and you will be reading it after, the most important day of the Christian year. So, what could I write about I thought to myself as I passed this gap in the hedge where you must see it to believe it.

The first Easter day started early for two men who were told by some of their women that the massive stone rolled across the entrance to the tomb where Jesus' body had been put had been rolled sideways and Jesus body was gone, despite being guarded by Roman soldiers armed to the teeth to prevent anyone trying to take the body. Impossible, the stone was too heavy and the guards too fierce. Two disciples Peter and John did not believe the women, perhaps the intensity of the grief they all felt and the brutality of the death of their friend were playing tricks on the women's thinking. The two men ran as fast as they could to see for themselves. John, who was the younger man, arrived at the tomb first, it was a shocking sight, the stone had moved and the guards were gone, he froze in fear. Peter came up behind him and ran straight into the rock cave that had been created as a burial chamber. There on the plinth where Jesus body had been laid were the white linen grave clothes that were commonly used. The headpiece was neatly folded but the continuous bandage-like shroud was intact, like a butterfly chrysalis, it looked like the body had passed through the cloth, it still had the shape of Jesus. The men were stunned, can you imagine what they were thinking? As they left John turned to look at the sight once more and in a moment of revelation, believed.



Outside, deep in the Olive grove and shrubs was a woman called Mary Magdalene.

She had been with the group of women who had gone early as the sun rose to dress the body of Jesus as was the custom, they had been prevented from doing so on the Friday before. Tears streamed down her face and sobbing uncontrollably, she stumbled back to the tomb and looked in again just to check

reality. Through the blur of her stinging eyes, she saw two figures one at the head of the plinth where the folded head cloth was and one at the base. Such was the state of her mind she never wondered what they were doing there, but she was jerked back to reality when they asked, "Why are you crying". She answered, her tears running again, "They have taken my Lord and I don't know where they have put him".

She turned, steadying herself and there was a man, just outside the entrance, she presumed the gardener, who asked her the same question. "Why are you crying"? She said "If you've taken my Lord tell me where you have put him."

Jesus answered by saying her name "Mary". She knew that voice! she returned his gaze and as her legs gave way she grabbed Jesus for support. "Rabboni (Teacher)" she cried looking into his face. "You had better not hold me" he said smiling, "but go and tell the others."

So, here is the Easter present I promised you, actually two. One is a fact, the other an illusion, go and see for yourself. In the Bible look at John 20: 1-18. For the other, use What3words - <https://w3w.co/plod.costs.pounce>.

Piers Langdon

St Mary's Hemyock



In This Issue:

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- Easter Egg Hunt

Radio Hemyock

In order to help people know what's going on in the village and the surrounding area it is proposed that Hemyock has its very own radio station! This would be internet radio and apart from music there would be an opportunity to publicise events and enable groups and organisations to share their timetables and news.

It's early days but do get in touch if you would like to be involved. The station will launch at Hemyock Day on Saturday 29 June. Email Hemyockday@outlook.com for further information.

Can you help?



The unknown soldier - this photo was found among old sheet music in Hemyock parish church. Is there anyone among the long established families of Hemyock who would recognise this young man? If so, please contact me - I will be happy to return it to you. Otherwise it should probably go into the parish archives.

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?

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



Strength of the Hills by Ronald H White published Pater Noster 1964 for the centenary of the Blackdown Hills Mission. Does anyone have a spare copy of this preferably with the dust jacket as illustrated above which they would be willing to part with? Ron and I have five grandchildren. I would like to leave a copy for each of them but at present only have four.

Thank you very much, Val White.

Telephone: 01823 681020. Email: revron@btinternet.com



Did you know that Hemyock Church Rooms are available for hire?

The space includes a hall and kitchen, ideal for parties or meetings or for a repeat event/class and costs just £8 per hour.

For more information or bookings please contact Janice Bawler:

jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

07773 579809



Weddings

St Mary's Church, Hemyock,
Culm Davy Chapel,
St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon
&
All Saints Church, Culmstock
are all available for wedding ceremonies.

For more information please email:
ucvmission@gmail.com

PAMELA JOAN GUBB

PAMELA JOAN GUBB born 18-2-1945, died 26-1-2024 aged 78 years. Beloved wife of 61 years, mother, grandmother & great grandmother.

Dennis & family would like to thank everyone who attended the "Celebration of life" of Pam, and for all the lovely cards and messages of support.

Over £500 has been collected to date in memory of Pam, to be split evenly between The Blackdown Support group, and Parkinsons Research.

KING'S BREAKFAST SERVICES HEMYOCK BAPTIST CHURCH



10:00 am
SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024
SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024

Fun family service with a Cuppa, Crafts & Bacon/Sausage Sandwich!

Sunday 16th June 2024 Hemyock Baptist Church FREE FILM NIGHT



An inspiring family friendly film showing from 7pm, open to all. No need to book. Come early for a coffee!

SUMMER FETE
at
HEMYOCK SCHOOL
Saturday 8th June 2024
12 - 4pm

*BBQ * BAR*
BOUNCY CASTLE
RAFFLE
TEAS AND CAKES
*ACTIVITIES*GAMES*STALLS*

Poets Corner

DIFFERENCE

The bush beside,
So close the same!
But are themselves.
And every tree upon the hill,
A different green,
Is seen.

MORNING CLOUD

Just the start of day,
Drifts a vision of another land,
A glimpse of that perfect place,
Bright morning light across the sky;
The Artists art of new pictures in the air,
High white cloud kissed gold,
By rising Sun,
Will point the way the day to run.

Another cloud of morning dreams,
Prayerful hopes and hopeful dreams,
Changes to fill the mind,
As the ages change,
And sees the ending of the day;
Fear not for the light will,
Still shine gold,
And brighter than the morning sun!

David Palmer

the **LIGHTS BRIGADE**
presents LIVE music from

The... **SWAMP STOMP** String Band
Plus support from **CALLOUT**

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL
Saturday 20th April 2024

Tickets £12.50 from Spar, Hemyock and online via QR or web
Further info: 01823 680351 - Doors open 7.30pm

www.lightsbrigade.org.uk Lights Brigade Hemyock

Fully Stocked Bars - Card/Cash - Raising money for the Lights Parade '24
Raucous Bluegrass, Country & energetic Americana + Indie

JOIN US

HEMYOCK DAY
LONGMEAD FIELD 12.00-22.00

SATURDAY
29 JUNE 2024
LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE!

Free entry! Live Music! Big Picnic (byo Chair)
Bar! Pizza! Grill! BBQ! Ice Cream! Teal Cakes!
Children's Entertainments
Fun For All The Family

A Spring Concert
featuring the double musical treat of:
The Wyndham Singers
from Kentisbeare

&

The Stuart Singers
from Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire

St Andrew's Church, Cullompton
Saturday 20th April
7pm

Tickets: £12
from: David Ball 07962 401408
or email:
info@wyndhamsingers.org.uk

All proceeds in much-needed aid
of HOSPISCARE

Hemyock Day

Saturday 29 June gives us the chance for everyone to gather together to celebrate just living in Hemyock at Longmead Field.

The event will start at 12.00 when we'll be having our Big Picnic. Bring your own chair, picnic, blanket or whatever.

Food stalls offering Pizza, BBQ, Grill, Ice Cream and cakes will be available along with a pay bar. There is no entry fee. **There will be childrens's entertainment at 2pm followed by live music from 3pm.** And many other attractions.

So come along and enjoy the day - hopefully in the sunshine!

the **LIGHTS BRIGADE**

The Lights Brigade's Spring Dance is on 20th April

It's time for a great Hemyock night out of high energy LIVE MUSIC and dancing in the Parish Hall! Yes, It's the Lights Brigades fundraiser for the Lights Parade 2024, which by the way is on the 7th December, put the date in your calendar now!

This year we welcome **THE SWAMP STOMP STRING BAND** to headline the stage, this raucous Bluegrass, Country and energetic Americana four-piece travelling band are renowned for their boisterous and bawdy, rough and rowdy, theatrically extravagant performances! We love supporting up and coming young band, so support comes from Exeter's **CALLOUT**, a fine touch of classic indie. There will be the usual fully stocked bars, **Special Gin Bar** and the return of popular **draft Ale, Cider and Lager**, and of course **NO raffle**. We are always looking for new sponsors to help us light up the village for Christmas, please get in touch. Ticket price of £12.50 held since 2016 - no cost of living rise here! **Available NOW** from Spar, and online, where there is a 50p handling charge, click on the QR code. Hope to see you on the dance floor.

Tim Martin - Chair. Tel: 07967989839.
www.lightsbrigade.org.uk
Facebook: Lights Brigade Hemyock.

NEWS FROM HEMYOCK BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Steve Williams 0737 900 9325 hembcpastor@gmail.com



Church Secretary **Maureen** 680111 Prayer Requests **Chenda** 662318

A training seminar was organised for a government department and the theme of the day was about resolving conflict between management and staff. Contributions from attendees were recorded on a flipchart. Someone suggested that a weakness in the department was the management's tendency to interfere on trivial issues. So the word 'nitpicking' was duly written on the flip chart. Suddenly one of the managers leapt to his feet. "Shouldn't there be a hyphen between 'nit' and 'picking'?", he asked.

Elsewhere, some twenty years ago now, the US military announced an astonishing discovery. They had created an 'indestructible sandwich' that stays fresh for up to three years and can withstand extreme heat, rough handling and air-drops. Available in pepperoni and barbecue chicken flavours, this breakthrough was achieved following months of research by food scientists in Massachusetts. According to press reports at the time, the discovery would enable greater efficiency within the military, as service personnel would no longer have to worry about stale or soggy sandwiches as they risked life and limb on the battlefield. The feedback from soldiers who piloted the product was that the sandwiches were "acceptable". We were even promised they would make their way onto supermarket shelves... maybe we all dodged a bullet there!

Time for a bit of nitpicking. All this got me wondering about our priorities. We seem to spend so much time and effort on things that, in the big scheme of things, are not that important. Surely we could live without the indestructible sandwich and make a step (even a small one) towards eradicating world hunger instead? The Bible reminds us that we should never tire of doing good (2 Thessalonians 3:13); so let's not just be 'do-gooders' for appearances' sake, but actually do some good by focusing our time and energy on the things that will make a difference. We don't all have to come up with an innovation that will change the world; but a smile, an encouraging word, or a simple good deed *can* change the world of a friend or neighbour for the better – and that could be far more significant than we'll ever know... **Pastor Steve**

SERVICES IN APRIL 2024		SERVICES IN MAY 2024	
• Sunday 7th	10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee	• Sunday 5th	10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
• Sunday 14th	10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee	• Sunday 12th	10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & coffee
• Sunday 21st	10:30 am Communion , Young Church & Coffee	• Sunday 19th	10:30 am Communion , Young Church & coffee
• Sunday 28th	10.00 am KING's BREAKFAST Family Fun Service	• Sunday 26th	10.00 am KING's BREAKFAST Family Fun Service

<p>MONDAYS TODDLER TIME</p>  <p>MONDAYS - TERM TIME ONLY 9.00 - 11.30 am Open to under 5's, toys, activities & refreshments.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAYS CHAPEL CAFE</p>  <p>WEDNESDAYS 9.15 - 11.30 am Join us for tea, coffee & a chat.</p>	<p>THURSDAYS 30 MINUTES WITH GOD</p>  <p>EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 - 10.30 am A silent time of prayer, rest & reflection, our prayer team are on hand to pray with you if you wish.</p>	<p>HOUSE & PRAYER GROUPS</p>  <p>7.30 pm TUESDAYS with Anne (680057) or THURSDAYS with Vivien (680952)</p> <p>SATURDAY PRAYERS 8-8.45 am please contact Anne</p>
<p>KING'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024</p>  <p>10.00 am Our fun family service with a Cuppa, Crafts & Bacon or Sausage Sandwich!</p>	<p>MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 3RD MAY</p>  <p>4.00 - 6.00 pm A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children & their adults.</p>	<p>KING'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024</p>  <p>10.00 am Our fun family service with a Cuppa, Crafts & Bacon or Sausage Sandwich!</p>	<p>FILM NIGHT SUNDAY 16th JUNE</p>  <p>7.00 pm An inspiring family friendly film, open to all. Come along early for a coffee.</p>



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hemyock100club@gmail.com

SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN AT HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Spring Show 2024



Hemyock Parish Hall
Saturday 6th April
Viewing and Ploughmans
from 12.30pm

HEMYOCK GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

PLANT SALE



Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 10 April
Hemyock Parish Hall
2.30pm

Tea, Coffee, Cake & Plants For Sale

The Violet Chapman Trust

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

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

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

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

There are many examples that we could give of the patients we have helped recently and would cite one that required their bathroom to be modernised to enable them to continue to live at home; another patient who needed a chair that would help them in getting in and out without assistance. Another example is a patient who had severe back pain and a grant was given for them to have remedial massage.

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

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

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

COULD WE HELP YOU?



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

Riverside Club Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9.30am – 3pm. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687

Community Shed Sundays and Mondays most weeks of the year, 10am – 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

Stay & Play Hub Wednesdays term-time 9.30am – 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for babies and pre-school children. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories. Health Visitor clinic on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Monday	Pilates (3 classes)	9am, 10.15am & 11.30am	Louise Lyus www.connectedpilates.com
	Yoga	6.15pm	Julia Baldock (07708 469745)
Tuesday	Yoga	9.30am	Sharon (07928 953134)
	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs (07791234319)
Wednesday	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs
Thursday	Sound Baths	7pm	Emma Dee www.emmadeesoundtherapy.com
Friday	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30am & 10.45am	Sarah Grey www.pilatessouthwest.co.uk

Therapies
 Chiropractor - Sue Moore (07534 222031) Massage - Rachel Ridler (07854 973276)
 Osteopathy - Martha Price (07734 431624) Massage - Ruth Bell (07892 896895)
 Hypnotherapist - Helen Morris - www.innerfreedomhypnotherapy.co.uk
 Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics - www.betonica.co.uk/herbal-clinic

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

Hemyock Youth Club

Youth Club is back
All welcome

Pool
Air Hockey
Games Consol
Games Craft
Table Tennis
Physical Activities
Games Hall
Movie Room
Quiet Room
Café & Tuck Shop
Learning Workshops
Youth Life Topic Talks
Much More

£2 Entry
6-8 Mondays
Ages 10-17

@thegarages, Lower Millhayes, ex15 3TB
Contact; youthclubonies@icloud.com
FB; [youth@thegarages](https://www.facebook.com/youth@thegarages)

Hemyock Youth Football Club Survey

Many thanks to everyone who responded to Hemyock Youth Football Club's survey about the facilities in Longmead in the autumn. There were 104 responses to the online survey which was open from 20 October – 10 November. In addition to this, pupils conducted a separate survey at Hemyock Primary School collecting 50 responses. The Parish Council offered 3 prizes of Exe Valley Pizza vouchers, for which many thanks from the HYFC committee, and the lucky winners were Liam, Jane Adair and Bryony Redwood.

The key findings were that:

- 80 respondents (77%) were in favour of upgrading the surface of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Longmead
- 85 respondents (82%) were in favour of the grass pitches being improved with better drainage and floodlighting.
- 89 respondents (86%) would support a community café at Longmead.

This leads us to conclude that there is widespread support for these matters to be explored further. Our next steps are to gather quotes for improving the MUGA surface and improving the drainage on the grass pitch. We will also conduct an audit of available all-weather pitches and their capacity in Mid Devon and look for active grants and loans which may be available to the club or the Parish Council to support improvements at Longmead.

For the latest news and to keep in touch with the project, please follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HemyockYouthFC>.

Take Part, Laugh, Enjoy & Live Life

Fun-filled day for older people

Two-course lunch

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

BLACKDOWN COMMUNITY RIVERSIDE CLUB

Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock

Squish **Scoop**
Squelch **Spray**
Spin **Shake**
Squeeze **Splash**

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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEER VISITORS

Help support important services
Be part of something
Meet new people
Give back to your local community

Make 2024 your Year to Volunteer

We are actively looking for volunteers across the Blackdown Hills area.

- Flexible and local volunteering opportunities
- Fully supported by an experienced staff team
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tel - 01823 681 036
website - <https://blackdownsupportgroup.org.uk/>
email - d-icb.bsgadmin@nhs.net

GARDENS OPEN at
REGENCY HOUSE
for the National Gardens Scheme

April 20 & 21 2 - 5
June 1,2,8,9,15,16 2 - 5

Adults £6.00 Children free

Regency House is the original Hemyock Rectory, built in 1855 with a traditional Blackdown Hills barn and yard dating back to the 1700s. Over the last thirty-four years the garden has been restored and brought back to life; it is now mature, tranquil and interesting, bursting with interesting plants, bugs, bees and birds. The walled garden produces far too much delicious fruit and veg for the house.

There are ponds and meticulously-trimmed yew hedges, a blue and white garden, bog garden, winter garden and many other interesting areas to explore or just sit in.

Do come and visit this wonderful garden, only a five minute walk from the Catherine Wheel on the Dunkeswell Road.

For plantaholics there is a very comprehensive plant list to help with identification.

Tea & delicious, homemade cakes on the terrace £4.00

All proceeds go to Charity, the principle one being Macmillan Cancer Support

Starts Good Friday Ends Sunday 14th April

Easter Egg Hunt

Fun For The Whole Family

Collect your trail clues from **The Strand Stores**
Then set out on your quest to find all the Easter eggs.
Return to The Strand to get your prize

£3 per child
Wellies may be required
Eggs
Eggs
Yummy Easter Prizes

Valley Arts



Alice in Wonderland was a great success; it was a complete sell-out for the second year running. People in the village are asking us to consider an extra performance, particularly a matinee, we have taken this on board and we are trying to work out feasible options.



The feedback from members of the audience was great, they appreciated the large cast, who all played their parts superbly and enjoyed Alice and the Dames' wit and comic timing throughout.

Our NODA report was glowing summing up with "The staging and props for this production were designed and constructed from scratch by the company, it was beautifully painted with trees, flowers and large mushrooms/toadstools with added LED lighting on the backdrop of Alice in Wonderland. Up to 30 lights were rigged for the production and the company used individual mics for the first time. All of the costumes were colourful, well made and perfectly suited to each character, well done indeed to the costume and makeup departments for their obvious hard work and attention to detail. Comedy is essential in all pantomimes. The use of ad-libbing, double-entendres and some risqué jokes were dispersed throughout this performance and it worked well. There were clever touches added by the director & choreographer with a mixture of piano accompaniment and backing track music that was used to great effect.

Valley Arts and Social Society produced one of the funniest pantomimes I have seen in a while and I left the auditorium still giggling. I was given the warmest of welcomes from everyone involved and I witnessed a very happy audience as they left the hall. Well done to the cast, crew, FOH and production team for a very entertaining and humorous evening of fun."

Our AGM will be held in the Cornhill Room of the Catherine Wheel 7-8pm on 19th April with a meal in the dining room at 8.15pm. Everyone welcome to meal and or the meeting. We are booked to go to Plymouth Theatre Royal to see a performance of "The Devil Wears Prada" on 23rd of July at 7.30pm, the coach will leave Hemyock at 3.00pm and we can enjoy a pre show meal.

NEW! in 2024. Come and join us on the first Tuesday of every month for informal social get togethers in the Catherine Wheel.

If you would like to join the group or to participate in any way, contact Lynn at lynnpulman@btinternet.com Caroline at cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk or Stuart at stuart.summers28@gmail.com.

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

CHANGING COLOURS

An exciting mixed Exhibition and Studio Sale
Monday 8th - Saturday 13th April 2024
10.00 am to 4.00 pm
THE POP-UP, Fore Street, Wellington, TA21 8AG

This April sees another great mixed Art exhibition in the community space which is the Pop Up Shop in Fore Street, Wellington. This will be a wide-ranging exhibition of work by Claire Western, a Wellington-based artist and art teacher. She will be joined by Tor Townsend, another well-known west-country artist.

The show will be partly in aid of Taunton Samaritans. Claire and Tor have held other charitable shows at the Pop-Up, including very well-supported and successful exhibitions raising money for Arc, Taunton Association for the Homeless and another in aid of The Alzheimer's Association.

'We decided we wanted to help another charity and have chosen Taunton Samaritans for this year's show. 'Tor and I are preparing a big collection of paintings, drawings and prints, both framed and unframed and all at studio prices. We are delighted to be able to show our work in this lovely town centre space and hope as many people as possible will come for a browse and to support this very active and important charity.'

Claire is best known for her mixed media work, mainly large expressive land and seascapes. She is also known locally for the many workshops which she runs in drawing, painting and printmaking at Eliza House, Fore Street, Wellington. Tor's work often has architecture and buildings as a subject, with a focus on dilapidation.

For any further information about this event, please contact Claire: clairewestern2@gmail.com, www.clairewesternart.co.uk, 07518 753790.



WHAT'S ON AT THE STRAND

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH - SUNDAY 14TH APRIL - EASTER EGG HUNT
FRIDAY 12TH APRIL - TAKEAWAY EVENT - CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE DETAILS
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL - FEEL GOOD FRIDAY - LATE OPENING 5-10PM
FRIDAY 10TH MAY - TAKEAWAY EVENT - CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE DETAILS
FRIDAY 31ST MAY - FEEL GOOD FRIDAY - LATE OPENING 5-10PM

FRIDAY 3RD MAY
Hemyock Baptist Church
MESSY CHURCH

A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs & games for children & their adults.
4.00 pm - 6.00pm

Hemyock Parish Council update

It is with considerable sadness that we record the passing of Mrs Donna Evans, Hemyock's Parish Clerk for the past 11 years. With her previous experience as a trouble-shooter for a large insurance company providing advice on difficult and contentious insurance claims, she was very well suited to the many tasks involved. Donna took on the role in 2012, together with the parallel responsibilities of being the 'Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer' of the Parish Council, advising on protocol and the correct courses of action to run the council. She quickly established an excellent network of people within Hemyock, with other parish clerks in the area and with Mid Devon Council staff. She threw herself into the work, dealing with some very difficult and sensitive issues and also ensured that all the Parish Council's official documents were up to date.

All this work was a hugely valuable foundation for her to undertake a 12-month course to achieve a Certificate in Local Council Administration. True to form, Donna passed with flying colours.



Donna dealt with all aspects of Parish Council work; a huge range of tasks and projects. These included, parish finances, Public Open Space land, Longmead sports area, maintenance of parish assets, footpaths and pavements, management of Hemyock's five commons, cemetery, garages youth centre, emergency planning, Hemyock local plan, legal aspects and liaison with solicitors, Healthy Living Centre improvements, proposed skateboard park, Police liaison, reports to the Parish Pump, council communications and web site, planning applications, Jubilee celebrations, Air Ambulance night landing site, defibrillator contracts and support, and much more. Her work behind the scenes negotiating with officialdom and obtaining grants was hugely beneficial to the parish



Donna willingly embraced all aspects of Council work, including testing the skatepark in Tiverton, as pictured. She also took part in many other activities, such as tree planting, clearing vegetation from St Margaret's Brook, balsam pulling, organising parties and events, speedwatch, litter picking and commons management.

Her wonderful sense of humour, exuberance, natural cheerfulness and ability to communicate with anyone enabled Donna to deal with difficult issues without rancour or conflict.

Most importantly, she was able to advise a disparate group of councillors to act correctly and legally. She was a pivotal person to provide continuity on all Parish Council functions, chasing people to maintain progress whenever required. Donna's professionalism, commitment, enthusiasm and personality contributed greatly to the Hemyock community.

Donna will be greatly missed and we are forever grateful for the major part she played in the successful running of our parish.

Planning

Residents may view and comment on planning applications submitted to Mid Devon District Council on their Planning Portal. www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning/public-access-search-and-comment-on-planning-applications

Application numbers for consideration:

24/00082/HOUSE
23/01880/FULL
23/00511/FULL
24/00003/FULL
24/00112/FULL
24/00161/TPO
24/00181/FULL
24/00186/ADVERT
24/00246/HOUSE
24/00218/LBC
24/00317/FULL
24/00112/FULL
24/00161/TPO

Speeding is still an issue around the village. There is a community speed watch team but they are a very small band so if you are able to volunteer to help please get in touch with the Clerk who will pass your details over. More volunteers are needed in the Village if we are going to ensure that Speedwatch continues here.

A meeting was held with Cavanna Homes on 9th February. We raised concerns regarding the state of the field and its drainage, and suggested remedial action. The Community Land Committee followed this with a meeting on 19th February where a decision was made to seek an independent survey of the land drainage.

We are pleased to see that the Youth Club is starting back up again. We hope that residents will see the benefits of supporting this. Please encourage your children to go along and have some fun. HPC are happy to donate £1000 to help with their start up costs.

The Community Larder is proving very popular. Since it opened in January over 1025kgs of food has been given away which is worth £3222. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the room rental at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre and its great to see that the Village is behind this project and we hope that it continues to grow. If you haven't been along, do visit the Larder and help stop food waste.

Don't forget the Hemyock Event on Saturday 29th June at Longmead. Sue Scattlebury and her amazing team of helpers are preparing yet another extravaganza following on from the Platinum Jubilee and Coronation celebrations. Preparations are well in hand, children's activities and bands have been booked and there will also be a big lunch/picnic with food outlets for those who wish. For the music lovers amongst us as well as the booked bands, if you haven't managed to buy tickets for Glastonbury this year it will be shown in a marquee so you won't miss anything. Please let Sue know if you would like to help in any way.

We are disappointed to report that the public toilets were a target for an arson attack on Sunday 10th March. Fire Officers attended and although the fire was small and put out quickly, it has caused considerable damage which will be very costly. The Police have been informed and we ask if anyone witnessed anything around 6-6.30pm on 10th March please either contact the Clerk or Devon and Cornwall Police Crime Reference number 50240057950.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May at the Parish Hall. There will be burgers and hot dogs available. Please come and meet your Council and see what we have been doing over the last year, as well as future plans. We look forward to seeing you there.



Community Fridge

Opening Times

Monday 9am – 3pm
Tuesday 9am – 1pm
Wednesday 9am – 1pm
Thursday 9am – 3pm
Friday 9am – 1pm
Saturday 12pm – 1pm
Sunday 12pm – 1pm

Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre

Hemyock



News from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre



Hemyock's Community Fridge has had an AMAZING first 2 months. We now have 20 volunteers who help every week and lots of 'back-up' volunteers who can step in when needed. These volunteers collect surplus food from the supermarkets, weigh and unpack the food, keep the fridge/freezer clean, Hoover the room, recycle boxes and much more. We couldn't run the Community Fridge without them.

In January we gave away 1025kg of food, an equivalent carbon saving of driving 748 miles. In February we gave away 1223.7kg of food, an equivalent carbon saving of driving 893 miles. Over 2 tonnes of surplus food saved from landfill and given to our community. Wow! Thank you to everyone involved.

We welcomed Helen Morris to our Therapy Team in February. Helen is a hypnotherapist who can help with issues such as anxiety, depression, stress, weight management, phobias and much more. Helen is offering a 50% discount on any initial appointments booked in April and May. You can find out more at www.innerfreedomhypnotherapy.co.uk

We have a new weekly class starting on Thursdays 7-8pm. Emma Dee is bringing Sound Baths to Hemyock. A group sound bath is a session led by a trained sound therapist who plays specialist instruments in particular ways and in a specific sequence to help induce a feeling of relaxation and sometimes a meditative state. The benefits of a sound bath can be numerous and profound. There is research on the benefits to those with tiredness, sleep deprivation, anxiety, depression as well as physical ailments such as soreness in the body and headaches. Classes start on Thursday 25th April. £10 per session, 50% discount for your first session. You can find out more at www.emmadeesoundtherapy.com

What's On April

Mon 1	EASTER MONDAY, Baptist Walk and Lunch		
Tue 2			
Wed 3	BSG Lunch Club, BHLAC, 12.30	Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30	
Thu 4			
Fri 5			
Sat 6	SPRING SHOW and PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCHES, PH		
Sun 7			
Mon 8			
Tue 9	Tues Club, FL 7.30		
Wed 10	Rosemary Lane Lunch Club 12.30	Empty Spaces, 2.30 - 4pm, BHLAC	Gardeners' Plant Sale and Tea, 2.30 - 5pm (NB Change of time)
Thu 11	Taunton F M.	History Group, CR 7.30	
Fri 12	Empty Spaces, BHLAC, 10-11.30		
Sat 13	Tiverton, Cullompton Yarcombe FM		
Sun 14			
Mon 15	Devon Schools Summer Term Begins		
Tue 16			
Wed 17			
Thu 18	Poppy Club, CR, 10 - 12	Taunton + Honiton FM	
Fri 19			
Sat 20	HEMYOCK MARKET 10-12, Well. FM,	Lights Brigade Dance,	Wyndham + Stuart Singers, St Andrews Church, Cullompton
Sun 21	London Marathon		
Mon 22	Young Farmers FL 7.30		
Tue 23	ST GEORGES' DAY		
Wed 24			
Thu 25	Taunton FM		
Fri 26			
Sat 27	Uffculme FM		
Sun 28			
Mon 29			
Tue 30			
Wed 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 (Term time only)
	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
	Salsa DX Dance Exercise	6.30 - 7.30	PH
	Yoga	6.15 - 7.45	BHLAC
Tuesdays	Charity/ Coffee shop	10 -12 noon	CR
	Yoga	9.30 - 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 - 7.30	BHLAC
	Baby & Toddlers	1.45 - 3.15	PH
	Moirra Mansbridge Ballet	4.15 - 6.15	CR
Wednesdays	Chapel Café 9.15 -11.30am	HBC (closed 27th Dec, and Aug, restart Sept.)	
	Blackdown Stay & Play	9.30 -11 am	BHLAC
	Tai Chi	10am -12 noon	PH
	Pilates (2 classes)	6 - 7.15 pm	BHLAC
Thursdays	Riverside Club	9.30 - 3pm	BHLAC
	Short Mat Bowls	1.30 - 4.30 pm	PH
	Devon Dance Fit, Gold	10 - 11am	PH
	Devon Dance Fit	7.00 - 9.30	PH
	"30 Minutes with God"	10 -10.30am	HBC
Fridays	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30 - 10. 15am	BHLAC
	Tap Dance	4.15 - 5.15pm	PH
Saturday	Saturday Prayer Time,	8.00 - 8.45	HBC

These WEEKLY activities happen regularly each week with occasional breaks for Bank Holidays and school holidays. They will not be in the monthly What's On.

They will not be put into the monthly What's On of the Parish Pump (as they are so regular) but fortnightly and monthly meetings WILL go into the What's On.

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

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

What's On May

Wed 1	BSG Hemyock Lunch Club, FL, 12.45 - 2.30 BHLAC			Parish Council, BHLAC, 7.30
Thu 2	Taunton FM			
Fri 3				
Sat 4	Tiverton, Well. + Churchinford FMs			
Sun 5				
Mon 6	MAY BANK HOLIDAY			
Tue 7	Tues Club, 7.30, FL			
Wed 8	BSG Rosemary Lane Lunch,	Empty Spaces, 2.30 - 4pm, BHLAC	Gardeners' Meeting, 7.30, PH	
Thu 9	ASCENSION DAY	Taunton FM,	History Group, 7.30 CR	
Fri 10	Empty Spaces, 10.30 - 12.00, BHLAC			
Sat 11	Cullompton, Yarcombe FM, Cricket, Hemyock Rec.			
Sun 12				
Mon 13	Young Farmers, FL 7.30			
Tue 14	Charity/ Coffee Shop			
Wed 15				
Thu 16	Honiton + Taunton FM. Poppy Club CR, 10 am - 12 pm			
Fri 17				
Sat 18	HEMYOCK MARKET Wellington Farmers' Market			
Sun 19	WHIT SUNDAY			
Mon 20				
Tue 21	Charity/ Coffee Shop, 10 -12, CR			
Wed 22				
Thu 23	Taunton Farmers' Market,			
Fri 24				
Sat 25	"FIX IT" REPAIR CAFE, Hemyock	Uffculme FM	Cricket, Hemyock Rec.	
Sun 26				
Mon 27	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	Devon Schools Half Term - May 31st		
Tue 28				
Wed 29				
Thu 30				
Fri 31	(end of Half Term)			

Forthcoming Events 2024

June	
08	Coffee Morning in aid of Devon Air Ambulance 1, Penn Cross View (10 - 12) Hemyock P.T.F.A. School Fete, 12 - 4pm.
16	"Fathers' Day", Free Film Night, HBC, 7pm
19	Summer Solstice
20	Poppy Club
29	"HEMYOCK DAY", Longmead Field, 12 - 22.00
July	
24 - Aug 11	Olympic Games (Paris)
26	Devon Schools' End of Term
27	Mid Devon Show, Knightshayes
Sept	
07	Autumn Show

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

Parish Pump Deadline
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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!)

Around Hemyock

I began compiling this column when the Rev Tony Grosse retired in 1996. Throughout that time I cannot recall a period when it recorded so many folk seeing a loved one pass away within a short period.

We send love and prayers to the families of Bernard Haine, Pamela Gubb, Geraldine Marke, Christine Brown, Ann Smith, Maud Johnson, Donna Evans and Paul Mathews. The following have been received from their family and friends

Christine Brown

Depending on your age and how long you have lived here you may think of Christine as Sister Brown from the surgery, Churchwarden at St Mary's, keep fit leader, travelling companion, WI member or simply a trusted and faithful friend.

Christine grew up at the Galyons pub on London docks but was evacuated to Scotland to stay with her cousins. She trained to be a nursery nurse at 15, She then spent a year or so working on a farm at Burrowbridge. From there her love of nursing saw her working at a children's hospital in Birmingham later moving to Viney Green Childrens Home in Bristol where she took on the role of a housemother.

At 32 years her career took another change and she trained to be a nurse at Musgrove Park Hospital eventually becoming Sister of ward 8. From there she met Dr Franklin, and he offered her a job as Practice Nurse at Churchinford surgery. She moved to Churchinford and lived in a flat, with her mother, in Dr. Franklins house which was also the surgery. in 1975 she, moved to Hemyock where she became involved in many local events, keep fit, carnival and the church to name a few. She retired in 1994 and enjoyed many a coach holiday with Redwoods and started her own exercise classes. She loved cats, knitting, crotchet, walking, W.I and was Churchwarden for a number of years.

Happy in Hemyock

Ann Smith 1936-2024

Mum was the daughter of a GWR signalman and shopkeeper in a mining valley in South Wales. She met Dad (Alec) at Reading University (to be her husband for 64 years) as she studied for a degree in Geography and was a fierce lacrosse player! Mum went onto to be a teacher and we moved around the country with Dads work living mainly in Manchester. In the early 80s Mum got the post as Head of Geography at Wellington School and was excited about this and an opportunity to return to a village life which was Hemyock .Friendships in Wellington and Hemyock started . The most welcome change was becoming part of a community in Hemyock. Mum had a strong belief and enjoyed going to church regularly again, she volunteered in the Hemyock summer schools, and did litter picking and walking local routes to check paths and styles were clear and she was committed to the Blackdown Support group. She liked being outdoors, walks up to Wellington Monument or along the lanes especially when spring flowers were there. She enjoyed tennis when the new recreational ground included the courts. There was lots of fun and laughter.

Mum was happy in Hemyock, her happiest place to live. In mum's dementia years the community helped to support her in lots of ways. If she wandered off Dad would get a phone call and he could go and fetch her .The shops helped mum by picking out the right coins from her purse when she had lost recognition of them herself and so she could achieve her task of getting the milk and

paper. Neighbours would welcome mum as she randomly popped in. Dementia care was the reason to leave but THANK YOU HEMYOCK for the happy days Alison Adams (daughter)

Remembering Maud and Ken Johnson

On retirement in 1985 Maud and Ken moved from Kent to Hemyock, to St Margaret's Close. Ken was an only child from Walthamstow in N. London and Maud, an identical twin, from nearby Edmonton but with Welsh and Swedish parents. She went to the Marist Convent School, opposite Spurs ground, and he went to George Monoux Grammar School. Both were excellent students judging by their school reports and held posts of responsibility.

Maud spent much of the early 1940's fire watching at night in London including during the Blitz. After returning from evacuation and working for a short while Ken was called up into the RAF where he worked on Lancasters and on early radar. They met when they were both working for the local council, Ken as a scientific assistant and Maud as an accounting machine operator. If the war had not got in the way she would probably have trained as a cookery teacher.

They were married in June 1949 and honeymooned in Combe Martin. Their first home was in Bush Hill Park and before their two children, Janet and Karin, were born they enjoyed doing amateur dramatics together. Before moving to near Orpington they lived near Burgess Hill in Sussex for several years. Ken worked in Martins Bank, during the take over by Barclays, and later for the Civil Service. He had been a keen cyclist since a boy and thought nothing of cycling daily to work in South Norwood – 24 miles from home.

Maud was a 'stay at home mum' until the children were older when she worked as a ward clerk in the children's ward of their local hospital where she spent a lot of time listening to the children. She also spent a while as a Tupperware demonstrator – does anyone remember these 'parties'? Later she was a room steward at the National Trust's Quebec House in Westerham after learning to drive in her late 40's. She also learnt to text in her 80's!

They enjoyed living in the village very much, making lots of friends and joining in with St Mary's Church and other village activities including holidays around Europe with Redwoods. They also found the local Anglo Scan group and often went to their get-togethers especially at Christmas and Midsummer. In addition to this Maud helped with cookery sessions in the village Primary School which she and the children enjoyed.

They were both keen gardeners with Maud drying flowers for pot pourri and for sale at the fetes with Ken's plants. She was often baking and her biscuits and cakes were much appreciated. Ken was also a skilled carpenter, making furniture, toys, trugs and even a 'catherine wheel' for a flower display at the 1988 village Flower Festival. He also audited local accounts several times – his earlier 'chief cashier' banking experience coming in useful.

The Scandinavian influence was always evident in Maud's baking, decorating, cross stitch pieces and other artistic work. She had been to pottery classes in Kent and in Hemyock she took up weaving on a small floor loom in the spare bedroom. They enjoyed many country walks together locally and exploring other parts of the UK on holiday. They both bought new walking boots in their early 80's. As a child Maud had had regular trips to Sweden to visit family with her sister and their mother.

Many of their early family holidays were spent in a friend's caravan near Studland, Swanage when all the necessary paraphernalia was squashed into a mini around the two children – no seatbelts then.

They would regularly drive to Hastings to visit Janet and often enjoyed the company of Karin and her family nearby – helping with babysitting in the early days and later providing a quiet study space for their three grandchildren when exams loomed. They had four greatgrandchildren, now ranging in age from 3-10 years, who were a great source of delight to them.

In 2014 they took the difficult decision to leave Hemyock and move into Dunkirk House where they were well cared for.

Ken died in March 2018 at the age of 93 and Maud in January 2024 aged 101.

All the family were able to say goodbye to them at their funerals and were glad to be joined by some from the Anglo Scan Society and from Hemyock at Maud's service.

As they were at their happiest living in Hemyock it seems only fitting that their memorial should be in St Mary's churchyard.

Geraldine Marke

Geraldine was, especially in later life, a very private person. She had married Leslie and they had a daughter Sheila. Geraldine had lived in the parish all her life and her mother was a member of the Clist family. For many years she worked at the now demolished Milk Factory and later as the popular village Post lady. She took great delight in chatting to all those on her round and keeping up to date with all the local news as she cycled to the different areas.

Geraldine was a gifted knitter and greatly enjoyed crafting garments for her grandchildren and great grandchildren throughout her 93Years. She was very fond of cats and greatly enjoyed watching the birds feed in her garden.

Bernard Haine

The sudden death of Bernard was a shock to all who knew him. Bernard was born at Windovers, Madford Cross where he grew up with his older sister Meg and late brother Edward. They all attended Dunkeswell Abbey Chapel Sunday School because that was within walking distance. When he was about 8 he joined the Church Choir which may have only been for a short while because he had to cycle to and fro . He was in the Cubs for some years as well. All three children attended Hemyock Primary School in the old school. Bernard continued his education at Uffculme until leaving school and becoming apprenticed to Gerald Redwood to learn his trade as a carpenter. He remained working for 'Redwoods' until his retirement.

He moved with his parents to Eastlands about 1975 where he remained until his death. He cared for his parents wonderfully as they got frailer. He was a gentle, caring and loving son, brother and uncle with a ready chuckle and grin. Bernie will be sadly missed by friends and family alike especially as his death was so unexpected. On a personal note, Bernard was a good neighbour of my late parents for many years. He and dad could often be found chatting together as they gardened. He was also kind to my cousin Geraldine, another neighbour, frequently checking her garden bird feeders were filled and staying for a chat.

We also remember **Pamela Gubb** who had been involved with many village activities and **Donna Evans** Clerk to the Parish Council. Although **Paul Mathews** had not lived in the area for some years there will be many who remember him. The son of the late Christine and Bryan, the twin of Ann and sister of Sue. Condolences are set to all the families. We remember all who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery and send all good wishes.

A spotlight on younger members of the community

Bea, one of our young neighbours, was one of 40 youngsters from our school who joined others travelling to London recently to take part in Young Voices 24. This was the first time Hemyock had taken part which involved singing at the O2. A memory for them all to cherish.

Two Hemyock Primary Children, **Poppy** and **Flo**, are donating their luscious locks to **The Little Princess Trust** to so that they can make wigs for young people who need them. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. Thank you to both girls for doing this and at the same time raising awareness and money for the charity!

The Parish Church are looking forward to working with the school as pupils, with the help of Charles Courtenay, build and maintain 2 raised beds in the churchyard. Easter celebrations will have taken place prior to this issue of the Pump dropping through our letterbox and on 21st April we hope the supporters of 1st Hemyock Scout Group will help fill the parish church to celebrate St Georges Day our country's Patron Saint as well as that of the scouting movement.

Belated congratulations to Chris and Shirley Dracott who celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in February. Those who lived here 30 years ago will probably remember the wedding of the couple who met on the TV programme Blind Date hosted by the late Cilla Black. Following the legal ceremony at Tiverton the couple along with numerous family and friends arrived at St Marys for a ceremony filmed for the TV series. As someone who sang in the church choir that day it was interesting to see what was needed to film as the area behind the organ was full of cables and necessary paraphernalia. Cilla and her husband Bobby attended, and Cilla assured everyone as promised on the TV programme she had bought a new hat!

With so many things happening here its sometimes difficult to keep up with everything but one event that remains highly popular is Valley Arts who once again managed to fill the parish hall with song and laughter at their annual production drawing warm applause. The Parish Pump is always full of reports of events which have taken place or are soon to happen so if you are new to the area do take time to have a 'good read' You will find a warm welcome whether it's joining a sports group, calling into the Charity shop for coffee or anything inbetween.

If you have any news you would like to share please contact jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk
Take care and enjoy the beauty of Spring.
Janice



LEAP news

Late January saw a tidy up at Longmead with some local volunteers including pupils from Hemyock Primary School, who were super helpful. An owl box was positioned on one of the large oaks, and new and reconditioned bird boxes were put up along St Margaret's Brook. Weeds were cleared from around the fruiting hedge and the old tree guards removed. An intrepid soul even waded into the now full pond, to remove the chair, bicycle wheel and other debris that had been thrown onto its surface whilst it was frozen.

We were fortunate once again to be selected by the Devon Wildlife Trust to hold a tree hub at Longmead as part of their scheme 'Saving Devon's Treescapes' an ongoing campaign to help mitigate against ash dieback and to promote the wonder of trees in our landscape. The tree hub was a success once again - around 55 people took away some native saplings (downy birch, blackthorn, cherry, crab apple, hazel etc) to plant in their garden. A number of people with a larger area to plant up, took the DWT details to obtain tree whips in bulk. Hopefully the little whips will thrive despite the wet conditions that we have endured this Spring, and the prospect of a long hot and dry Summer ahead.

The conservation group from Green Days Day Care - check out their website on www.greendayscare.co.uk -returned to Longmead after a Winter break , and had a super session in the wildlife area. They harvested the leeks that they had planted in the late Summer, and thanks to our wonderful volunteers we all enjoyed delicious leek soup. The remaining few whips left over from the tree hub were infill planted in the fruiting hedge, brambles by the seat next to the pond were cut back and a small tree by the pond was coppiced and the wood used to start a woven dry hedge between the BMX track and the fruiting hedge. A letter pick was undertaken (not much litter - fabulous) and peas were planted in one of the raised beds.

We look forward to welcoming Green Days on the last Thursday of the month throughout the Spring and Summer and we are also excited to be hosting Hemyock Beavers to make small bug houses in early May.

Thanks as always to all who help out and volunteer in the area.

When you walk through the area do look out for evidence of birds using the bird boxes and the first wildflowers of the Spring.

Trish Slater



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

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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 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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Hemyock History Group

The February meeting was a talk from Peter Walters on the subject of Vestry Meetings at St Mary's Church in the 18th and 19th Centuries. During this time, prior to the introduction of local authorities, communities were managed by significant landowners in the area looking after the interests of the community at various minuted meetings. The Vestry meetings handled all the financial matters related to the operation of Church life including the maintenance of Church buildings, costs of providing normal operations such as lighting, heating, musical activity, and Church activities.

The landowners were also churchwardens and had ultimate authority in distributing the Church income. The Patron, the largest landowner, owned the advowson and had the right of presenting the Vicar or Rector to the benefice who in turn claimed the tithes paid to the church. The Churchwardens would be responsible for allocating responsibilities such that weekly services went smoothly and maintenance of the infrastructure were planned. Separate meetings were held for the Overseer of the Poor Tax to ensure destitute residents were suitably provided for. A register of families who were considered to be supported by the Hemyock community would be maintained, based on the time the head of the household was working in this area. Should the family hit troubled times the Overseer could check whether another community somewhere in this County or adjoining counties would have a closer call on resources. Families could not simply up and move to another area, unless the head was being offered a job in that area. There was, of course a Workhouse in Wellington to provide basic essentials while the family sorted themselves out. In the 18th and 19th centuries the Vicar or Rector, coming from Oxford or Cambridge would receive a stipend agreed with the Patron of the Benefice.

The tithe apportionment Act in 1842 listed all land within a community with acres, owners and location all delineated within a map. This converted the commodity based tithes into a direct monetary basis per farm. This monetary amount was paid to the Benefice each year for another 100 years until the Tithe Act of 1936 ended the practice. Of course wherever financial matters are managed by men conflicts occur. In 1891 the Rector raised a Court Order against the churchwardens to enforce the payment of the stipulated monetary amounts. The Churchwardens as landowners in the area came up with a plan to auction enough farm assets to raise the agreed tithe amounts. So an auctioneer was employed to go to the 3 main farms in the valley followed by all the locals ending with a good display of food and drink to be consumed at the end of the day. One of the farmers bid for the other farmer's hayrick and vice versa, the money was raised, the auctioneer was paid his fee, the Rector got his tithe amount and the community had a good party. All sorted out locally. All was done above board, minuted, and available today.

Between 1890 and 1900 an agent of the Canadian Government enticed many hundreds of farm labourers from the valley to take the free train ticket from Hemyock to Liverpool, a liner from Liverpool to Quebec and onto Winnipeg plus a free plot of 60 acres to call their own.

The March meeting was a talk by John Young, a Methodist Minister, on Rev Augustus Montague Toplady who was born in 1740 in Farnham while his father was involved as a Royal Marine in battles in the Caribbean, where as a result of the RN skirmishes around Cartagena of the Indies between Spanish and British fleets Major Richard Toplady was killed. The young Toplady then went on to Westminster School where many English Poets attended and where he became involved in the Calvinism which would be the basis of his

religion. Due to his Father's roots in Ireland, A M went up to Trinity College Dublin where he earned his BA in 1760. His first position as a curate was in the diocese of Bath and Wells at Blagdon, N Somerset. Toplady wrote his famous hymn Rock of Ages in 1763. A local tradition is that he wrote the hymn after seeking shelter under a large rock at Burrington Combe, a magnificent ravine close to Blagdon, during a thunderstorm. He became the incumbent of Harpford and Venn Ottery, two villages in Devon. In 1768, however, he learned that he had been named to this incumbency because it had been purchased for him; seeing this as simony, he chose to exchange the incumbency for the post of vicar of Broadhembury, another Devon village. He would serve as vicar of Broadhembury until his death in 1778 at the young age of 38 of TB.

The April meeting will be a talk from Des Atkinson on John Norden's survey of Devon Manors and the May meeting will allow us to welcome David Pugsley back for his latest talk. We continue to scan and catalogue all the local historical documents donated to the History Group by a long term family resident in Hemyock.

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Hemyock Gardeners' Association meet on the second Wednesday of the month from September to July. Interesting speakers inform and entertain and members have the opportunity of visiting gardens near and far in the summer months. Hosting two Shows a year, the Association goes from strength to strength. Do drop in to one of our meetings. You will receive a warm welcome.

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 6 April 2024. The Parish Hall will be awash with daffodils, tulips, pot plants and scented foliage with members entering about 50 classes. **Ploughman's Lunches will be served from 12.30** in the Forbes Lounge and teas and cakes will be available from 2pm. There will be a raffle and the Show will be open at 12.30 for viewing after judging. There are two open classes to which non-members are invited to enter. In the **Floral Art Section Class 43 – an Exhibit** of shop bought flowers costing a maximum of £12 arranged in a basket. In the **Culinary section - Class 37 Tiffin** to the recipe supplied in the Show Schedule. **All Handicrafts Classes** are open to non-members: A "Spring" Painting. Photograph "Hot Summer Day". A limerick. A celebratory card. All details and a full list of classes are on our website with details how to enter. There is no charge for entries. Show Schedules are available from Hemyock Post Office.

We will be holding a **Plant Sale and Afternoon Tea** on **Wednesday 10 April 2.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Both homegrown and nursery grown plants will be available for sale and tea, coffee and refreshments will be served. Do drop in and pick up a plant and have a slice of cake and a catch up.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8 May at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall when Alex & Jamie Crump from Wivvy Carnivorous Plant will be talking about these interesting specimens. Visitors are most welcome to come along. £1 on the door with complimentary refreshments.

We have plans for garden visits in the Summer so do check what's happening on our Facebook page or the website: www.hemyockgardeners.org.uk.

Susan Scantlebury



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello everyone, it must be Spring because in spite of lots of rain (which does not affect Hemyock scouting) there are lots of daffodils on display.

Wonderful! I digress. We have good news to report to you. As I have said in previous reports we lost Josh as our Group scout leader to work commitments. Part of our rules are that we must have a GSL. Hence we had Margaret Jarvis as our acting GSL, whilst also being deputy district commissioner. I am now pleased to report that she has relinquished both of these roles and has moved on to help other groups in Devon whose needs are probably greater than those of 1st Hemyock. Our old Akela Julie now continues as District Commissioner unaided and without a safety net. More importantly she has also taken on the role of GSL with Hemyock. Excellent news as she knows us so well.

I have been in touch with Julie and I can say she is pleased to be back with us in her new capacity. She is looking forward to being with us on 21st April for St Georges Day-- more on that later. More good news-- we have received an invitation from our Danish friends in Tonder to join them at the end of July 2025 for our next camp and adventure together in Denmark. Julie tells me that the invite has been accepted and planning is already underway, together with all the necessary approvals from HQ being sought. Continuing she says that we are beginning to get into the busy time for outdoor scouting. That applies to all sections and will continue our love of the great outdoors. In some ways I guess that we are lucky that we live in Devon with lots of outdoor space to use, which means lots of thanks to landowners who let us make use of their land. We appreciate it. Back to Julie, cubs have their district challenge day in March with scouts having theirs in April. We also have an all section district camp at Watcombe in May. (I am sure that you remember that Watcombe camp site at Torquay is where we have camped twice with Tonder.). In August the group will be joining in with an event for all Devon scouts called Scoutmoor. This will be a camp that will be held at Westpoint Exeter and will involve lots of exciting activities (I receive regular emails from the organisers of the various events, the latest one details an Abba band, Old Rikki can remember them, I hope that our scouts have been told who they are by their parents/grand parents! I will tell you more about the event next time as we get closer.) And finally from our new GSL-- The events outlined above are as well as all the exciting weekly meetings and sectional weekend camps. Thanks Julie, that last sentence just about sums up Hemyock scouts. FUN.

As I said above I get regular updates from HQ/Devon. Here are some of the things that scouting gets up to on a wider scale. Ardeche, France, Devon contingent camping from 19 to 29 August. County Conference 27th April at Petroc College, Tiverton. Scarefest 25/29 October - lots of spooky activities. Space Day 5th May out of this world activities, to earn the Astronomer Activity badge. The Big helpout continues with volunteering opportunities 7/9 June, we are encouraged to be part of it. There is a World Scout Moot (camp) in Portugal 2025. We are also kept up to date with health and medical matters, keeping safe and safeguarding for camps. This is of course very important to look after our young people. They also say there is potential for women in scouting! I think we need to invite some of our HQ people to visit us again as 1st Hemyock has been doing that since 1960! We featured in one of the Scouting magazines in 1971 when Skip Lowman was GSL, we were told that we were on the right track back then. So there we are a flavour of scouting in the wider world.

I mentioned earlier St Georges Day. This year our Parade from the Parish Hall to the Service with you in St Marys will be on 21st April. We start at 10.45am. Hope that you can join us on the day to celebrate our Patron St George.

And finally. Only just over sixteen months to our next Danish adventure! I am sure our young people will be looking forward to it as many others have for the last fifty one years. It is a wonderful trip, as Rikki knows from experience. Scouting at its best.

As I said last time we must pray for peace in the conflicts around the world. They continue so we must keep praying.

Catch up with you next time.

Old Rikki

Longmead

The Pavilion is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings. The building has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use. **The MUGA** (Multi Use Games Area) is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour

MUGA - £15.00 per hour

If you wish to book any of these facilities or would like some more information please contact Karen 01823 681034 or email kazapinder@hotmail.com.

Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Our third Repair Cafe event in 2024 will be held on the Saturday 25th of May our Big Fix Event held in the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1pm

This event is part of the Big Fix Events being held during the whole Month of May to encourage as many Repair Cafes as possible in the whole of the U.K. to participate and hope to repair as many items as possible during this month, preventing them from going into the bin and landfill.

Please do all come along and have your items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs, enjoy some refreshments in our tearoom cafe. Please note, that we are also able to take on extra, larger and more extensive repairs at our local Workshop.

Repair Café events for the remainder of 2024 (all on Saturday's from 10am to 1pm)

27th July, 28th September, 23rd November

Stephan Lehner,
Blackdown Hills Repair Café Coordinator
sfelehner@aol.com

Dear Residents

At Month 10 (Jan) it is estimated that budgets will effectively break-even by year end, with a small overspend by £291,000 currently forecast. This is an improvement of £4.3 million compared to the Month 8 (Nov) forecast.

It is worth noting that Devon County has managed its finances very well, and taken necessary action when needed to, while other County Councils around us have run into serious financial problems.

On Wednesday 14 February, councillors agreed a 4.99 per cent increase for our part of the council tax for this coming financial year. It comprises 2.99 per cent for general services with an extra two per cent specifically for adult care.

It means an extra £1.56 a week on their bill for the average Band D household.

It allows an increase of 10.4 per cent in spending on children's services, six per cent on adult services and 4.7 per cent on climate change, environment and transport.

Councillors also agreed an extra £1.5 million to boost regular road drainage since the target budget was set last month to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's heavy rainfall.

Agreement was also given to bring the homelessness budget back up to £1.45 million to support the work of district councils and homeless organisations for another year.

This is a well-constructed budget increasing expenditure for adults and children and looking after the old, the young and the vulnerable who account for almost four fifths of the budget.

We have a finite amount of money to spend and we have to allocate it to protect those most in need. But we will ensure that we get the best possible value from every pound we spend on behalf of our residents.

A six-week public consultation was launched on Monday 12 February, on the draft proposal to create a Combined County Authority (CCA) for Devon and Torbay to oversee new powers and funding transferred from Government.

The ground-breaking devolution deal announced by Levelling Up Minister Jacob Young last month, proposes to create the CCA, which would be a formal partnership of elected members drawn from the councils of Devon and Torbay, including district councils, together with representatives from business and education.

People are being invited to have their say on how the CCA would work, the powers that it would have and the functions it would be responsible for. These include investment in local economic growth, delivering affordable housing, improving public transport, and meeting net zero ambitions.

Further information about our joint consultation with Torbay Council and details of how to respond are available at www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk

By far the biggest issues raised at Parish Council meetings are roads and their maintenance, very rarely anything about Adults and children's services, with a combined budget of £588.7k out of County's overall revenue budget of £743.3k. That only leaves £155k to run all other services, including Roads/Highways.

Devon has the largest road network in England with 8,953 miles of roads, whilst Cornwall has over 4,500 miles of roads (Department for Transport (DfT), 2022).

In 2023, we assessed 57,000 public reports of potholes of which 12,000 were ultimately assessed as duplicates. We repaired over 53,000 potholes.

Each report we receive is assessed onsite by a trained highway safety inspector. We do not ignore any reports that we receive, however, we do have to prioritise our funding as we cannot afford to fix all of the problems that are reported to us.

We prioritise repairing potholes, on roads, that have a 40 mm (4 cm) vertical edge and are 300 mm (30 cm) wide as these are the biggest risk to highway users.

All reports should be assessed onsite within seven calendar days. Following the assessment, repairs will be carried out by the end of the next working day, seven or 28 calendar days (depending on the outcome of the assessment) if confirmed as a priority pothole. We will repair smaller potholes, and other road surface issues, as and when resources are available and as part of our planned works programmes.

We have employed extra repair gangs, to increase repairs, hopefully with better weather we will catch up.

We have had our Locality Budget restored for small donations to local organisations/clubs etc. they would need to apply to Locality Budgets at County.

If anyone has any issues that they are not sure about, by all means contact me, I may be able to help.

Regards,

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

Hemyock Bowling Club

In case you have not noticed, the weather in January and February this year has been difficult, to put it mildly, with a lot of rain. This has made it very difficult to work on the bowling green, but thanks to flexibility and opportunism on the part of John Bendle and his green keeping team, all the necessary work on the green is up to date, and it is looking as good as ever!

Over the winter, a number of members have been bowling indoors at various locations, and the club has been open regularly on Friday evenings for games, spoofing, a drink or two, and a few suppers. Everyone will be looking forward to the opening of the green (which will have happened by the time you are reading this), when we will have round robin competition followed by a bring and share tea. Our first match will be a home friendly against Bradninch on Saturday April 20th.

The club is always very keen to welcome new members, and we will hold an open day for all comers on Sunday April 21st, with a reserve date of Sunday 28th in the event of bad weather. Alternatively, anyone who wants to try bowling will be welcome on any Friday evening, when we hold Club Night. At any time, all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes, and the club can provide bowls, free induction and coaching, and membership for new bowlers costs only £12 for the first year, just to cover affiliation fees with Bowls Devon.

New bowlers can come for three sessions before needing to decide whether to commit to joining, and absolutely no prior experience is needed. Bowling is a great sport for people of all ages and both men and women play alongside each other on a level playing field (pardon the pun). It is therefore very suitable for all the family, and children over the age of 8 years (accompanied by a parent) are welcome. We would love to see you all. New bowlers can play for fun, in friendly matches or rapidly progress to league matches.

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Something for the Young People to Celebrate - Hemyock Youth Club is Open!

Hemyock Youth Club has reopened its doors at The Garages for the first time since the pandemic. Emma Ingledew and Natalie Weyham initially came together and successfully recruited a group of fantastic local volunteers to run a youth club for children in Hemyock and the surrounding villages.

Ages 10 – 17 will be welcome every Monday to enjoy a wide range of activities from pool, table football, air hockey and table tennis to crafts, games, movies and more.

The club is run by a team of passionate volunteers, many of whom are professional youth workers or who have careers in education. They aim to provide a fun environment for the young people to come together and enjoy themselves. There is a café and tuck shop but the group also hope to provide educational sessions and discussions on topics helpful and supportive for young people.

They are very keen to be inclusive to everyone and has a quite space for those children who prefer a calm environment. There is also lots of space for those who want to burn off some energy!

There are plans to develop The Club by obtaining funding and improving equipment and activities.

The group would particularly like to thank everyone who has volunteered so far, Culm Valley Meat, Tim Potter Butchers, Soul Food, The Rolling Scone Bakery for their generous donations for our opening evening.

If you would like to find out more or get involved you can contact The Youth Club via email at: youthclubloones@icloud.com or on Facebook: [youth@thegarages](https://www.facebook.com/youth@thegarages).



BRINGING HOPE TO MID DEVON

CHAT have been working in the Mid Devon community since 1995, supporting people to make positive changes to their lives. We know life is not always easy and we are here to help.

We believe that everyone is entitled to food to eat and somewhere to call home.

We offer free support and advice on:

- Housing and Tenancies
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- Food and Household essentials
- Energy Costs

Please get in touch if we can support you in any way or if you would like to explore opportunities to get involved in our work in the community.

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If you know someone who is struggling to read, the **Mid Devon Messenger** can offer listening alternatives. We want everyone to feel connected with their community while also having a chance to lose themselves in a good audio book!



The Mid Devon Messenger can keep people connected by providing weekly recordings of local news, interviews, stories, quizzes and entertainment. Working in collaboration with Calibre Audio, we also offer audio books. The service is entirely free of charge.

If a member of your family, or a friend, struggles to read or decipher print due to one of the following conditions, we are here to help:

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- A learning disability such as Dyslexia
- A brain injury or cognitive impairment such as head trauma or stroke
- Difficulties with physical dexterity caused by Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's Disease, arthritis, paralysis or terminal illness

Our aim is to get people connected and stay connected in whatever way works best for them.

Simply contact Helen McIntosh on 07834 688838 or email: enquiries@middevonmessenger.org.uk

More information about mid Devon Messenger may be found on their website: <https://middevonmessenger.org.uk>

Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesdays 1:45pm - 3:15pm
Term time only

£2 per adult

Hemyock Parish Hall

We have ride on toys, crafts, puzzles, imaginative play, musical instruments, books and lots more!
Drinks and snacks provided for everyone.

Facebook - Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Timetable valid from 25/07/2016 until further notice.
Direction of stops: where shown (eg: W-bound) this is the compass direction towards which the bus is pointing when it stops

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

Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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

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HEMYOCK - TIVERTON **Redwoods 697**
Via Burlescombe, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham
Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0915	TIVERTON, Bus Station	1315
HEMYOCK, Castle Park	0917	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1324
HEMYOCK, Square	0919	CHETTISCOMBE, opp Post Box	1327
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0926	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1329
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0927	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1339
BURLESCOMBE, Rail Bridge	0934	STAG MILL, Cross	1342
WESTLEIGH, Bus Shelter	0938	HUNTSHAM, Shelter	1350
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0942	HOCKFORD WATERS	1354
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Frog Lane	0945	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1356
HOCKWORTHY, Village Hall	0950	HOCKWORTHY, Village Hall	1358
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0955	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, opp Whitebrook Terrace	1403
HOCKFORD WATERS	0957	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Frog Lane	1406
HUNTSHAM, Shelter	1001	WESTLEIGH, Bus Shelter	1410
STAG MILL, Cross	1009	BURLESCOMBE, Rail Bridge	1414
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1012	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1421
CHEVITHORNE, opp Church	1022	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
CHETTISCOMBE, Post Box	1024	HEMYOCK, Square	1429
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1027	HEMYOCK, Castle Park	1431
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1034	HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1433

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Opening Times

Hemyock Surgery:
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Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Hemyock opening times:

Monday – Friday 8.00-18.30 (please note the dispensary is closed between 13.00-14.00)
Saturday 9.00-12.00

Churchinford opening times:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30-12.30 and 15.00-18.00
Wednesday and Friday 8.30-12.30 (closed in the afternoon on these days)
Weekends - closed.

Dunkeswell Surgery:

Monday and Wednesday 8.30-12.30 and 15.00-18.00
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30-12.30 (closed in the afternoon on these days)
Weekends - closed

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

St Andrew's Clayhidon



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St. Andrew's Church News

We hope you have all enjoyed the happiness of Christmas time brought to us by the birth of Jesus Christ. We wish you all a very happy New Year 2024.

It is a great delight to walk up the church path at this time of year and notice the beautiful daffodils that are now growing in great numbers across the lovely churchyard. It is a joy to fill our hearts with God's praise and makes us ready to sing hymns of thankfulness and love.

If we thought that inside the church we would feel dread because of the winter cold, we now find that not only is the atmosphere different, but there is physical warmth due to the new heaters which have been installed under the pews keeping our legs and feet warm and creating greater warmth than we have ever had before. Nor is it costing us a vast amount that we have to find from our finances. The financial expertise on the Church Council has sorted out how it can all be arranged to everyone's benefit. How fortunate we are.

During Lent, several of us have joined with others from Hemyock and Culmstock churches to meet together in Hemyock Church Room for a weekly meeting based on God's love for us and how we can "Come and see" together and inspire all who would like to feel part of the church community and a member of His worldly paradise. There are short films for us to watch and the opportunity to discuss together the questions that these raise.

On Mothering Sunday, there were so many charming little pots of flowers that were distributed by the children to the mothers and adults to take home with them. There were also delicious biscuits and cakes to enjoy after the lovely service with a welcome cup of coffee or tea or fruit juice. We remember how fortunate we are to share such delights when people in other parts of the world are suffering extreme privations.

Very soon it will be the delight of Palm Sunday followed by the excitement of Easter Day when we can feel the love of Jesus on his resurrection and how fortunate we are to know that we are cared for in this world and can share in hymns and prayers in praise and thanks for our Lord who died for us.

We pray for those among us at present who are suffering in any way and especially those who are in hospital and enduring ill health. We must strive to help those in need and try to bring happiness to our community. A note left under the church door if the church is closed, will always be found and friendship will be a start to bringing our parish together for the benefit of us all.

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John Griss Legacy

Clayhidon Parish Council is planning to hold a public meeting to discuss the John Griss legacy to the community. It will explain what has happened since this wonderful bequest was made and what may take place now.

But most of all councillors want to give everyone in the parish their chance to make sensible suggestions, thoughtful comments and serious contributions to decisions that have to be made.

This meeting will be held at the parish hall on Wednesday, April 17th at 7.30 pm. It will be chaired by Alison Weekes, chairman of the parish council, Richard Drew, vice chairman, and Nicholas King, chairman of the John Griss Charity.

Alison said: "We understand that several factors have made the situation around this wonderful and generous bequest less clear than I would have liked. These include the pandemic and the lockdowns which prevented the council holding a public meeting before. It has also been complicated by many other factors including the emotional attachment so many people had for John Griss, and a division between some councillors who wanted to sell both the land and lakes and his near derelict cottage and those who were determined to keep these assets.

The situation has also been complicated by the divided response to a village hall poll about prospects for the village hall, and by the tragic illness and early death of Donna Evans, Clayhidon's parish clerk. It was Donna who kept the community up to date with reports in the Pump and the parish website run by Gareth Weekes who died last year but had found no one willing to take it over.

Because of these factors and the necessity to keep financial negotiations secret, the council understands some people have felt they were not kept up to date with what has been going on with the legacy.

The Hartsmoor Lakes are now the subject of a five year lease and have been transformed by two enthusiastic and determined lessees. They will be present to explain their hard work at the site at the meeting. Supervision by the John Griss charity is enhanced by a co-opted member, Andy Don, who lives in Ashculme and is a fisheries expert for the Environment Agency. The charity is very appreciative of his help and guidance. The plan is for the fisheries to be developed and eventually bring in a substantial annual income. The land there is subject to a separate five year lease renewed annually.

After much deliberation and prolonged planning negotiations, the charity has now been paid £285,000 for Rose Cottage which will now be developed into three new homes, two of which will be low cost units to be administered by a housing association.

Separately the council has just cashed £42,000 from the sale of a small field it shared with a Churchinford charity begun in 1675 to give money to the poor of both parishes. We are awaiting advice from the Charity Commission as to the future of this money.

The parish also now has this new website which the council wants the community to use. So we hope this will improve all aspects of communication.

I would also like to point out that whatever problems we have faced with communication, we had an election for the parish council last

year where no one was prepared to stand for election apart from Lee Saunders who replaced Richard Brown. All parish councillors are also members of the John Griss charity.

Please come and join us at this event and take part in your community.

Susan McGeever
Clerk to Clayhidon Parish Council
E-mail: clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Exciting News: Clayhidon Village Hall Expansion Underway!

Big changes are on the horizon for our cherished village hall. We've submitted a planning application to Mid Devon for a crucial expansion that focuses on our community needs:

- Dedicated space for preserving Clayhidon's historical archives
- Increased capacity
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- Enhanced storage
- Weather-protected entrance

Before these plans take flight, bat surveys are scheduled from May to July, followed by council consideration.

Before committing to the improvements of our current hall, we thoroughly explored the possibility of constructing a new facility for our parish. Unfortunately, this option faced several challenges, including the unavailability of funding that was once accessible in previous years, the absence of suitable land owned by Clayhidon Village Hall charity, minimal community interest based on a survey, the historical significance of our existing hall, and the practical constraint of the current hall needing to remain in use until completion of a new build. These considerations underscore our dedication to making informed decisions and reinforce the importance of focusing on enhancing our existing space.

Your understanding and support are crucial as we embark on this project to ensure a thriving and meaningful community hub for years to come.

We're calling on local charities, businesses and individuals to support and volunteer during this exciting expansion.

The proposed extension of Clayhidon Village Hall is not just a physical expansion but a commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our parishioners and beyond. We eagerly anticipate your involvement, support, and enthusiasm as we embark on this exciting journey together.

Best regards,
Clayhidon Village Hall Committee

Clayhidon News – Big Breakfast

The Clayhidon Big Breakfast has been running for the past 22 years and was started by Pam Reynolds who first organised it back in 2002. Pam ran it for an amazing 13 years and it was then taken on by the late Nicola Bendle in 2015. This year was the first year without Nicola, but I think we did her proud.

This year's total raised was a staggering £1234.70. A real team effort. A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported us on the day. Another big thank you goes out to all the local businesses and individuals that donated goods and draw prizes, including: The Sidmouth Arms, Hemyock Post Office and Stores, Tim Potter butchers, Palmers Milk Shed, Bollhayes Apple juice, Martin Batchelor for the eggs and the great team of volunteers and helpers on the day.

Rachael Drawert

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Wednesday 1st May: DEVON AT WAR: "FROM UFFCULME TO OMAHA BEACH"

WWII / D Day commemoration Exhibition & Talk – in the Fox Gallery at the Mill. The exhibition will be open from 6.30pm, with talk commencing at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.30pm. Tickets £4 each – please obtain in advance via the What's On page of the Mill website, or phone 01884 840960. Places are limited so do book soon!

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Advance notice: Sat 1st & Sun 2nd June THE GREAT BRITISH FIBRE FESTIVAL at COLDHARBOUR MILL. Visit the website: www.thegreatbritishfibrefestival.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERING

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 Anne Lamott

Meeting is the chance to escape from the trivial thoughts of everyday living, and to find answers from yourself or from God. Some people are scared of the silence. Without the noise that serves to reassure us, that blocks out thoughts we'd rather not have, we're vulnerable and find it's time to face ourselves. We can never hide from God, but it's easy to minimise the effect he has on our lives – except in the silence where he can be heard. Don't feel restricted by the silence, it is there to set you free from the pressures of life. No-one is judging your movements, your thoughts... Freedom of expression is the freedom to worship God on your own terms. Value the opportunity to think unguided by the world. Learn what you feel you need to know, let other information pass. No moment of silence is a waste of time.

Rachel Needham, 1987 – from Quaker Faith and Practice 2.17
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Wellington Film Festival 2024

This year's three-day Wellington Film Festival has announced its programme, bringing a huge variety of films and supporting events to venues across the town. The programme ranges from a late-night showing of disco classic Saturday Night Fever to a movie pub quiz hosted by local TV celebrity Clinton Rogers.

Opening the festival with a multi-media spectacular the ground breaking German silent film Metropolis (Fritz Lang, 1927) will screen behind a live soundtrack from sci-fi/surf band Palooka 5 and a DJ. Its themes of an unbelievably wealthy super-class living next to the dirt-poor workers who support their spoiled lives guarantees that Metropolis stays relevant to the present day.

On a calmer note the weekend will see one of the first UK showings of Six Inches of Soil, a West Country documentary telling the story of how a group of remarkable farmers, small businesses, chefs and entrepreneurs are transforming how food is produced and consumed. Its focus on local food systems and shorter supply chains mirrors the work of Wellington's new Community Farm, illustrated in a short film of its own.

The overwhelming success of last year's combination of ET with a costumed Star Wars picnic in the town park led the festival organisers to repeat the exercise with a showing of Jurassic Park at the Wellesley followed by full-on dinosaur session around the bandstand where Wellington Silver Band will be playing movie themes.

Locally-produced heritage films to be shown in St John's church include a retrospective look at the life and work of the late Brian Hulls, an award-winning BBC cameraman who covered wars in Iraq, Bosnia and Africa but came home safe to his home in Blackdowns. In a second nod to the silent-film era the festival will show clips from Stan Laurel films featuring one of his favourite supporting actors Jack Ackroyd – who retired to Wellington when the talkies arrived.

Anticipating the arrival of the town's new station the same session will screen Railway Approaches, a nostalgic Great Western Railway publicity film shot in 1936 to celebrate the seaside towns of the South West – and the joy of travelling by train.

Contemporary film-making features in the festival's 48-Hour Film Challenge for young people. Make a movie in a weekend (that's right, only 48 hours!) – register yourself and/or your team and at the launch event you will be assigned a line of dialogue and a prop that must be included. You will then have 48 hours to write, shoot or animate and edit up to a three minute film in a genre of your choice. Tell your story with a phone, tablet or a DSLR if you have one. All eligible films made and submitted by the end of the 48 hours will be screened at Wellington Film Festival and be entered for an Award.

Steam trains always stir an audience's heart strings and so will Untouchable, the festival's sole foreign film. Filmed on location in Paris and on a true story of friendship between a quadriplegic millionaire confined to a wheelchair and his street smart ex-con caretaker Untouchable depicts an unlikely relationship rooted in honesty, kindness and humour.

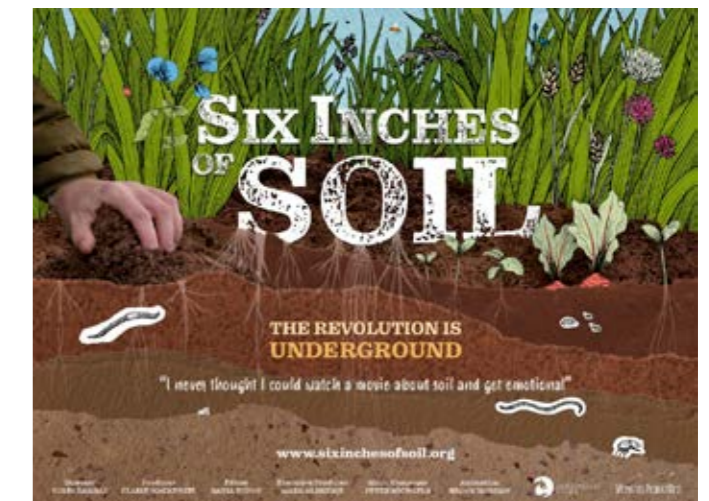
At last year's festival crowds of people on the Fore St pavement enjoyed the video-mapping projections created by artist Jon Stay on to Lloyds Bank. This time Jon has worked on an entirely new

sequence of images and a brand-new frontage at the United Reform Church.

Also outdoors, the Sunday afternoon picnic musical on the Wellington School playing field is The Greatest Showman, starring Hugh Jackman and telling the story of P T Barnum who created and ran the world's most famous circus.

"It's an incredibly broad programme and we hope everybody in the town will find at least one thing they want to come along and watch," said Wellington Film Festival chair Keith Wheatley. "And once again we thank Wellington Town Council and Somerset Council for the generous financial support that makes the festival possible."

Wellington Film Festival begins on Friday April 19. Details and bookings at www.wellingtonfilmfestival.org.uk.



Letter to Clubs from the Parish Pump

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

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

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

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

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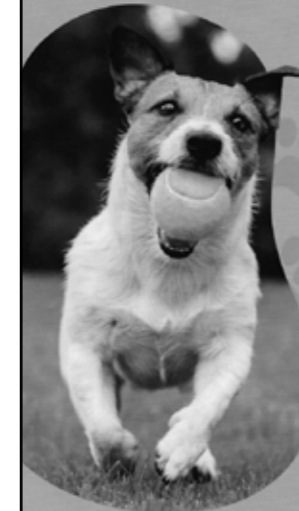
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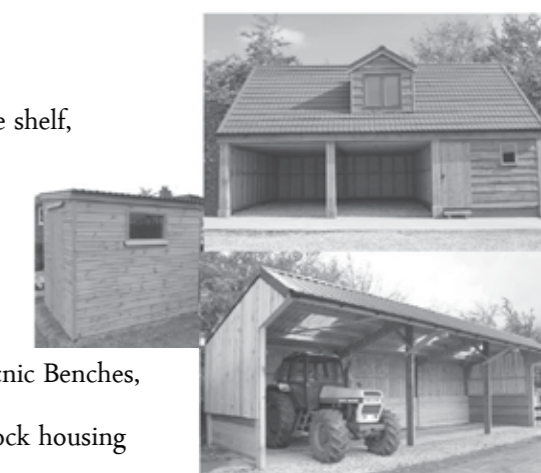
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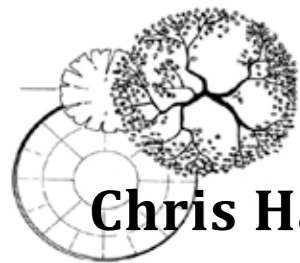
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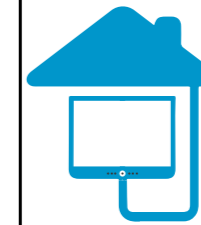
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