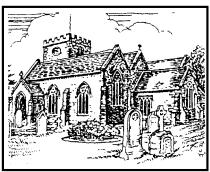
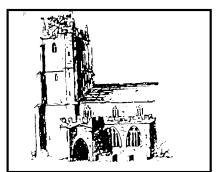
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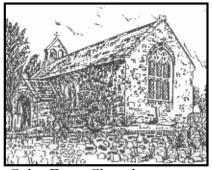
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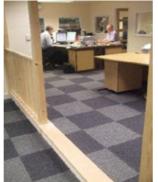
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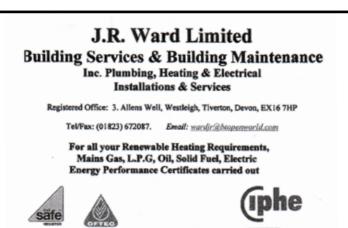
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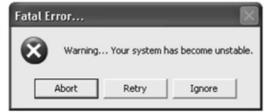
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Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday				7.00 pm HC
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Good Friday</i>	12 noon Readings, Reflections & Music			
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Day</i>	11.15 am HC CW	9.00 am HC BCP	7.00 am "Sunrise" Informal Ecumenical Service, Grays Quarry / Farm, Clayhidon followed by breakfast	10.00 am HC CW
			10.00 am Family Communion CW	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	11.15 am St George's Day Service	3.30 pm EP BCP	10.00 am HC CW	10.30 am St George's Day Service (tbc)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 am Jo	oint Mission Community l	Eucharist with In Ecclesia at	Culmstock
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 am FS		8.30 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC & Baptism CW
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am Baptism	9.00 am HC BCP	3.00 pm Rogation Procession	6.30 pm EP with the Methodists
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	11.15 am HC with Procession		6.30 pm EP BCP	9.30 am HC CW
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day	10.30 am HC			
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15 am HC CW	3.30 pm EP BCP	10.00 am FS & Baptism	8.00 am HC BCP

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#### PARISH PUMP - No. 260 April - May 2017

#### 'Out of darkness...'

Springtime represents the overcoming of the darkness of winter by the light of summer – temperatures warm, daylight lengthens and life explodes. It's a transition that happens every year, but always fills me with awe and wonder. And it's not really by accident that we, in the northern hemisphere, celebrate Easter which is also about the overcoming of darkness by the light, in the Springtime.



With Easter being preceded by Lent and Holy Week, when the mood is sombre in our churches, it arrives as a sudden contrast to what has come before – just as it did on that first Easter morning! The great event of the Resurrection of Christ happened in the night-time, perhaps as dawn was breaking and the women who came to the tomb, and the disciples, were faced with a mystery which could only be understood as life having overcome death; light having overcome darkness; hope having overcome fear.

Many people reading this will be very familiar with the dawn – as the light of day seeps through the darkness, a freshness fills the air and a new day begins. It is a sign of hope and promise, and none of us knows exactly what a new day will bring – but we can be filled with optimism that much will be good.

The dawn may, if we are lucky, be accompanied by rich colours in the sky as the sun rises above the horizon, reinforcing the sense of wonder and hope.

It is so easy for us to get into the routines and drudgery of life that we can fail to notice the dawn – the entering-in of something new and life-giving into our lives.

Though most of us would be reticent to mention God – there is something life-giving and life affirming always present, and all of us can know that sense of dawn and new life as we live our day-to-day lives.

Easter and the season following is a popular time for the baptism or christening of babies (and adults) – which is also about recognizing and acknowledging the resurrection life that is Jesus Christ and seeking to follow him throughout our journey of life. As the minister says in the service: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

It's about recognizing that within each one of us is a kind of incompleteness that is only made whole in the Divine – and recognizing that presence of God within ourselves and within others. That there is always something new to discover, that the light of the dawn, the light of Christ, is always present if we would but recognize it.

Wishing you a very happy Easter,





#### He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This year again, Christians, and indeed anyone else, from all the churches are invited to celebrate Easter together at 7.00am on Easter morning at a location just off Gray's Lane, near the quarry, Clayhidon, where we may be able to see the already risen sun. This will be followed by breakfast at the Church Rooms Hemyock, for which you will need to sign in one of the churches if you would like to come.

This will be a very informal act of worship to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus, present in and amongst us. It will consist of readings, songs and prayers led by members from our churches. There may even be an Easter Fire!

# ST MARY'S CHURCH HEMYOCK CELEBRATES ITS

# 750TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH

A SERVICE

ON

SUNDAY 30TH JULY

AT

10.30AM

WITH

THE RT REVD SARAH MULLALLY
BISHOP OF CREDITON

ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP US CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL OCCASION

#### St Mary's Church, Hemyock



#### **Summer Lunches**

(continuing on from winter & Lent lunches, by popular demand!)

#### Thursday, 20 April Thursday, 18 May

in The Church Rooms, Hemyock (serving at 12.30pm)

Donations to Fabric Fund towards Church building improvements



1st Hemyock Scouts, Cubs and Brownies





#### St George's Day Parade and Service Sunday 23th April

Parading from the parish Hall at 11am to St Mary's Parish Church for a short Family Service. All are welcome

Followed by 1st Hemyock Scout Group Family BBQ and AGM

The Garages, Millhayes

12.30 All interested, Welcome



# St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Opening in

#### <u>April 2017</u>

on

Saturday 1st

And Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

at 10am - 12 noon

in the Church Room, Castle Hill

NB No Session on April25th due to redecoration work

Come and see us soon!

# St Mary's Hemyock Charity & Coffee Shop

Opening in

#### May 2017

on

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 9th

Tuesday 23rd

All at 10am - 12 noon

in the Church Room, Castle Hill

Come and see us soon!



# CLASSIC/VINTANGE VEHICLES AT ST MARY'S SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

This year we hope to have a collection of classic vehicles on display at our Summer Fair.

If you own a classic vehicle and would like to join us please contact Patricia on 01823 680436 email: p.m.fuller@btinternet.com

#### Celebration

750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's Church

As part of our celebration of the 750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Friends of St Mary's exhibition during Heritage Days (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September) will be church records and photographs etc.

If you, or a member of your family, were married or baptised at, or have special memories of events connected with St Mary's we would be delighted to have details and photographs (we can take copies) to include within our exhibition.

Please telephone Patricia 01823 680436 or email: p.m.fuller@btinternet.com



#### **'CELEBRATION'**

A Flower Festival to be held at St. Mary's Church

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>
June 2017

If you have a special Celebration during 2017 and would like to make a donation (any amount welcome) towards sponsorship of one of the flower arrangements please contact Monica for further details on Tel: 01823 681161

#### Over the £4000 mark!

Thanks to the continuing support of our customers St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop has continued its aim of donating to other charities in the village and charities that support us.

Following the passing of £1250 to the Parish Council for its Defibrillator fund, we were pleased to pass on over £550 in February to three charitable groups in the village and one which we hope people do not have to use. The local causes were the Healthy Living Centre for improvements in the Cameo Room, the Acorns Group for their speaker programme and the Walk and Talk group's plans for a pram walk..

The group from outside was the Devon Air Ambulance Trust, which as anyone who had to use their services know, provide a potentially lifesaving back-up to the Hospital network across the county. It receives no government funding. We were told at the presentation morning that the service has recently extended its operational hours and can now fly at night at places where there is appropriate lighting. This can now be by mobile lights switched on by the helicopter crew, in places such as sports pitches and village greens/playgrounds. It is good to know that our Parish Council has been considering the possibility of having a set of these lights for Hemyock.

With these donations the total given to other groups by the Charity Shop has topped the £4000 mark, and for this we can only say "Thank You" to you all for helping us to have the funds to do it.

**Brian Samuels** 

#### What have you been up to then?

If you are going to ask this of various people in St Mary's then you might just get invited to come to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is when we review the past year, and look forward to the next. It is also the time when we elect the Church Council for the next year and this year we also elect our representatives to the Deanery Synod, the next level up in the Church's hierarchy.

The APCM is preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting which is where the Churchwardens for the next year are elected. Whilst this post does not have some of the responsibilities of days long past, it is still an important role, and we are fortunate that our wardens, 2 for Hemyock and one for Culm Davy, have been more than efficient in the execution of their duties.

The two meetings will take place on the evening of April 25th. It would normally be in the Church Room but this may well be in the hands of the decorators at that time so look out for the formal notices in the church porches.

The Church Rooms were originally the Church School back in Victorian days, and they have been altered in various ways ever since, as well as being redecorated many times. It is redecoration that is on the list this year and this is planned to take place at the end of April. This will be followed by some re-carpeting later on, so for those wanting to hire the rooms later in the Spring will have a bright and cheery room to use.

The work will mean that some meetings, such as the Charity Shop on April 25th, will have to be cancelled and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Brian Samuels



#### **Lights Brigade**

At last the days are drawing out, with lighter mornings and evenings pushing back the dark days of winter. A couple of years ago, the Lights Brigade got their hands on bulbs of a different kind, and planted out spring bulbs around the village, including the entrance to Castle Park, and along by the rec. We hope you've enjoyed the lovely show of crocuses over the last few weeks.

For us, springtime is when we start gearing up for the amazing Lights Brigade Spring Dance. Last year's event was a real showstopper with a packed village hall stomping along to Tankus the Henge. We thought it might be hard to top that one - but this year, we're really pleased to be presenting... the Carny Villains!!

This lot are a raucous circus show band, known for their high energy gypsy swing and ska. They have headlined stages at festivals such as Fusion in Germany, Buskers Bern in Switzerland, Glastonbury festival and Boomtown Fair in the UK - so to get them to lil' old Hemyock is quite something!

Saturday 29th April is the date, and we promise you a night of great entertainment, dancing and fun. As well as the usual bar, the famous Lights Brigade cocktail bar will be in full flow. This year's specials - "The Carnage" and "The Villain" are being developed by our specially trained cocktail operatives. Several volunteer tasters have already enjoyed prototype mixtures, before being given a wheelbarrow ride home.

As always, we say big thank you's to Hemyock Spar, who are selling the tickets. Get yours now before it's too late!

Lights Brigade Spring Dance, Saturday 29th April. Tickets on sale from Hemyock Spar.

Hemyock Lights Brigade - Tel 680351 https://lightsbrigade.wordpress.com/ Facebook: The Lights Brigade Hemyock

# 'A BLAST FROM THE PAST'

Medieval Musician demonstrating around 20 instruments from the Middle Ages - shawm, bladder pipes, hurdy gurdy etc.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HEMYOCK

SUNDAY 14TH MAY

3.00 p.m.

TEA AND CAKES

Free Admission but Donations welcome for the Friends of St. Mary's

#### Chapel Café at Hemyock Baptist Church

Chapel Café is open every **Wednesday**, from **9am -11:30am**. Everyone is welcome to drop in for good company and light refreshments (free of charge). Any donations received go to support our mission partners around the world who do such a wonderful job helping those in need.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

#### Blackdowns Mothers' Union

At the Advent service in December we welcomed two new members Christine Brown from Hemyock and Diana Clegg from Culmstock. We hope you enjoy working with us. In January we had our AGM where we decided to work our calendar on a 3 month basis.

March was Womens's World Day of Prayer held this year in All Saints Culmstock. The theme from the women of the Philippines was "Am I being fair to you" It proved to be a very moving service with women from all over the Benefice.

April 6th at 2pm we meet in All Saints. For some fun we would like you to make and bring an Easter Card. This will be followed by a discussion on "What do you perceive sin to be?". Do come along, you are most welcome to join us.

May 4th is our next meeting to be held somewhere in Hemyock, theme to be decided at the April meeting.

We still support women and children in various situations. Thank you again to all the knitters. We still need cardigans and blankets for Musgrove hospital and for the homeless we need hats, disposable razors, towels, soap (St Petrocs have facilities for people to shower) sleeping bags and socks They always need socks.

If you would like to know more about what we do in the Mothers' Union please contact Mrs Meg Palmer. God Bless.

Peggy Whitcombe for the Blackdowns Mothers Union



REG. CHARITY 1013514

#### Would you like to help to make a difference in your Community??

There are almost one million lonely people in the United Kingdom at any one time.

Many people live alone out of choice, necessity or circumstance and being alone does not necessarily always signify loneliness

#### What can be done to help??

How can we help them feel less lonely, help them to become more involved and more

A "neighbourhood" approach could bring about a meaningful change and one such organisation devoted to bringing about such change exists in this area. It is the \*Blackdown Support Group\*. This Group was formed in 1991 and it reaches out to support and provide friendship to anyone in need within the Blackdown Hills area. This help and friendship includes assisting people who are suffering from illness, disability, advancing years, frailty or simply needing to know that there is someone out there who cares.

#### Could you get involved?

Would you like to reach out and volunteer to assist those in your community who may require help with shopping, transport to a doctor's appointment, advocacy in filling out forms, attendance at social events or even just popping in for a cup of tea and a chat?

Half an hour a week can make significant difference!

The Blackdown Support Group needs YOU!

01823 681036 (ask for Barbara)

#### **Hemyock Tennis Club**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP HALF PRICE OFFER.** This year we are again offering **HALF PRICE** membership to all new members. The **HALF PRICE** fee for new adult members remains at £40 and £60 for a couple. For new junior members the HALF PRICE fee is £10 with any additional siblings £5 each. For further details and application forms please see the www.hemyock.org website or contact the club secretary.

#### Coaching

Coaching is available through the club coach Dan Sizer. Coaching sessions for the juniors are on Thursday afternoons:

Reds (under 8's) from 4.15 – 5.00pm Ambers (under 11's) from 5.00 – 5.45pm Juniors (under 16's) from 5.45 – 6.45pm

On alternate Thursday evenings Dan provides adult match-play coaching from 6.30 – 7.30pm for those who wish to participate. The fee is £25 divided between those attending. Further adult coaching sessions will be run if there is sufficient interest but in the meantime private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk.

#### **Easter Camp**

There is an Easter Sports Camp being run by Dan at the club on 5th, 6th and 7th of April. There will be sports specialist coaches attending who will be delivering tennis, football, cricket, tag-rugby and hockey for the children. The cost is £25 per day (9-3pm) or for the three days £65. Places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out. Children will need a packed lunch and suitable clothing for all weather. There is an indoor facility if the weather is bad. Please contact Dan as above.

#### **Club Sessions**

The club weekly sessions are:

Tuesday: Mixed Club morning from 10.00am onwards
Thursday: Mixed Club Night from 6.30pm onwards
Saturday: Mixed Club morning from 10.30am onwards
Sunday: Mixed Team Practice (higher standard,

by invitation) lo.30am

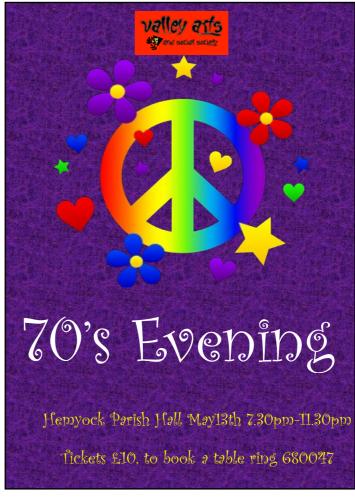
#### **AGM**

The club Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 April 2017 at 8pm in the pavilion. The club has been allocated 5 pairs of Wimbledon tickets for this year's championships. There will be a ballot among club members in May for the chance to purchase these tickets.

#### **Non-Members and Visitors**

The courts may be booked by non-members at the Spar shop in Hemyock. Charges are £8 per hour for seniors and £4 per hour for juniors. Tokens for the floodlights are available at £2 for each half hour. Visitors to the area please note the HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFER - £25 for a family, playing as often as you wish, avoiding club activities (check in the Spar).

Suzy Besant (secretary) 07857 747979 hemyocktennisclub@outlook.com or suzannebesant@btinternet.com



#### **Valley Arts and Social Society**

Our AGM is on Friday 31st March 7.00pm-8.00pm at the Catherine Wheel; with a meal afterwards this is open to everyone.

If you are considering joining the cast, technical crew or creative crew, NOW is the time to show your interest, we are looking

at scripts and are trying to estimate the cast numbers as this has an influence on the type of show we choose, thank you to those of you who have already contacted us. The first read



through launch evening will be on 8th June and the auditions on 15th June, please come along and see what it's all about.

We are having a 1970's evening on May 13th in the Parish Hall, at 7.30pm, it will be fancy dress and if you need help with fancy dress contact Lynn Pulman on 680312. Hopefully you will be transported back to the decade of platform shoes, lava lamps and babycham! Tickets will be £10 per person, to book a table contact Gillian Hawkes station road on 680047, there will be an authentic 70's buffet and a variety of puddings-sherry trifle, black forest gateau etc. Also a bar serving favourites from the era, a 70's disco and a fun quiz on the table. If you have a retro car or bike that would have been driven at that time, why not drive it there?

We always welcome new members, if you are interested in joining our group contact Caroline at <a href="mailto:cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk">cjpinder@hotmail.co.uk</a> or Sally at <a href="mailto:sallycartlege@hotmail.co.uk">sallycartlege@hotmail.co.uk</a>, it is great fun and a chance to meet new people.

Caroline Pinder (Chairman)

#### Cream Tea Afternoon

This year's cream tea afternoon at Prings Farm, Madford will be held on **Sunday 25th June 2017, 2-5pm**. Everyone is welcome!

If anyone is able to help for an hour or two on the day please get in touch with Judy Barton (680975).



#### Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who supported my events over recent months to help raise funds for an A level geography trip to Iceland. The visit has now taken place and provided me with numerous details for my case study as well as allowing me to enjoy an amazing country leaving me with wonderful memories. The Huish College group I was part of was able to walk on glaciers, visit hot springs, the site of the 2010 volcanic eruption and the mid Atlantic Ridge. We visited a geothermal power station, the Black Beach and bathed (swimming was not allowed) in the Blue Lagoon.

We had fun in the record amount of snow which had fallen just prior to our visit, enjoyed swimming in the hotel outdoor heated pool with slide and were lucky enough to see the Northern Lights. Thank you once again.

Chevenne

#### Hemyock Parish Council Business Update April 2017

Hemyock Parish Council held meetings in February & March. A brief summary of the business conducted at those meetings is as follows:

#### Planning

Applications received for:-

- 16/01831/HOUSE. Mr Berkley. Higher Brownings, Hemyock. Erection of a garage/cycle shed/store with store/office above.
- 16/01995/DPO. Mr Tucker. Nelson Farm, Hemyock. Application under The Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) Regulations 1992 to seek to discharge the terms of a section 106 agreement pursuant to planning permission 99/03085/OUT.
- 17/00012/TPO. Mr & Mrs Lock. Land South of Griffin Close, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Application to cut back 3 branches of 1 Oak tree (T1) by up to 8m; cut back 2 branches of 1 Oak tree (T2) by up to 6.4m and cut back 1 branch of 1 Oak tree (T3) by 6.4m protected by Tree Preservation Order 16/00004/TPO.
- 17/00157/HOUSE. Golden Orchard, Castle Hill, Hemyock. Erection of first floor extension to side, single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to garage to form hobbies room.

#### Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, Locality Budget grant from DCC. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, banking fees, defibrillator fitting, water bill at cemetery, subscriptions, cemetery waste, signs at Longmead.

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

#### **Maintenance Person**

The parish council is looking for a maintenance person to do a variety of tasks on an annual contract. The contract is for approximately 50 days per annum (it is recognised that the tasks and hours will have seasonal fluctuations, requiring more effort in the summer months than winter) and the types of work involved will include cutting verges/hedges, strimming and weeding, maintaining council assets, benches, signs, play areas, noticeboards etc. If you are interested in tendering for this contract please contact the clerk by the end of April 2017.

#### Police

101 - The non-emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. Always call 999 in an emergency.

#### Dogs on pitches

New signs have been erected around the edge of the football pitches at Longmead to remind dog walkers to keep dogs off the football pitches. Dogs may be exercised around the trim trail but under no circumstances should they be allowed on to the pitches. The situation will be reviewed regularly and failure by dog owners to abide by this rule may result in further action.

Many comments have been made to the council about hedges in and around the parish encroaching on to roads. Residents are politely asked to ensure their hedges are kept trimmed. Whilst there are some restrictions on when hedges may be cut, if there are road safety concerns then under these circumstances those restrictions do not apply.

#### Litter Picking - Sunday 9th April at 2.30pm Parish Hall

Please come along on Sunday 9th April at 2.3opm for a stroll around the village and help keep our village free of litter. Meet at the Parish Hall at 2.30pm. Black sacks, litter-picker sticks and fluorescent waistcoats will be provided.

#### And Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.3opm on Wednesday 5th April 2017. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org//index.php?topic=parishcouncil and may be found on the two Parish Noticeboards located outside the Spar Shop and in the car park next to the Baptist Church.

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



**Hemyock Cricket Club** 

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

With Quizmasters Tony and Vanessa

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

Parish Hall 7:30 p.m.

£30 per team to include food (minimum of 4, maximum of 6 per team)

**Tickets from Hemyock Post Office and SPAR** or John Hurley Tel. 07972 744279

£100 Cash Prize & Raffle



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#### **Hemyock Parish Hall and Recreation Field**

The Parish Hall Committee are in the process of applying for grant aid to completely update the children's play area and replace the fence around the recreation field. The plan for the play area is to have a coloured rubberised surface with new swings and a multi-use installation and for the recreation field to have a replacement chain-link fence with improved cricket protection. The Committee believe that this is a fitting project to mark the Centenary of the establishment of the Recreation Field as a nemorial to those who served in World War 1. The chances of getting the grant will be considerably helped by letters of support from you. Please send or deliver letters to: Bob Hawkes, 18 Station Road; Karen Pinder, 31 Station Road or

Penny Lawrence, 1 Blackdown View or email pennylawrence@live.co.uk

We will also be at the Saturday Market on 15th April.

#### **Blackdown Hills Transition Group**

#### A bit more than apple pressing and seed swaps

A personal question but do you:-

1) Rent your home? 2) Lease your car? 3) Make monthly payments to buy your washing machine and television?

The old way of doing things was to buy your home, purchase a car outright and to buy consumer goods such as refrigerators, washing machines and home electronics. A problem with the non "bricks and mortar" side of consumption is that when it is superseded by something better, you end up binning these items and they become scrap or worse, landfill.

So what about a better way of doing things? An enterprising lady called Isla Roundtree has come up with a concept of recycling children's bicycles. Her company is called Islabikes (islabikes.co.uk) As I understand it, she will rent a bike out until that item is either worn out or no longer fit for purpose (due to outgrowing this size). The reasoning for this is that Islabikes will be responsible for that bike and will, upon its return to the factory recycle the whole of the bike's components into rebuilding them into a "new" one.

As raw materials may become scarce and expensive, this will change the way that manufacturers deal with the public. Just imagine if we changed the way we did business with the manufacturers of cars, washing machines and other white goods and consumer electronics. Much would depend upon these manufacturers designing their products for easy repair, reasonable monthly costs and ultimately recycling of all component parts.

The Islabikes website is well worth a visit and you should watch her three minute video for inspiration. So what are you waiting for?!

Neil Arnold 01460 234693

#### **Funding for** community projects



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

The Blackdown Hills AONB's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) gives grants of up to £3000 to encourage individuals, community groups, schools and businesses to try to achieve a more sustainable way of living in the Blackdown Hills.

Find out if your project qualifies and apply for a Sustainable **Development Fund grant:** 

Tel: 01823 680681 Email: blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk

#### **Dear Residents**

I have not got anything specific that I am aware of, but on a more general basis, the DCC budget element of Council Tax has been fixed with an increase of 4.99%, the overall budget will be something less than that. Three percent of this will be for Adult Care, but will not go anywhere near covering any increases to the service. One percent increase in Council Tax will give us £3.5m. With Government announcing £2b for care services, we will have to wait for the small print to see how this will impact Devon County. Although our budget has been set, we still have not had the final settlement from the Government. If that final settlement gives us a bit more money, then we will put it into reserves, as we have already approved the budget ahead of any Government settlement.

We know that Adult Services and Child Care has been over heating, this is being rectified by an embargo on replacement staff, amongst other options, other than necessary Care Staff. This will be a continuing problem with an increasing elderly population, so we have increased the Adult Services by £19m and Young People Service

Place Services, which is environmental, highways, waste and the like are looking like a £1.7m underspend by the end of the year, this is largely by a better than expected performance by the Waste to Energy Plants at Exeter & Plymouth. Household waste collected in Devon is continuing to decrease, which is good news as this reduces the need for landfill, which is around £120 per ton. Recycling is very much on the increase at 57%.

With an ambitious move to a new contractor (Skanska replacing SWH) to create new working ways, in close collaboration with our Term Maintenance Contractor, to be developed. This has informed the procurement of a new Term Maintenance Contract, which has provided an initial costs savings, estimated at over 7%, and the promise of further year on year savings. With a clear strategy for managing the service has enabled costs to be reduced, better communications with communities and customers to reduce demand on the service.

The decision to review and remodel the Civil Parking has been a success. MDDC did not accept to offer to deliver an efficiency plan using the previous model for the service, so Devon County Council brought it back in house. As a result, the year on year service deficit of about £800k, which has been a drain on revenue, has been turned into a surplus of £200k The remodelled service is providing a focused, disciplined, consistent countywide service.

Under funded Education is always a problem. Devon is one of the lowest funded authority areas in England. In 2016/17 DfE funding per pupil in Devon was £4,346, £290 per pupil less than the England average, or £25.5m less income for Devon Schools than the national average. The 2016/17 funding per pupil will rise slightly to £4,349, with other adjustments, this will still be £268 per pupil below the national average. The Devon MP's are doing strong lobbying to get better funding for Devon.

Now is the time hold our nerve with spending. With Government cuts of 40%, we have managed the finances of DCC pretty well under the circumstances, while still retaining services.

I am always willing to help if there are issues in and around Upper Culm Area that need attending to, always pleased to hear from you.

Regards,

Ray Radford Devon County Councillor



#### What's On at The Healthy Living Centre?

#### **Riverside Hemyock EX15 3SH**

Cameo Club Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year. Day care, activities and lunch for older

people. Contact Tracy Howe for details on 01823 680687

Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies Bookworms

and toddlers. Contact Angela Dawson on 01823 680687

On the first Tuesday of every month 10am - noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Phoenix

Group Diana Cooper (01823 680175)

Every first Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who **Briahtside** 

want to get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information and to book on 01823 680687

On the second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone Memory

affected by memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information and to book on 01823 680687 Cafe

(Call 01823 680687 for class dates and info or see our website www.bhlac.org.uk) **Classes** 

6.15 - 7.45pm Julia Baldock **Monday** Yoga Tuesday Keep Fit (over 60) 10 – 11am Pauline Marchmont 5.45 - 8pmHarriet Tubbs **Pilates Pilates** 6 - 8.15 pmHarriet Tubbs Wednesday **Thursday** Dance 7.15 - 8.15pm Ruth Bell

Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Chiropractic, Clinical Hypnosis, **Therapies** 

9.30 - 10.30am

Counselling, Foot Care, Herbal Medicine, Homeopathy, Massage, Osteopathy, Reflexology -

Steph Leitner

all by appointment

Yoga

#### **Around Hemyock**

**Friday** 

Many people by now will be aware that **Geoff Pike** was recently awarded The Ambassador for Peace Medal from the South Korean Government. Geoff was serving as an able seaman and radar operator in the Royal Navy when war broke out here and he was stationed in the country for two and a half years.

Congratulations are sent to **Tony and June Lock** and **Tony and Sue Bennett** as both couples have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

We send a warm welcome to all those who have recently moved to Hemyock and hope you will find the Parish Pump full of useful information on all the activities that take place here as well as details of local businesses.

We are all aware of friends and family who are or have been unwell or perhaps in hospital. We remember by name **Michael Palmer**, Malcolm Best, Gordon Cooper, Ann Smith, Chris Hudson, Tony Lowman, Christine Brown, Mavis Clist, Mary Beal, Jas Matthews, Wendy Baldwin and Hilda Moulding. Best wishes to all. There will be those who remember **Rev Ronald (Ron) Cork** – son of the late Roy and Marjorie – who is seriously ill in hospital with terminal cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife Christine.

Our condolences and love are sent to the families of the late Sam Mather and Claude Caple.

Tony Arnold, son of the late Betty has sent the following:

#### In memory of my late mum Betty Arnold 1931-2016

My mum originally came to Hemyock with her siblings as an evacuee during the war. She always loved the village and in 1995 moved back down with my dad from Hertfordshire,

joining her brother John and his family who had previously moved to the village in the early 80's.

After the death of my dad in 2001 she spent a lot more time with her brother John & nephew Glen, often going out with John to the outdoor theatre on the coast a pastime they enjoyed greatly, they just enjoyed each other's company. Sadly John passed away in 2007. She still had friends in the village that she knew from her days as a evacuee and was often out with them for lunch or just a cup of tea.

Her faithful dog "Casey" passed away in early 2010 but she always had dogs around the house, looking after friends pets while they were on holiday or just out for the day. Her other passion in life was cycling and it was no surprise to me that she would cycle up to twenty miles a day around the country lanes.

It was comforting to me that she was always out and about enjoying herself. I spoke to my mum almost every day on the telephone, and miss her greatly.

By the time we receive this issue of the Pump we will have celebrated Mothering Sunday and be looking forward to Easter. Students from Uffculme School will soon be welcoming French exchange students and our youth uniform groups preparing for the St George's Day parade and service at the parish church which this year takes place on the actual date of our national saint – April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Do go along and support them – the groups are thriving.

In the last issue of the Pump I mentioned that 50 years ago the Culm Valley had raised enough money to send 7 tons of dried milk to India as part of the Feed the Starving campaign. How sad that once again we now see the crisis in East Africa where 16 million are at risk of starvation. We have so much in the West it is hard to imagine the dreadful times people in this situation have to do to survive – whilst

we throw away so much food they may have to resort to eating leaves. We should be grateful for the aid agency who do so much work to help these countries and the generosity of all those who donate funds.

Our back garden faces north and whilst we, like many, have enjoyed snowdrops, crocus and daffodils we were surprised to see tulips flowering in mid February. In a book of poems titled Scrumpy and Cream, I came across A Devon Spring part of which reads;

The apple blossom on the bough Sends fragrance wafting to me now Daffodils gaily toss their heads Brilliant yellow in their beds. The lambs are frisking, woolly-white Returning swallows swoop in flight. When bird calls through the woodland ring I know it is a Devon Spring

I often hear "Oh, I thought someone would have told you". It is better to be given news more than once than not at all, so please if you have anything you would like to share under the 'Around Hemyock' title please email me on jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk or pop it through our letterbox at 4 South View (at the bottom of the Recreation Field).

May Spring bring you much happiness.

Ianice Bawler

#### Poets' Corner

#### A Somerset Seascape

Driving home, out Minehead way, The sky cloudy, broken, streaks of blue. And Sun, bright and Spring-like Casts it's light, Through cloud-shapes and shadows, In mix of air, colours and of golden Sun rays On green rippled sea. And to my eyes, as we homeward drove, I glimpsed a secret land of golden fields, Green grassy plains and dark woods. But when next I looked the wind Had blown new clouds to cast their shadows on the sea. That private land had passed away, It was only ever tossed green sea, and air!

David Palmer

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#### Do you buy from Suttons Seeds? Get 35 % off seeds and 10% off other items

from Sutton Seeds while also raising money for Hemyock Scout Group. Just use the offer code GC1002C to get the

discount and Hemyock Scout Group will receive a donation for every purchase made.

Visit www.suttons.co.uk to have a look at the range of items

To find out more information about Hemyock Scout Group visit their website hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk



#### The Blackdown Hills **Business Association** (BHBA)

The Blackdown Hills Business Association (BHBA) is a not-for-profit membership based organisation supporting the fantastic array of businesses that operate within the Blackdown Hills and the surrounding market towns and villages of East Devon, West Dorset, South Somerset and Taunton Deane.

#### News

We are delighted to be launching a brand-new website and online Directory in April. We have been working hard behind the scenes creating and building the site for many months now and are pleased to be launching this new interactive tool very soon which will not only provide useful contacts and information for local residents and businesses, but also promote the prosperity in our region to visitors and tourists. The Directory will include; Activities, Agricultural Services, Artisans, Community News, Food & Drink Producers, Health & Wellbeing, Places to Dine, Places to Stay, Places to Visit and Professional Services.

If you own or work in a local business, lead a community group or host a public event and would like to feature in the Directory, please do contact me for full details. All listings will have access to the benefits of the Blackdown Hills Business Association Membership and be included in our destination marketing campaign.

#### **EVENTS – everyone is welcome!**

There are lots of local events on our calendar, including training workshops, networking events and relaxing socials encouraging everyone to attend and join in.

- Various dates throughout April and May The Google Digital Garage Workshop
- Thursday 13th April Blackdown Hills Bats and Bat-boxing making
- Tuesday 18th April Getting smarter with e-marketing and newsletters
- Wednesday 19th April Monthly Lunch Club at the Sidmouth Arms, Upottery with guest speaker Jenny Brown, Tourism Councillor for East Devon.
- Saturday 22nd April Birds of the Blackdown Hills, 'A beginners guide to identifying bird life in the Blackdown Hills AONB
- Thursday 27th April Leadership Skills
- Friday 12th May The Heathrow Business Summit comes to Exeter Racecourse
- Sunday 14th May Hedges, Herbs and History
- Wednesday 17th May Monthly Lunch Club at the Sidmouth Arms Upottery, with guest speaker Kate Doodson from Cosmic and Get Up To Speed 'An Introduction to Cyber Security.'
- Thursday 25th May Creative Pinterest Workshop by the Creative Business Network

For full details on all the events and how to book your place(s) visit www.bhba.org.uk

Our vision has always been to help achieve a vital, vibrant, successful and sustainable economy within the Blackdown Hills, with the purpose to provide a relaxed and supportive environment in which businesses serving the Blackdown Hills can learn, connect and grow together.

Our new membership year start on 1st April so now is the perfect time to join the BHBA. If you would like to discover the benefits of our membership, please do get in touch!

BHBA Co-ordinator: Claire Stepney

#### WHAT'S ON April 2017

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Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 <sup>st</sup> 2.45 Acorns every 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 <sup>st</sup> 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 <sup>st</sup>
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Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (every Fri before Market)		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
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Fri	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School Quiz Night. P.H.
Sun	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Farm Sunday, Forest Beef, Higher Willand Farm, Churchstanton
Thu	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Lunch, C.Room
Sun	June 18th	Fathers' Day
Fri	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset Songsters Concert
Sat	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church Fete. Rec. Field
Thu	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Lunch, C Room
Fri	July 21 <sup>th</sup>	NHS Blood Donor Day. P.H.
Mon	July 31st-Aug 4th	Holiday Club
Sun	Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Churchinford Food and Craft Fayre
Mon	Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Fri-Sat	Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Weekend

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Marion Music, 450 Years On

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 68o664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

# Parish Pump Deadline June – July issue: 14<sup>th</sup> May Editor: James Winrow pump@lickham.co.uk 07763 855414 Commercial advertising: pump-adverts@lickham.co.uk

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

#### Thursday (once a month, Week 4)

Clayhidon crossroads 1.15 – 1.45pm Hemyock Parish Hall 1.55 – 3.00 Lower Millhayes 3.05 – 4.20

Saturdays (once a month, Week 2) Hemyock Parish Hall 9.45 – 12.15

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

#### **Twining Association**

We are looking for a family in Hemyock, Clayhidon or Culmstock to host the Pelletier family at the end of May, I have given some information about them below, they are a very nice family, if you think you might be interested please call Karen 01823 681034

Paul / 02-12-1964 / arborist (cultivates apples) / French only / hobbies: theatre, renewable energy Françoise / 08-08-1961 / nurse / English starter / hobbies: gardening, theatre, walking, manual activities Anais / 23-08-1997 / student / english confirmed / hobbies: reading, sport, travel, music.

Karen Pinder 01823 681034

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#### Longmead

**The Pavilion** is an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space, birthday parties, christenings, family gatherings and of course meetings, the building is licensed to sell alcohol and has a large screen tv and there are basic kitchen facilities for your use.

**The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)** is also available for hire, why not combine the two and have a football party? Its ideal for 5 aside football, netball, hockey, we also have basketball hoops for use, is anyone interested in starting up a new club?

#### Hire charges

Pavilion - £7.50 per hour MUGA - £15.00 per hour

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

#### **History Group Report**

On the 9th of February HH&A heard a talk from Andrew Watson, PhD Candidate at the University of Glasgow, on phenomenology and its application in archaeology.

Andrew began by focusing on the history of phenomenology, which is a branch of Western philosophy that is concerned with how people perceive a phenomenon, and looked at the works of Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger and Maurice Merleau-Ponty. Andrew summarised the approaches that archaeologists had undertaken to date and discussed three key studies incorporating landscape studies, a study of sound and the transferring of hand signals in a Neolithic ditched enclosure in Italy and closer to home, some archaeoacoustic studies looking at the effect of sound in Neolithic long barrows. Finally Andrew outlined his Doctoral studies and his approach to phenomenology. Using four Neolithic long barrows as case studies Andrew hopes to better understand people's bodily and sensory engagements with Neolithic long barrows in the modern day.

The March talk was given by Brian Carpenter from the Devon Heritage Centre on the documents and information on the Hemyock area stored at the centre. Brian brought to the meeting a list of the registers showing the documents stored in safe custody related to various properties in the Hemyock area plus documents related to the Culmstock Rural District Council which included the parishes of Clayhidon, Hemyock and Culmstock. Brian also listed the various books displayed on the public shelves listing the historical information stored within the centre, including the Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths with:

Christenings from 1635-1959 Marriages from 1635-2007 Burials from 1635-1923

His talk was a very good way of understanding how to trace documents and other material stored within the centre and how various research projects can progress efficiently by visiting the centre and accessing the material that is available. Brian also left with us the route in words of the Bounds of the Parish of Hemyock from 1754. An interesting project would be to reintroduce the practice of Walking the Parish Bounds on Rogation Sunday. We are hoping to form a team interested in progressing a number of research projects.

The 13th April talk will be from David Greenfield a civil engineer from Taunton on the life and works of I K Brunel. The 11th May talk will be a talk from Phil Andrews of Wessex Archaeology on recent finds in Devon.

The AGM was held on Thursday 16th March with Stephen Major taking over as Chairman and a supporting committee of: Brenda Calcraft, Mike Cooper, Jon Henville and Rev Chris Hudson. The Bank Balance stands at £3,631. It is proposed that monthly meetings should be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and the constitution was amended slightly.

Mike Cooper

#### Hemyock WI

#### Report For Feb & March Meetings

There was a change of programme for the February Meeting as the President, Lynn Taylor, knew that two young ladies, Rosie and Lily would soon be setting off for Serbia with the specially converted van, to serve welcome cups of tea to migrants. So the two visitors told members of some of their experiences when working on the Greek Island of Chios with migrants. It was a difficult but rewarding time for them, but they realised that a welcome cup of tea helped enormously, no matter what nationality. Their new venture, to help migrants travelling the Baltic Route, was made possible by some local helpers such as Conrad and Harriet. Lynn had made curtains for the van and members were able to have a good look and get inside it. Lily and Rosie thanked everyone for their financial support and kindly judged the competition for 'a teapot'. Daphne Shepherd came first, Lynn Taylor second and Wendy Grabham third.

The business part of the meeting included presentations of prizes for the competitions throughout 2016. They were won by Wendy and Brenda. A delegate is needed for the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay and for the Group Meeting at Cullompton. The Birthday Meal at The Martlett had been much enjoyed. Denman Bursary winners were Lynn and Judith. The Reading and Dining Groups meet regularly and although the planned 'Poppy Making' had been postponed, a bag of over 70 poppies has been made by Barbara Hole and will be added to the WI effort. The members who went to Exeter College for the Beauty Day had had a lovely day. The WI played skittles against Bishop Wood Ladies and lost by one pin.

In March names were taken of the 12 members going to the Group Meeting on March 16th. The 'ladies who lunch' are going to eat at the Somerset College on March 22nd. The President introduced

Richard Shepherd who soon had all the ladies making Origami chickens, baskets and flowers. He judged the paper weights awarding first place to Julia, second to Annette and third to Mary. The flower of the month was tied between Barbara and Cindy with an iris and a tulip.

On April 4th it is the Annual Meeting when poppies will be made and the competition is for a floral ornament. In May, Bel Deering will talk about the work of the West Hatch Centre and the competition is for a soft toy made of fur.

The WI meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm.

Brenda Calcraft

### OIL CONSORTIUM THE PRICE OF OIL IS GOING UP!

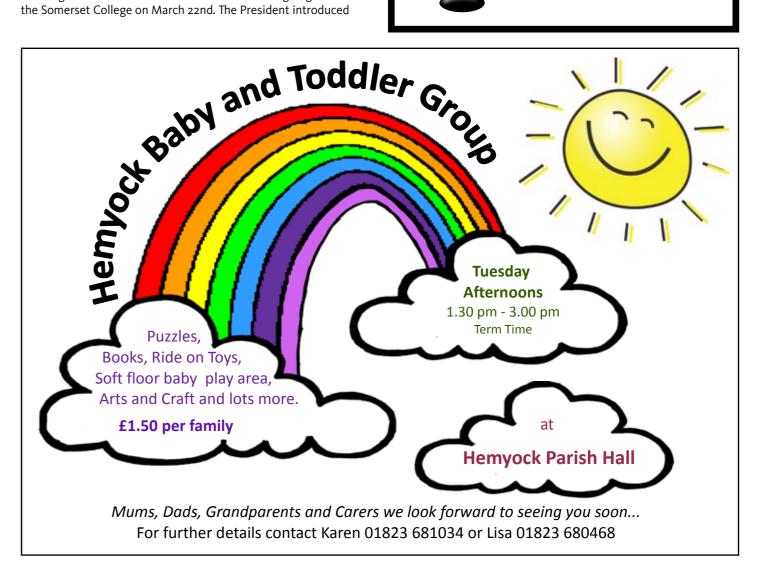
An OIL CONSORTIUM is being planned for the whole of HEMYOCK and CLAYHIDON. The plan is to bulk buy oil and get a better price.

Just email maryjoan@fsmail.net or phone 680991 evenings for further details.

The more households join, the better price we will get!

Please note that you do not have to buy oil every time an order is made.





#### **Hemyock Gardeners' Association**

At last a sunny day but not sure for how long!!! Need to make the most of it as there is much to be done but, having said that, everywhere is still so very soggy underfoot in the garden so not too sure what can be achieved!!

It is that time of year again - our Spring Show is on Saturday, 8 April so hopefully all the daffodils will last until then - in any event do come along to view all the exhibits and of course enjoy the usual Ploughmans' Lunches that will be available on the day from 1.00 p.m. Tea and cakes are also available in the afternoon before the prize giving at 4.00 p.m.

A large number of members are looking forward to the weekend away at the end of June but for those unable to make that particular event we have organised trips to Feebers Cottage, Butterleigh Gardens and Springfield House during the summer. The Committee is also investigating the possibility of a day trip later in the year.

Our meeting on 12 April has a slightly different feel to it - our first foray into a Plant and Seed Swap evening - members are asked to bring anything along which is surplus to their requirements and swap for something they would like. If you don't have anything to swap then just come along and purchase anything that takes your fancy for a small donation. The Committee are providing food so hopefully it will be a good social evening. That's the hope anyway!!

After that, it is back to normal on 10 May when we have Mike and Edna Squires talking about Feebers Cottage and we follow that up by visiting them on 12 May.

New members are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you all both at the Spring Show and our next meeting.

Judith Major (Secretary – 680746)

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#### Are your Children aged between 2 and 5 years?

Hemyock Pre-School is providing opportunities for Pre-school aged children to learn through play, and to prepare them for the transition to primary school

With a warm, fun, well equipped environment and a team of fully trained friendly staff working towards The Early Years Foundation Stage.

We can provide, morning sessions, lunch clubs and afternoon sessions, for your children to attend. All children are entitled to 15 hours of government funding, starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

For more information or to arrange a visit to Hemyock Pre-School, please call 680240 or email hemyockpreschool@btinternet.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Play Leader Denise Wood

Hemyock Pre School Parklands, Hemyock Devon. EX15 3RY

Member of The Pre-School Learning Alliance

Registered Charity No: 1030985

#### Hemyock Bowls Club

Work is continuing to prepare the green for the forthcoming season. Our intrepid volunteers work very hard spiking, fertilising, rolling, sweeping, grass cutting and tidying and our green is one of the best in the region. Many thanks to them. They know who they

Our Quiz on April 1st, with Barry Cridland as our quiz master, will be over by the time you read this so we hope those who came enjoyed themselves. Thank you for your support and many thanks to all the helpers.

The Official opening of the green for members, will be on Friday 14th April at 2.30pm and we will be enjoying a bring and share tea after the first games of the season. Hope to see all members old and new. The bar will be open.

On Saturday 15th, some of our members will be at Hemyock Market to promote the club and the green will be open for visitors to come and have a go. We will provide all the equipment and all you need is a pair of flat shoes and a smile!

Come and give it a try and as an added bonus, membership is free for the first year for all new members. New members will also receive tuition from our coaches.

If you would like to know more then call in to the clubhouse when it is open, see our Facebook page Hemyock Bowling Club or our www.hemyockbowls.co.uk

#### Do You Want To Play Mahjong?

Taunton and District Mahjong Club now have an additional venue:

West Buckland Village Hall Every Thursday 14.00-17.00

#### Never played before?

Tuition will be available from the beginning of April

Have fun, make new friends, exercise your brain!

Please telephone for further information Sandra 01823 680036

www.tauntonmahjong.org.uk



#### 1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello to you all and hope you are enjoying Spring as we are. Lots of lovely Spring flowers in the gardens and hedgerows.

Moving on- what are we up to? Firstly our cub pack, they are now thirty one members strong with three on the waiting list. Fear not you three I am very certain you will be joining after Easter. Akela Julie, fortunately has extra help from Andy Sheard when requiredhe is a leader with Bampton cubs. Well done and thanks to Andy. Also two of our own older scouts, Josh Archer and Sam Lyon have completed adult appointment forms and will be helping Akela after Easter. Well done to them also. The pack is busy with Sixers and Seconders camp on 1st April followed by the Derrick Knill Challenge day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Preparations are well under way for the District Sports Day on 20th May. Confirmed activities are cross country running, field gun challenge, archery, welly wanging, orienteering challenge and relay races. Makes me tired to think of it. I shall watch! District camp is in June, down at Caddihoe near Exeter. The theme is International based on the International badge. Hemyock has been allocated the country Denmark and have to provide an activity from there. The cubs have been working on their safety badges since January and also six more cubs have gained their Chief Scout silver award. Excellent news. Well done to all cubs and leaders. What a busy pack you are.

Now to the older chaps. Group Scout Leader, Andy tells me that the whole group is in a strong position with new leaders joining. We now have twenty three scouts and eleven explorers. As you can guess we still have a mainly outdoor programme with four camps planned this year. One of our chaps has achieved his Chief Scout award, which is great. Also a lot of badgework has been completed. Andy also says that all sections are well supported by parents in many different ways and the Group is held as an example of how things should be done in scouting. Rikki is pleased but not surprised! Its because we make full use of the great outdoors-always.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April we are looking forward to having the St Georges Day Parade and Service with you all at St Marys. As usual we will parade from the Village Hall with our colours to the Church to join you for the service. I wonder what Rikki will be up to this year! You will have to join us to find out!

A bit of group history. This is from the May 1966 Church magazine. Bob a Job (do you remember that?) was well supported with a total of £86 13s 3d (we changed to decimal currency in 1971 so that is about £86.65p), raised for group funds. At that time the group was 70 strong with boys from eight different villages and thirteen schools. As we cover such a wide area jobs were many and diverse. We were told that jobs were tackled with enthusiasm and well completed. The amount raised was a record- in spite of the snow! There we are GSL we were doing well back then. Keep up the good work.

And finally, a sad finally. I am taking you back to 1961 when we had leaders known as masters. Ron Lowman (Cecil) was Group Scout Master, Les Purcell (who had the shop at the bottom of High Street) was Scout Master and a young man Ron Cork was Assistant Scout Master. He looked rather good in his shorts and garter tabs! He has been a very good friend of Old Rikki for all of our lives. Alas he is now in the RD &E hospital in Exeter battling with cancer. I shall be going to see him when I have finished this report. Keep battling Ron with that Baden Powell spirit I know you have.

That's it for now.

Old Rikki



#### 1st Hemyock Brownies

So far, we have had another busy term and we are very pleased to be welcoming new Brownies every week. This week we went to a really interesting talk and tour at

pets at home in Taunton, as we are working on our being friends to animal's badge. The girls have worked hard with sessions on making animal masks and a game based on animals. We have cooked and iced biscuits which were delicious. Thinking day this year fell on a meeting night so we had a thoughtful time considering our place within the world and our own sense of self. Some of the girls went to the regional activity days bravely climbing in Exeter and spending a chilly but fun day at Sealife in Weymouth. We are busy planning a fundraiser for an animal charity. Then in a couple of weeks' time there is a residential weekend at Torrington PGL Beam house where there is a Brownie and Guide takeover, with little sleep we suspect!

Finally, if anyone reading this has any Brownie uniforms that are lying in the cupboard unused we would love to have them to pass on to our new members. Please email me on annetumbledown@aol.com and we can arrange collection.

Tawny

#### More Brownie news...

I'm very pleased to say that Hemyock Brownies are now under the leadership of Anne Leigh-Mallory and Camilla Bridewell (nee Doble). Both are still training but have proved themselves to be extremely capable, and Anne should be fully qualified very soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra Aldworth for all her hard work during the last 11 years as a Brownie Guider, initially as my assistant, then as leader. Recently it has been more difficult for her, hence her giving up the post. Thanks must also go to her daughter, Rosie, who has helped since leaving Brownies 7 years ago.

Anne outlined in the previous Pump the activities available at Brownies, so if you have girls aged 7 to 10 please contact Anne so they can join in the fun.

Pat Keith



The Guide Dogs local fundraising group is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>
June from 10.30 am to 12.30 at Hemyock
Village Hall to raise awareness of the work of the Guide Dogs charity and to recruit volunteers to join the local group. You would be very welcome to join us for a hot drink and homemade cakes. Come and meet our guide dogs and puppies.

#### **Hemyock Bus Timetables**



#### Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

Stagecoach South West

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

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

	Mo	nda	ys 1	to F	rida	ays			
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	_	_	0850	_	1115	_	1415	_	1715
Hockholler, Heatherton Grange Inn (SW-bound)	_	_	0900	_	1125	_	1425	_	1726
Wellington, Post Office (SW-bound)	-	-	0911	-	1136	-	1436	-	1736
Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn (SW-bound)	_	_	0920	_	1145	_	1445	_	1745
Nicholashayne, opp Post Box	-	-	0924	-	1149	-	1449	-	1749
Culmstock, All Saints Church (E-bound)	0729	_	0930	_	1155	_	1455	_	1755
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0738	_	0939	_	1204	_	1504	_	1804
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0741	_	0942	_	1207	_	1507	_	1807
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel (N-bound)	0743	_	0944	_	1209	_	1509	_	1809
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (S-bound)	0749	_	0950	_	1215	_	1515	_	1815
Dunkeswell, opp Royal Oak	0753	_	0954	_	1219	_	1519	_	1819
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (W-bound)	0756	_	0957	_	1222	_	1522	_	1822
Combe Raleigh, opp Combe Raleigh Turn	0803	_	1004	_	1229	_	1529	_	1829
Honiton, Job Centre (Stop D)	0810	0815	1011	1015	1236	1240	1536	1540	1836
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	_	0820	_	1020	_	1245	_	1545	1841
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (NE-bound)	_	0824	_	1024	_	1249	_	1549	_
Wilmington, White Hart Inn (E-bound)	_	0830	_	1030	_	1255	_	1555	_
Shute, Shute House (S-bound)	_	0839	_	1039	_	1304	_	1604	_
Colyton, The Square (S-bound)	_	0846	_	1046	_	1311	_	1611	_
Colyford, opp The Elms	_	0850	_	1050	_	1315	_	1615	_
Seaton, Health Centre (S-bound)	_	0852	_	1052	_	1317	_	1617	_
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	_	0857	_	1057	_	1322	_	1622	_

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

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0935	_	1235	_	1535	-	1732	_
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#### **BURLESCOMBE - TIVERTON Via Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham**

**REDWOODS 697** 

#### Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

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

It was quite delightful to watch the youngest twin boys as they pulled an ancient plough through the church up to the altar at the beginning of a Plough Sunday service. This is when we can give thanks and praise for our farmers and their work.

Meetings are being held during Lent on the subject of the two versions of the Creed. There is a regular gathering on Monday evenings. It will shortly be time for the lovely Family service of Mothering Sunday when the ladies receive their posy of flowers.

There will be a procession of palms up the church path on **Palm Sunday** at 10am. A Holy Communion during **Holy Week** at **7pm** on Wednesday evening. **Good Friday** service will be at 12.00 at Hemyock. **Easter Day** service will be at 10.00, Family Communion. There will be a **Sunrise Service** on Easter morning at 7am when all are welcome to gather with us for hymns and prayers. During **May**, our annual **Rogation Sunday** service when young and old walk around the neighbouring area together is on **14th at 3pm**.

We send our deepest sympathy to Tricia Meredith at the sad loss of Patrick. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tony Drew who is still in hospital after his devastating accident.

For some time the south aisle roof had been letting in rain, drop by drop. Finally, we have decided that it must be repaired. It will cost a great deal of course. One way we are going to raise some money over the coming months, is to have a monthly Coffee Morning as we used to do at the time of the Millennium. The first one with a Bring and Buy will be on Saturday 13th May at 10.30 – 12.00 It will be at Hidon Mill. We look forward to seeing you.

We look forward to the glory of Easter Day, and the joy which it brings to our minds and souls.

Churchwarden

#### St Andrew's Flower Rota

Easter flowers on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30. Anything from the garden would be most welcome. Any blossom or greenery. Thank you.

#### For Sunday

APRIL	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith
30 <sup>th</sup>	As above
ΛAY	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
14 <sup>th</sup>	As above
21 <sup>st</sup>	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
28 <sup>th</sup>	As above
UNE	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Bullett and Nicola Bendle

#### St Andrew's Cleaning Rota

APRIL			
3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Persey		
10 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Jones & Julie Heaton		
17 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicola Bendle and Heather Drew		
24 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Francis Roberts and Fiona Scott		
MAY			
1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Persey		
8 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Jones & Julie Heaton		
15 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Nicola Bendle and Heather Drew		
22 <sup>nd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Francis Roberts and Fiona Scott		

#### Spring & Easter Specials at St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

#### Mothering Sunday March 26th, at 10.00am

A chance to show how special our mothers are - posies will be given to them. Do stay for a drink and a chat

#### Palm Sunday, April 9th, at 10.00am

Procession and Blessing of the palms

#### EASTER DAY April

Jesus has risen

Join us to celebrate New Life



#### **Sunrise Celebration at 7.00am**

To be held at Gray's Quarry, Gray's Farm Breakfast to follow (Please book Tel: 680401)

#### **Easter Family Communion Service at 10.00am**

Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children
If possible, please bring an "Easter Garden"

#### Cancer Research UK

The annual 'Big Breakfast' event was held on 11th March in Clayhidon Village Hall. It is always held to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK, such a very important charity.

This year more than one hundred people were fed a wonderful hot meal – after cereals and juice - and finished with toast and jam or marmalade. There was a most friendly atmosphere for the occasion and a photograph of some of the helpers is included on the Clayhidon website.

We want to say thank you to all the people who came and joined us again. Thank you also to the generous people who sent in donations and contributions for raffle prizes. We are very grateful to the Coop, Waitrose and Spar for their contributions.

With all this help – and the wonderful help of the volunteer cooks and servers – it was possible to raise a greater amount than ever before – a magnificent £1200. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. Good health to all.

Pam Reynolds

#### **News from Clayhidon**

#### **Nautical Theme for Patrick Meredith's Funeral**

St Andrew's Church was crowded for the funeral on 9 March of Patrick Meredith. There was a nautical theme as family, friends and neighbours said goodbye to the Royal Navy war veteran.

Rowena Passy read Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem Crossing the Bar. In a moving tribute, Mark Meredith spoke of his father's war service and his lifelong love of sailing. Patrick's coffin was carried out to the strains of The Pirates of Penzance.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev David Burton. Patrick and Tricia's daughter Lucy read the lesson from John, chapter 6 versus 35-40. Donations were made in aid of The Royal Star and Garter Homes for service personnel.



One of Clayhidon's great characters, Patrick Meredith, of Lillycombe, Clayhidon, died on 21 February 2017 at the age of 89.

He was a keen local historian and a painstaking keeper of historical records, who wrote a chapter of Clayhidon, a parish in the Blackdowns.

He was also a regular member of the congregation at St Andrew's and would proudly wear his medals at the annual Remembrance service

Patrick was born in Southsea on 8 April 1927, the son of a Welsh naval officer and Irish mother. After joining the Royal Navy in 1941, he served as a 17-year-old midshipman on motor torpedo boats in the Dover Straits, then joined the battleship HMS Queen Elizabeth in Durban and took part in action against the Japanese off Burma and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

After the war, he worked in the City as a chartered company secretary. He received his law degree at the University of London from the Queen Mother.

It was in London that he met Royal Navy captain's daughter Tricia Watson. They married in 1967 and lived mostly at Headley, near Newbury until 1987, when they fell in love with Lillycombe and moved to Clayhidon with a menagerie of horses, dogs, cats and chickens. For a while they ran a livery service.

Here Patrick could indulge his passion for history and he became an active member of the Clayhidon Local History Group and of the Art Group. He was an avid reader of the Daily Telegraph and a man of strong political opinions.

He died at Musgrove Hospital, leaving Tricia, their two grown-up children, Lucy and Mark, and six grandchildren.

#### **Dee Carter Dies After Long Illness**

Dee Carter, of Brookdale, Clayhidon, died in Musgrove Park Hospital on 20 March at the age of 71 after a long illness.

She and her husband Neil moved to the parish from Houston in 1989, eight years after buying Brookdale.

Dee was born in Nakuru, Kenya. She is survived by Neil and their three children, Vanessa, who lives in New Zealand with her two children, Richard, who lives in Langford Budville, and Malcolm, who was also born in Kenya but now lives in Dubai. The cremation will probably be a family affair only.



#### Big Breakfast Breaks a Record

Clayhidon's Cancer Research UK volunteers served 100 breakfasts in the parish hall on 11 March, raised £1,200 and laid on a great social occasion. Pam Reynolds started the Clayhidon Big Breakfast with Margaret Wenham 15 years ago, using a two-burner stove in the church rooms. They are still running it and this year's event was more successful than ever, just beating last year's record sum.

#### **Litter Pickers Scour The Hedges**

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have picked up a huge amount of crisp packets, sweet papers, cans, bottles, coffee cups and broken car bits from Clayhidon roadsides, writes Alison Weekes.

At the moment the prize for the most bags collected, seven, must go to Geoff and Jenny Stevens who have litter-picked French Nut Tree Lane, past Shackles Cross, down Lillycombe Lane and back past Deadbeer as well as to the top of Bolham Hill.

Not only that but poor Jenny caught her foot in a bramble and split her lip and bruised her chin in the process. They were amazed at the number of empty booze bottles they found.

I found a chopped up door complete with handle and hinges on the road near Heazle. Many thanks to Val and George Slabbert, Judy Hutt, Caroline King, Anne Langford, Sue Hay, Nicola Bendle, Maureen Bendle, Richard Brown, Sue Annett, Alex Hill and Yvonne Roth as well, among others. I'm sure most of the residents of our lovely parish are truly grateful for this spring clean

#### **Last Gig From Villages in Action**

Clayhidon's long association with Villages in Action, Devon's performing arts scheme, ended on 10 March when two brilliant guitarists, Kit Holmes and Al Greenwood, performed in the parish hall. ViA has been forced to close after having most of its local authority funding withdrawn, and this was its final booking for the hall. The hall committee has written to ViA expressing disappointment at its demise and thanking it for arranging for many fine acts to appear at the tiny hall. But chairman Gareth Weekes said they were determined to find ways of continuing excellent live performances and hope to resume them in the autumn.

#### **Church Services to Honour Clayhidon Twins**

Two of Clayhidon's fallen heroes from World War I are to be honoured in special church services on the 100th anniversary of their deaths.

Reginald and Hubert Bright were the twin sons of Frederick and Charlotte Bright, of Burrows Farm, Clayhidon. They were born in their mother's home village of Holcombe, near Dawlish and it is there that both will be remembered.

Hubert, who had worked as a servant, joined the Rifle Brigade. His comrades survived gas attacks, saw action on the Somme and fought in the Battle of Arras, where he was killed in 1917 at the age of 20.

At 12 noon on Monday 7 April this year, the exact anniversary of his death, friends, relatives, members of the services and all others are invited to attend a memorial service. Everyone will be presented with a printed order of service containing known details of Hubert. In addition, a history of Holcombe, showing where the family lived and old photographs, is presented to family members.

On 19 February next year there will be another service, this time for Reginald Bright. He joined the Royal Navy at 15, was washed overboard from the destroyer HMS Mons in heavy seas in 1918 and never found. He is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial on The Hoe and beside Hubert's name at Clayhidon.

If you are related to the Bright family or would like more information, please email Campbell Brown at campbellbrown:@btinternet.com



#### Alex Hart Packs the Parish Hall

Local singer/songwriter Alex Hart made a storming return to her home valley on 26 February, when she played to a capacity audience at Clayhidon Parish Hall. The gig raised about £850 for hall funds. Her parents and grandparents were among nearly 100 people who turned out to see the 25 year old and her three-man band, Paddy Blight (guitar), Josiah Manning (drums) and Jake Galvin (bass).

Alex, who recently returned from a European tour with Martin Barre of Jethro Tull. demonstrated her talent with an impressive range of songs, from her own Only 17 (offered as an apology to her parents for "putting them through it") to a foot tapping reggae version of Doris Day's Everybody Loves a Lover.

She has a lovely voice, thunderously powerful for someone so small, strums a mean guitar, delivers her music with professional panache and is backed by a terrific band. Quite how little Clayhidon manages to book an act as good as this is a mystery, but the audience loved them



#### **Wolly Jumpers Galore**

For Trish Andrews happiness is a brand new shed full of healthy lambs and contented ewes.

It would be hard to find anyone who loves sheep quite as much as Trish, of Mill View, Clayhidon. Farming is in her blood, and at lambing time she and her husband Tim take it in turns to endure long cold nights seeing the little woolly jumpers safely into the world.

Not that she is complaining. Their new shed replaces an ancient and grotty chicken shed, soon to be demolished. "For me this is as good as winning the lottery," she says.



#### Do You Recognise this Farm?

Is this Gollick Farm, Clayhidon? It was painted by Charles Ginner, one of the celebrated Camden Town Group of artists who stayed in the parish and produced many fine pictures of the Blackdown Hills, and is simply called 'Clayhidon 1914'.

Some of the best of these pictures have been borrowed from museums, galleries and private owners for a unique exhibition, which opens in Taunton's Museum of Somerset on Saturday 25 March. The curators asked if anyone could identify 'Clayhidon 1914'. Maurice Bendle says it looks very much like Gollick, where he lives, but with "lots of artistic licence".

'A Fragile Beauty: Art on the Blackdown Hills 1909 to 1925' captures the beauty of this Somerset and Devon borderland in a period when the First World War was changing English society forever.



PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION

#### Help Improve the Hall - With a Letter

Clayhidon Parish Hall Committee are asking the public to write letters or emails supporting their planned improvements to the former Victorian school room. Plans to extend and modernise the hall have been approved by Mid Devon District Council. The aim is to make it a warmer, more comfortable, more useful and more versatile venue without changing the character of the building.

"Now we must somehow pay for it, and we are hoping to attract corporate sponsorship," said hall chairman Gareth Weekes. "If we are to succeed we must prove strong community support for the scheme. "We are asking everyone who uses the hall to explain briefly what it means to them and why they think our plans are a good idea. All the letters and emails we receive will be included with our application for funding."

Please email clayhidonhall@gmail.com or write to Gareth Weekes, Deadbeer, Clayhidon, Cullompton EX15 3PN.

The hall committee, with the backing of Clayhidon Parish Council, are hoping to build a complementary, highly insulated two-storey extension behind the stage to include:

- New toilets
- · A small meeting room/dressing room for visiting performers
- · An upstairs area to house the parish archives

At the same time, it is seeking funding to make other improvements, including repairing the roof, improving insulation, replacing the stage and creating a furniture store room. For more details visit www. clayhidon.org and follow the parish hall link.

#### **Clayhidon Friends**

Clare Warren of Neal's Yard Remedies in St James Street in Taunton came to talk to our Group about the company and the products they produce.

The company was founded in 1981 in Covent Garden by Romy Fraser. She produced handmade herbal tinctures and natural skin care, as an Apothecary originally. The popularity of the products grew and premises all over the country were set up. In 2006 Romay sold the company to the Kindersley family, who remain the owners today. They are very keen to continue Romy's original ethos of educating people to help themselves with the natural products.

The Eco friendly factory in Dorset now supplies Neal's Yard Remedies across five continents. The use of re-cycled glass in the trademark dark blue bottles is used preserve the products. There are no paraben (cancer causing) elements in the products. There is constant research carried out there by people educated in this science, maintaining up to the minute knowledge. To date they have planted 700 trees towards helping the environment.

We learnt what some of the products will do and were fascinated that Frankincense, was used by the Egyptians in the mummification process, and a gift from the Three Wise Men to Jesus. It is still valued for its aged delaying properties. It is sourced now from trees in North Africa, where the sticky resin is harvested without damaging the tree.

Other beautiful creams are made from such things as rose, which along with hydrating the skin has a sebum balancing effect on the skin. Many more natural things are used too.

The Expert advice you are given and the time taken to discuss with you, are part of the process of ensuring which is the right product for you. You can ask for little pots of samples before buying the product. Along with the shop floor in Taunton there are Treatment Rooms above giving a variety of things such as Massage, facials, Pilates and Yoga.

Our Group were fascinated by Clare's talk and were interested that along with her work in Taunton she is available for treatments from her premises just outside Hemyock.

Thank you for our refreshments. A Lovely home made sponge cake provided by Tina Barns (how does she get such a rise?) and beautifully moist Carrot cake, also home made was supplied by Margaret Prettyjohn. Both went down a treat whilst we chatted with Clare and our fellow members and Clare afterwards.

We are an informal Group and always eager to provide a warm welcome to new members. We meet in Clayhidon Parish Hall on the second Thursday in the month. The next meeting on April 13th will be by Rhoda Lock from the Conquest Centre, Horse-riding for the Disabled.

Lynda Ridout

#### Clayhidon Parish Council Update April 2017

Clayhidon Parish Council held a meeting in February. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meeting is as follows:-

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Income – VAT reclaim and a grant from DCC locality budget. Expenditure - clerk's pay and expenses, election costs.

#### Highway

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is 0345 155 1004. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

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#### **Defibrillators**

There are now two defibrillators fitted in the parish - one at Rosemary Lane Chapel and the other at The Half Moon.

#### **First Aid Training**

On Saturday 25th March 12 parishioners were put through their paces at a full day Emergency First Aid at Work Training Course at the Parish Hall. Many thanks to Richard Drew, Drewfest, for funding this.

#### **Parish Lengthsman**

The parish has a newly trained lengthsman. Please report any problems with ditches/drains to the clerk or a councillor. The council has applied for funds from the Devon Highways Community Enhancement Fund to purchase equipment/tools for the lengthsman to use.

#### Extension to car parking at Village Hall

Planning permission has been granted to extend the car parking at the village hall. Russell & Caroline Bendle have kindly agreed to allow the parish council to use their land to form additional car parking spaces adjacent to the Parish Hall. The project will provide an additional 13 parking spaces.

#### Local Tradespeople

From time to time the parish council employs people to carry out tasks on its behalf. These tasks range from repairing a wall, improving and repairing footpaths, gates and bridges, clearing ditches, and other general maintenance works. The parish council is keen to use local tradespeople and to that end if you would be interested in quoting for any such works then please contact the clerk giving your contact details and the types of work you are interested in and your details will be held on file.

#### **And Finally**

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the second Monday of every other month in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will start at 7.30 pm on Monday 10th April (A planning meeting will be held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the alternate month, if necessary). Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org and a schedule of meetings may be found on the Parish Noticeboards.

Clerk: Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel: 01823 680968. Email: clayhidonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

#### **News From Rosemary Lane Chapel**

Outside the clouds are lowering and it is drizzling with rain yet the daffodils, crocuses and primroses are bringing a brightness and encouragement for the days to come. This is the same for our spiritual lives where perhaps we have had difficult days but being now the season of Lent we have a hope of Easter in remembering God's great love for us in sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour.



Some of our ladies have recently joined in prayer at All Saints, Culmstock with millions of others around the world for the Women's World Day of Prayer when the women of the Philippines were especially remembered. We have also had an encouraging start this year at the Torch Fellowship meeting in Wellington for the visually impaired – Rev. John Stone from Hemyock gave an interesting talk on his hobby as a wood carver bringing examples for the folk to handle and then gave a helpful epilogue. The next meeting could be interesting meeting on 1st April!

After a break across the winter the Tea club linked with the BSG is due to start up again at the end of March – the Luncheon club however keeps going and in February Brenda Persey from Bolham helped in her usual interesting way with her harmonium and accordion. In March we had a surprise when Geoff Pike from Hemyock was interviewed for his part when he served on the support aircraft carrier, H.M.S. Unicorn, during the Korean War and has now been awarded a medal by the Korean Government as an Ambassador for Peace.

The last of our Winter Bible Studies is due to take place in March with a talk by Peter Glasgow, our former pastor, in the series "Changed from the Inside Out" based on Ephesians 4 – the final theme being 'Shaking off the Old Self'.

This is being quite a time of missionary interest. We have had a Sunday morning with folk from Moldova linked with the Slavic Gospel Association. The picture shows pastor Peter Legun speaking in Russian and being interpreted by Irin Gonchar by the way SGA is helping the church in Moldova with Mission Schools, supporting leaders (including providing motorbikes), young people's camps and the widows project. This was followed the next Sunday with a programme about the Mission Aviation Fellowship and Tearfund concluding with a so called 'hunger lunch' – during the service we were able to see a video clip from the Neale family serving with MAF in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia.

Our pastor, Jonathan, is on the final lap of his three year degree course in Applied Theology at Moorlands College, Christchurch, and is due to graduate later this year. We are greatly blessed by his ministry and pastoral care. He will be taking our Easter Sunday

Services which follow our usual special Good Friday meetings when our speaker this year is Rev. David Beazley of Sainthill – he is speaking on Jesus' "Seven Last Words from the Cross" – the sessions start at 3.30 and 6.30 with tea in-between and all are welcome.

We wish you God's blessing over this special time of the year – "Grace to you from –– Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the world." Revelation 1 v 5

On behalf of the Leadership Team.

Geoffrey Dearsley

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29th May 2017 - Steam Day for Children's Special Day

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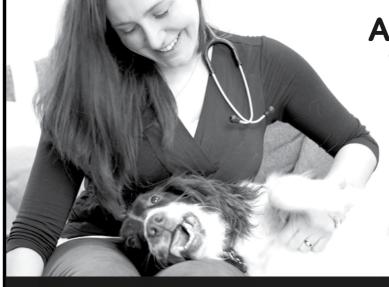
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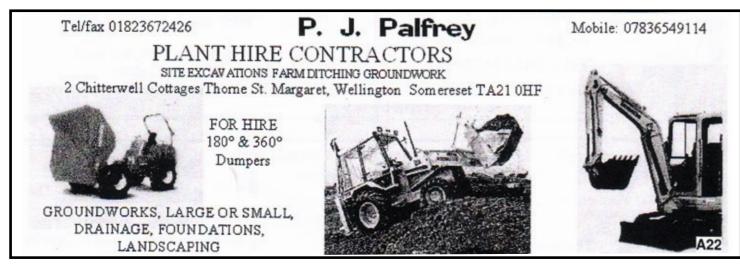
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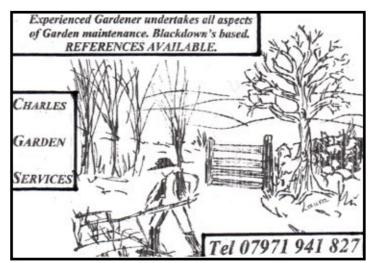
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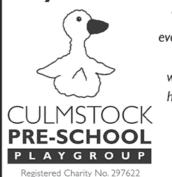
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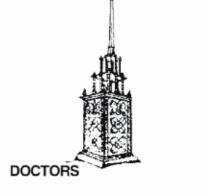


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