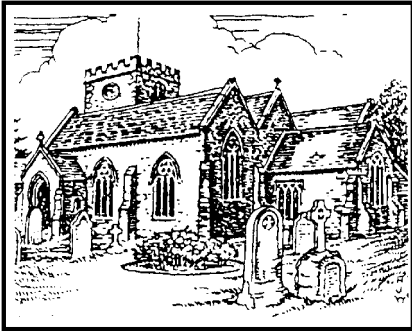
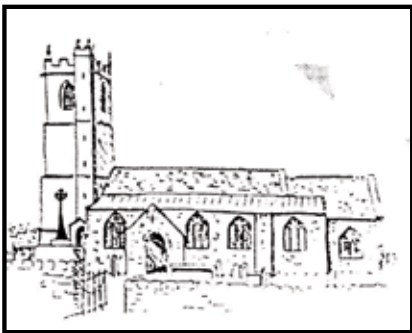


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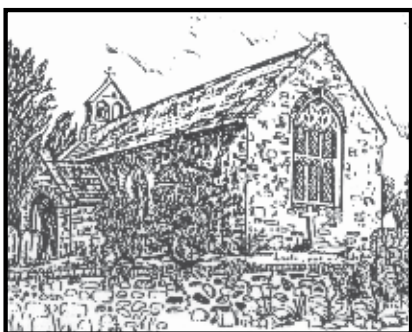
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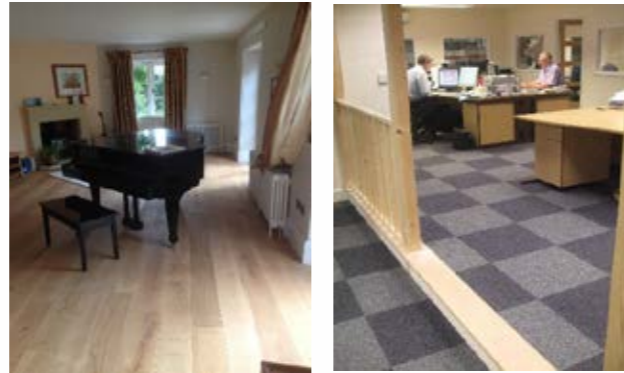
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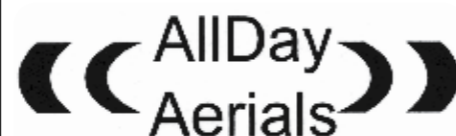
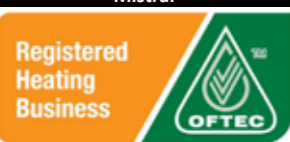
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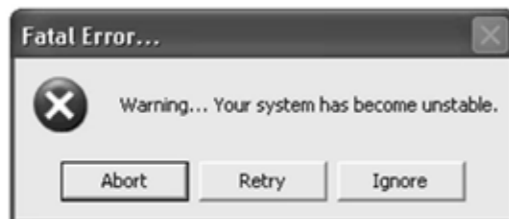
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HC = Holy Communion; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; FS = Family Service;
FC = Family Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

Services	Hemyock, St Mary	Culm Davy, St Mary's Chapel	Clayhidon, St Andrew	Culmstock, All Saints'
Sunday 6 th August	10.30 am FS	No service	8.30 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC CW
Sunday 13 th August	10.30 am Joint HC Service, Patronal Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St Mary's, Hemyock			
Sunday 20 th August	11.15 am HC CW	No service	6.30 pm EP BCP	9.30 am HC CW
Sunday 27 th August	11.15 am HC CW	3.30 pm EP BCP	11.00 am FS <i>followed by BBQ and games</i>	8.00 am HC BCP
Sunday 3 rd September	10.30 am FS	No service	8.30 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC CW
Sunday 10 th September	11.15 am MP BCP	9.00 am HC BCP	10.00 am HC CW	6.30 pm EP BCP <i>Joint with the Methodists</i>
Sunday 17 th September	11.15 am HC CW	No service	2.30 pm <i>Rider's Service</i>	9.30 am HC CW
Friday 22 nd September	7.00 pm <i>Harvest Service and Supper</i>	No service	No service	No service
Sunday 24 th September	11.15 am FS <i>Harvest Festival</i>	3.30 pm EP BCP <i>Harvest Festival</i>	10.00 am HC	10.00 am HC <i>and Baptism</i>

Regular Mid-week Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tuesdays - Morning Prayer, 10 am at All Saints', Culmstock ❖ Thursdays - Holy Communion, 10.30 am at St Mary's, Hemyock
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PARISH PUMP – No. 262 August – September 2017

To have and to hold...



During these months of Spring and Summer it is my privilege to preside at many weddings. And in my time here it seems that getting married in church is becoming more popular, and on many Saturdays between May and September I have the joy of conducting a marriage service at one of our churches.

Thankfully (for me), I normally only conduct one marriage on any Saturday, unlike the time I worked

in a large town church when we could have up to four weddings on a Saturday and I had to make sure that the slip of paper with the couple's names on in my book was changed before the next wedding!

For the couple involved, it should be one of the happiest days in their lives and is a wonderful time to celebrate with family and friends marking a new step in their relationship, with the public declaration of their love and commitment to each other.

Though the word is not explicitly used in the modern marriage service, the Church recognises marriage as a 'sacrament' – a physical action reflected in symbol of God's blessing on the couple. The physical act of making their vows to each other with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings is the human side – but the making of 'one' and 'blessing' is God's work – in my view whether or not this is done in church.

As well as a happy occasion it is also a solemn occasion – not that it is sad, but it is serious. Vows are made for life – 'till death us do part'. Apart from, for those of us who are married, at our wedding, few of us will make such serious vows. Monks, for example, do – but few of us will become monks.

But following such a marriage vow our life and our relationship is consecrated, and blessed.

We all know that most relationships are not 'sweetness and light' all the time and love has to learn hard lessons – but many are blessed despite testing. Some, sadly, fail for many reasons and couples have to be released from their vows. But God is gracious and is ready to forgive the penitent. Forgiveness is at the heart of all who live in the ways of God and must lie at the heart of our relationships. For with forgiveness comes healing.

The churches are wrestling at this time with the issue of the marriage and blessing of all who wish to enter a loving, faithful and monogamous relationship, but are gay or lesbian. Some find this difficult to accept. However, if we believe that God accepts and loves us as we are, my feeling is that the Spirit is leading us into a much more inclusive understanding of marriage.

As well as weddings, during these summer months, when hopefully the weather is warm and we can feel more relaxed, there's a chance for us all to spend additional time with friends and family in more informal ways when we can find blessing in those relationships.

May God bless you,

David

St Mary's Flower Festival



750 golden welcome – Monica Smith (Flower Co-ordinator)

Thanks to the Friends of St Mary's who organised the event Hemyock's parish church contained a spectacular display of arrangements for a four day Flower Festival to celebrate St Mary's 750th anniversary. Titled **Celebration** a group of flower arrangers under Co-ordinator Monica Smith brought various special celebrations from baptisms to Wimbledon to life.

The Co-ordinator of the Friends, Patricia Fuller came across the service sheet from the 700th anniversary by chance. It was brought to the attention of the Church Council and from there the seed grew as members realised this was a year to celebrate.

Pots of flowers on the church gates led visitors along the main path which was lined with tubs of a variety of flowers grown by church members, with children from the primary school contributing flowering decorated wellington boots, whilst the two decorated milk churns at the church glazed door reminded visitors that this was a rural area. The colour scheme of pink, blue and mauve with flowers ranging from lilies to foxgloves was carried through from here to inside the porch.



Baptism display by Margaret Allen

A perfectly formed tiered arrangement of golden roses and carnations along with the glittering figures 750 and golden cloth welcomed hundreds of visitors to the hugely successful exhibition as they entered the church the furthest coming from Australia, South Africa and Cambodia .

The font decorated in white with touches of pink and blue along with christening robes depicted baptism whilst weddings and anniversaries saw glorious arrangements varying from a dark red 6ft high pyramid

pedestal (Ruby) to yellow roses and lilies (Golden) and a white lateral display for Silver as well as earlier anniversaries showing paper, wood,



Chancel (wedding invitation) – Monica Smith



Children Corner – Hemyock School

tin and china. The chancel was particularly attractive as it was adorned for *An Invitation to a Wedding*. The soft apricot roses and cream carnations, a wedding dress and bridesmaid dress along with a hat, shoes and other wedding paraphernalia and a garland completed a beautiful display that encompassed the entire area.



Wimbledon – Sandra Featherstone

The church festival of Harvest saw a window filled with a wheel, cider jug, and corn as well as a selection of flowers fruit and vegetables along with bread and a harvest mouse set on sacking. Easter was a pedestal of pale yellow blooms with decorated Christmas trees depicting the December festival.



Patron saint – Jane Attlee

garlands; the blue and gold Mothers Union banner complimented their matching colour arrangement and various smaller displays sponsored by those celebrating birthdays during the year were around the church.



Friends of St Mary's (part of group) L-R front: Sue Lambert, Janet Dalton, Monica Smith (Flower co-ordinator) Brenda Calcraft and Jenny Doble. L-R back: Ron White and Patricia Fuller (Friends Co-Ordinator)

Hemyock primary school pupils had constructed a delightful garden theme of origami flowers and tree decoration which adorned the Children's Corner along with a teddy bears picnic whilst a 4x3 foot sepia photo of St Mary's set off a matching dried arrangement to depict the churches 750 years with bright coloured flowers decorating the gallery.

The most striking arrangement was a large blue and white display of lupins, peonies, clematis, arum lilies, delphiniums, canterbury bells, agapanthus and dried palm leaves to represent the church's Patron Saint the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Throughout the festival delicious cakes and drinks were available in the church with 3 course lunches served at the Church Room.

The Sunday morning service was led by the Lay team with Rev David Burton. Local ringers rang a quarter peal prior to the festival closing with a Songs of Praise taken by Rev John Stone. A presentation was made to Monica Smith and warmest thanks were expressed to her husband Stewart whose constant help throughout the four days had been invaluable.

Janice Bawler

Heritage Open Days

This year for Heritage Open Days the Friends of St Mary's are holding an exhibition at St Mary's Church from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September. To celebrate 750 years at St Mary's our exhibition will be of Church records and the social history of our Church. The exhibition will be open on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. and on Sunday 10th September from 12.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea and cakes will be available throughout.

If you have any photographs, paper cuttings or stories about the church over the years please contact Patricia on 680436 or email p.m.fuller@btinternet.com

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Tuesday 26th

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Come and see us soon!

Have You Got The Other 261?

You might have noticed that this is issue number 262 of the Parish Pump. Which at 6 issues a year means we've been going for about 44 years. The Parochial Church Council has recently been considering having a new cover design and other alterations. Discussion on this went on after the meeting and various questions were raised.

Questions like: has anyone got all 261 issues? Or who has got the most copies? How far away do they get sent to former Hemyock residents? Does anyone remember sitting in the Rectory kitchen helping to produce the early issues, which were duplicated on an old Gesettner machine? Has anyone got any of the artwork which were used for various changes of cover? Has anyone been delivering all 262 issues?

If you know the answers to any of these questions or have any special "Pump" memories, we'd love to know them. You can either leave a message in the church, on the tea and coffee counter, addressed to the PCC secretary, or email him at gandbsamuels@tiscali.co.uk, marking the subject box "Pump".

Brian Samuels

HERITAGE DAYS

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Exhibition of Church
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Teas and cakes available throughout

CELEBRATING 750 YEARS AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Continuing our celebration of 750 years at St. Mary's Church the Friends of St. Mary's have commemorative mugs, tea towels, bookmarks and pens for sale. These items are available at St. Mary's or from Ron White – Tel: 01823 681020 or email: revron@btinternet.com

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Rethink Remembrance.

There's a new generation of veterans that need your support. Last year, The Royal British Legion asked the nation to Rethink Remembrance by recognising the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too. For many people, Remembrance is associated with the fallen of the First and Second World Wars. While we will always remember them, the Legion wants to raise awareness of a new generation of veterans and Service personnel that need our support.



The Hidden Echoes Of Injury In Afghanistan

Stewart Harris saw action in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, but the biggest danger he would face were the memories he took home with him.



At the age of 17 Stewart joined the Welsh Guards, and just before his 18th birthday, Stewart found himself in Bosnia. In 2003 Stewart heard that he was going to be deployed to Iraq. Luckily Stewart made it through the rest of the tour unscathed.

Returning to the UK, he was able to take his children to school and live a normal life, and then came the news that troops were going to be sent to Afghanistan. Stewart and his team started getting sent into traps by the locals. They were travelling along the main road that went through Sangin to Kajaki, when an IED went off under their vehicle. Stewart was flown back to Birmingham with damaged frontal, temporal and optical lobes. "The doctor came in," says Stewart, "and told me 'You're going to be deaf in your right ear and partially in your left. We should be able to get you some sight back in your left eye with some steroids, and when the IED went off your legs clapped together and shot your testicles up into your stomach.'"

It was a long period of recovery for Stewart, but he found that as he got better physically he became worse mentally. "I was too scared to sleep because I was having nightmares that were so frightening I was wetting myself." This is when Stewart went out to the beach, looked at the sea and thought about swimming out until he couldn't swim back. "I thought about my girls growing up without me and being bullied at school because I'm not there." So Stewart turned around, walked back into the kitchen and told his wife what he was thinking. She immediately called 999 and got him admitted to a local mental health unit. "It was from there that I started to accept it. Until you want to get better, you can't start doing something about it and get better."

Stewart was diagnosed with mental illness in 2012. With help from The Legion, he's now taking on challenges like climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Your donations help us to be there for people like Stewart.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Last year in Hemyock we raised £1,813.31. To achieve this again, and more, I need extra collectors. If you are 18+ and can spare a few hours during 28th October – 11th November, to help with the door to door collection please contact David Bawler, 4 South View, Hemyock. 07773579809 bawler1952@hotmail.com.

David Bawler

What Has The Church Been Doing in The Last Year?

This is the question that we try to answer at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Our building stands in the middle of the village and we have aimed to play a central part in its life. We have been the venue for parades, concerts and numerous special services, with attendance reaching as high as 280. We have hosted 7 Weddings, 5 Christenings, and 10 funerals. Every week there are also the regular services where we gather to seek spiritual refreshment and worship God. These follow different patterns, with one featuring our choir (led with style by Ron White), others which are quiet and intimate, and on the first Sunday of the month a short informal family service. In addition the church is open every day allowing people a quiet space for thought and prayer. Some also have been meeting regularly in a house group and the Mothers Union (Meg Palmer) has provided an additional focus.

The number of people attending Sunday services has averaged 35 and as Hemyock grows we hope it will become larger. We are always open to suggestions which will make services more varied and appealing. We would be particularly happy to see more families in Church and our Special Services planning team arranged 10 family focussed services during the year which we hope more people will attend, as they have been well received by those who did. Regular worship has been led by Rev David Burton who has been much helped by retired clergy John Stone, Chris Hudson and Ron White, and by lay reader Katherine Simson. Services are also held every 2 weeks at Culm Davy and continue to attract both local people and those who appreciate its particular atmosphere. There have been around 10-12 at each service with occasions such as Harvest and Carols reaching capacity at around 60.

We aim to provide a welcoming space at St Mary's for all and to do so have depended on the willing support of a large number of people: the cleaning team (Val White), the flower arrangers (Monica Smith), the sidespersons who greet you as you come in (Stewart Smith) and the Sacristan (Val White). Making sure our historic building is well maintained and warm is organised by Churchwardens David Bawler and Jenny Doble. It costs around £40,000 to pay for the work of St Mary's, which all has to come from Sunday offerings, donations and fundraising efforts of the congregation. In addition larger maintenance projects costing over £10,000 have been funded through events organised by the Friends of St Mary's (Patricia Fuller). And now, after years of discussion, we have been granted planning permission for the project to install two toilets in the Church and reorganise part of the seating to provide a better social area and access for the disabled. It will be more usable by young and old. We will have to raise £100,000 through grants and fundraising.

We have been continuing our work of engaging with the community outside St Mary's. The church has acted as a collecting point for a food bank and for clothing parcels for Syrian refugees. The Charity & Coffee shop continues to provide both a social opportunity and a source of income. It has handed out over £550 to charities, £1250 to the Parish Council for a defibrillator and £1500 to the church. A team of volunteers is coordinated by Brian Samuels. It takes place in the Church Rooms, which also host regular lunches attended by 20-40 people (Hazel Partridge) as well as the Brownies, Whist and History Groups. In addition we publish the Parish Pump (James Winrow and Clare Sibley), with a print run which has gone up to nearly 1300 and which is delivered to nearly every household in Hemyock, Culm Davy and Clayhidon

The names in brackets are those of the coordinators of the relevant activity. More detail on all these activities can be found in the latest Review of the Year, copies of which are in the church.

Mark FitzGerald, Churchwarden, Culm Davy

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!

Crzee

We may be in the midst of Summer but just a gentle reminder that in November we will be taking Christmas shoeboxes to the charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe (crzee) as well as newly knitted (or bought) hats, scarves, gloves and jumpers.

The boxes can be any size and suitable for youngsters, adults and families. The boxes will go to Moldova and/or Romania. Please contact me if you would like further details on jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

So far this year, thanks to peoples generosity, 200 cuddly toys, over a dozen duvets, toys and number of bags of good quality clothing have been donated.

Thank you.

Janice Bawler

Hemyock Parish Hall Play Area

Thanks to all who sent their letters and emails of support for our grant application to Viridor for updating the play area. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful and we are now investigating other fund raising sources and opportunities to further this project. Help and ideas for fund raising are welcome! Due to inappropriate behaviour, the play area will be locked between 9pm and 9am.

Parish Hall Treasurer

Our Treasurer, Geoff Hardy, is retiring shortly and the Parish Hall Committee require someone to take on this essential task. The Treasurer must be computer literate.

If you are interested please contact the Hon. Secretary, Penny Lawrence, on 01823 680595 or email pennylawrence@live.co.uk.

Hemyock History Group Report

The June meeting of the group was due to be a talk on Chard Museum, but sadly Dave Rickets passed away 3 months ago and we arranged a trip to see another local Museum, the South West Airfield Trust's new Museum at Dunkeswell, next to the Aviator Restaurant. Around 15 members of the Group attended at Dunkeswell and were given a fascinating walk through of the unique material now on display by Brian Lane-Smith. The original photographs gave a clear picture of the activity at Dunkeswell from the date that construction started in late 41 with operational flights from September 1942 of Liberators setting off to patrol the Atlantic for U Boats. Aerial photos taken from the Liberators show U Boats on the surface of the Ocean under diesel power before emergency diving when they saw the planes. The Liberators had little time to react to lookouts spotting the sub, diving towards the surface and releasing their bombs. Close cooperation with Bletchley Park gave fairly accurate locations in the Atlantic for the subs threatening the Atlantic convoys. The American crews and ground staff were welcomed into the local community by all, with many photographs of the locals being entertained by the aircrews.

The new year series of meetings will start on September 14th when Tom Harris will give a popular talk on "3000 years of the history of bells, culture and art, world-wide". Tom has been giving the talk in aid of the Bells at St Mary's, Taunton for some time due to the demand by local groups.

We can confirm that due to the booking of speakers for the next year on the second Thursday of the month, the Group will continue to meet on this date for the next 12 months between September and June. Could any member, or prospective member, have any strong suggestions about changing the date we meet in the month please contact one of the committee: ie Stephen Major, Mike Cooper, Brenda Calcraft, Jon Henville or Rev Chris Hudson with their suggestion for the year 2018/2019.

Stephen Major, Chair – Hemyock History and Archiving Group



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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 connected to their neighbours?

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)

Brightside

We are going on a 'Mystery Coach Trip' and you are all welcome to join us!

Redwoods will be polishing up their very best charabanc to transport us off for a day full of fun, companionship and wonderment! (Well, you have to build it up don't you?)

We try very hard to arrange our trips to suit as many needs as we can, that is:

- Journey duration each way to be no more than one to one and a half hours.
- Places allowing us as little or much activity as preferred.
- Plenty of places to eat and watch the world go by.
- Picturesque views and places of interest.

Would you like to come? Here are the important bits!

When: **Friday, 8th September**
Pick ups: **Dunkeswell 9.30am, Hemyock 9.50am**
How to book or enquire: **01823-680687 Mon and Thu or email brightside@bhlac.org.uk.**
Cost: **£10**

There is a chance to win a prize with our 'where are we going?' competition and participate in our 'win your fare back' raffle if you should wish. Look out for our posters and book the date in your diary for a jolly good day! Hope to see you there.

Janet Elworthy

Leaving Uffculme School? Going on with Education?

The Mary Waldron Trust may be able to assist you financially in vocational and further education (including Richard Huish College) with purchases of books and equipment, including computer requisites. Those applying should normally be resident in Hemyock or Clayhidon and must have received full time education at one or more of:

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome and must be in writing or email. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course. More details can be obtained from the Secretary, to whom applications should also be addressed: Rev Ron White, 10 Hollingarth Way, Hemyock, EX15 3XB Phone 681020 email revron@btinternet.com.



THANK YOU

Guide Dogs for the Blind would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning in Hemyock on 10th June. We raised nearly £300.00 for the valuable work of the charity, enabling blind people to retain their independence. Particular thanks go to

Margaret, Maureen and Fay who volunteered, on the day, to help us in the kitchen! Anyone who would like details of volunteering opportunities with Guide Dogs should contact Neil Howe on 01823 680614.



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, Mid Devon, South Somerset and Taunton Deane.

News

Come along and meet our members in the Blackdown Hills marquee at the Honiton Show on Thursday 3rd August. Our marquee will be full of lots of unique and inspiring crafts, food and drink producers, community services, business services and fun hands-on experiences for children and adults.

www.blackdownhillsinteractive.org.uk

We are proud to launch the new online business and community directory for the Blackdown Hills region – Blackdown Hills Interactive. The online directory promotes local businesses including agricultural services, artisans, food and drink producers, health and wellbeing, places to dine, places to stay, places to visit and the professional services. The directory now also reaches out and supports the local community promoting places of interest, the online and printed parish newsletters and the essential community services. The directory has its own destination marketing campaign promoting each of the 39 parishes not only locally but also nationally and internationally, targeting day visitors, holiday makers, local residents and promoting the region as a whole. The purpose design has user friendly navigation through a PC, tablet or mobile to encourage visitors to use the site whenever and wherever.

If you own or work in a local business or provide a community service and would like to get involved please contact us for full details.

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.

- **Thursday 3rd August** – Honiton Agricultural Show
- **Wednesday 13th September** – Start your business – FREE workshop
- **Wednesday 13th September** – What makes a great business website – FREE workshop
- **Wednesday 20th September** – BHBA Lunch Club – SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) explained

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

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.

BHBA Co-ordinator: Claire Stepney

Hemyock Parish Council Business Update August 2017

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

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/00654/FULL. Downmead, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Retention of change of use of room in dwelling (C3) to Hairdressing salon (A1).
- 17/00783/FULL. 24 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling.
- 17/00789/HOUSE. 14 Millhayes Farm, Hemyock. Erection of a single storey side extension.
- 17/00842/FULL. Land at NGR 315328 111870 (Lemons Hill) Hemyock. Erection of a general purpose agricultural building.
- 17/00746/MARM. Reserved Matters for the erection of 22 dwellings following Outline approval 16/00918/MOUT. Land at NGR 313224 113301 (West of Conigar Close) Culmstock , Hemyock.
- 17/00745/FULL. Conversion of ancillary domestic accommodation to holiday cottage. Burleyhayes Linhay, Hemyock.
- 17/00825/TPO – 5 East Mead, Hemyock. Application to reduce 1 oak tree by 6m and remove 1 cherry tree.
- 17/01056/HOUSE – Foxholes Farm, Clayhidon. Conversion of barn to additional ancillary accommodation.

Finance

Income - included cemetery payments, interest, air ambulance night-time landing donations, VAT reclaim, wayleave. Expenditure - included room hire, clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, investment, training, subscriptions. A donation of £800 was made to the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre

Highways

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.

Hemyock Tennis Club

The club enjoyed another successful year with continuing members and new members finding or rediscovering the social and health benefits of tennis and the joy of just playing. Social and match tennis continues throughout the year with floodlight facilities to two of the courts for evening play.

The club weekly sessions are:

Tuesday: Mixed Club morning from 10am onwards (this is a new club session)
Thursday: Mixed Club Night from 6.30pm onwards
Saturday: Mixed Club morning from 10.30am onwards
Sunday: Mixed Team Practice (higher standard, by invitation) 10.30am onwards

New members and fresh faces are very welcome at social tennis sessions. The club coach is Dan Sizer who can be contacted on 07951828760 or via email to dan@dsctenniscoaching.co.uk. Website <http://www.dsctenniscoaching.co.uk>. Group Matchplay coaching for seniors takes place on alternate Thursday evenings for the first hour of club night if enough members want to participate.

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.

Public Toilets

The refurbishment of the village toilets is almost complete. The parish council is recruiting a cleaner and it is Mid Devon District Council's intention to transfer ownership of this asset to the parish council in the near future.

Posters

The parish council politely asks that advertising posters are taken down after the event.

Parking

Parking at the bottom of the High Street has been reported to the council on numerous occasions. The parish council asks that parishioners park considerately, ensuring that emergency vehicles and buses have access.

Defibrillators

When walking past any of the 3 defibrillators in the village please have a glance and make sure the green 'rescue ready' indicator is on. If it is red, please report to the clerk or directly to the number displayed in the cabinet.

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 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd August 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.*

Coaching sessions for the juniors continue through the winter with Dan on Thursday afternoons:

Red (under 8's) from 4.45 – 5.30
Amber (under 11's) from 4.45 – 5.30
Juniors (under 16's) from 5.30 – 6.30

The sessions for the reds and ambers may take place in the Millhayes Garage complex if the weather is unsuitable for court play (Coach will decide on the location on the day and contact players). Junior camps will again take place during the school Easter holidays with details to be provided by Dan nearer the time. Details will be put on the club notice board on the side of the pavilion. Private coaching may be arranged with Dan directly.

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).

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

Can Wolves Make Rivers?

Make? Well probably not, but alter, rejuvenate, re-route; it appears yes. It is a hugely positive & encouraging story.

Wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone Park in 1995. Now wolves may not be your best friend, but in this case the killer brought life! With the absence of predators, the deer population was excessive so hunters had been culling them. But the deer responded very differently to the Wolves than the hunters. The wolves only eat a few deer, but instinct caused the deer to start avoiding the valleys and glens where the wolves could trap them. This meant the vegetation could recover. More trees led to the arrival of beavers, who built dams which in turn gave rise to a huge increase in natural diversity and strengthening the region's wildlife.

Now the increase in trees stabilised the river banks and slowed river flow, helped by the beavers' dams. The nature and behaviour of the rivers began to change. If you have 5 mins watch this video and be encouraged <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q> 'How Wolves change Rivers'.

So back to the UK – we have a lot of bald high ground. In the Lake District it's sheep more than deer. What if we took sheep out of the valleys (maybe not using wolves) and allowed the natural vegetation (and maybe we could send them a beaver or two!) to return. The rivers would stabilise and slow. This could reduce flooding in the valleys below. How different it might have been for people in Cumbria in 2015. It is human behaviour that has formed the current landscape that we are used to. Maybe it's time to let nature take a hand.

*Tim Clewer
Blackdown Hills Transition Group
07701053491*

The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM

The Annual General Meeting of The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Thursday 7th September at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH.

All are welcome, but to vote and have a say in the running of the Centre it's necessary to be a Friend of the Healthy Living Centre. Becoming a Friend of the Centre is very simple and doesn't cost anything – so please consider becoming a Friend if you aren't already.

Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing centre@bhlac.org.uk

Business to be conducted at the AGM will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman's report and election of trustees. Full details will be available from the Centre nearer the time. Please call 01823 680687 or email centre@bhlac.org.uk.

Angela Dawson

Do you enjoy embroidery?

*If so I have a large number of transfer papers with a variety of designs from the magazine **Embroidery Magic**. They have never been used as our daughter lost interest. Please email jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07773579809 for details.*

Dear Residents

Education

The percentage of schools in Devon being Outstanding or Good has risen to 93%. We have seen continual improvement over the last four years. Parental preference for a child school place is at 95% for first preference and 99% for their second preference. This is higher than the national average.

Over the last eight years £242 million has been spent on providing new school places and school maintenance. The government's current Fair Funding consultation would result in 129 schools losing money, 6 in 10 children. We are working with Devon MPs to change this.

School funding is made up of three main blocks. Early Years, the Main Block and the High Needs Block. We have had to top slice the Main Block by £33 a child to cover the projected £4.2million overspend in the High Needs Block. This is all education money and no money has been taken away from education. This is a national issue and many councils have had to make similar decisions. There is just not enough money in the education pot.

Just to remind you Education received an additional £16 million in 2015/16 from Central Government. In recognition of our poor funding following Devon's campaigning with the F40 Group and we are still down on average £290 a child. How the £16 million was distributed was agreed by the Devon Education Forum.

Child Social Care

The number of children in care is around 700 at the moment, with an average of 714 budgeted for in 2017/18. Over the last four years we have moved from our Children's Services being classed as Inadequate by Ofsted to being Requires Improvement Moving to Good. In April we had an independent review of Child Social Care. It found we are making progress to Good, but we still have areas to improve. Action has been taken following the review.

We have reduced the number of agency social workers by encouraging newly qualified social workers who have stayed with us. The workforce is now more stable.

We are concentrating on intervening as early as possible (early help). This means that we will work with the child and family to prevent the need to come into care wherever possible, which is best for the child, any additional funding needs to be in this area and have a partnership approach. We have set up the Corporate Parenting Board to oversee the progress in Child Social Care and with Care Leavers. Care leavers sit on the board to make sure the voice of the child is at the centre of what we do.

The Virtual School has had extensive modernisation, and now has a board of Governors who monitor and advise the Virtual School Head. We have seen an improvement in the education of our children in care.

Over the last four years we have set up the Children Young People & Families Alliance. This brings together all sectors that care for children, DCC, Health, Police and many other organisations, working together to an agreed plan for children. We will be combining the Alliance and the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board. This will be better use of resources and be more joined up for the safety of children.

Always here to help.

*Ray Radford
Devon County Councillor
01884 820000*



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

- 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
- Bookworms** Every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 3pm, a drop-in play session for parents, carers, babies and toddlers. Call 01823 680687 for details
- Phoenix Group** On the first Tuesday of every month 10am – noon, an informal, drop-in session for carers run by Diana Cooper (01823 680175)
- Brightside** Every first Friday of the month, a day of activities, entertainment and good food for people who want to get out and about. Contact Janet Elworthy for information and to book on 01823 680687
- Memory Cafe** On the second Tuesday of every month, company, gentle activities and lunch for anyone affected by memory loss. Contact Janet Morison for information and to book on 01823 680687

Classes:

Monday	Yoga	6.15 – 7.45pm	Julia Baldock
Tuesday	Keep Fit (over 60)	10 – 11am	Pauline Marchmont
	Pilates	5.45 – 8pm	Harriet Tubbs
Wednesday	Pilates	6 – 8.15pm	Harriet Tubbs
Friday	Yoga	9.30 – 10.30am	Steph Leitner

Call 01823 680687 for further info and details of classes - or see our website www.bhllac.org.uk

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You can find the Healthy Living Centre at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH

Around Hemyock

What a glorious sight the parish church was for ‘**Celebration**’ when a group of gifted flower arrangers filled the building with the most beautiful displays as part of **St Mary’s Parish Church 750th anniversary**. Organised by the **Friends of St Mary’s** the four day event attracted hundreds of visitors from far and wide. **Monica Smith**, a member of the Friends and flower co-ordinator, and her team are to be congratulated. No doubt everyone who visited had their favourite displays – mine was the wedding arrangements in the chancel and the large blue arrangement depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary – but a huge amount of thought had gone into each and every special celebration display from church festivals to the national garden scheme.

Particularly delightful was the Children’s Corner. Youngsters from the primary school had created a garden of origami flowers and trees along with a teddy Bear’s picnic – great fun - well done to all who contributed to it. It was particularly good to see staff bringing groups of children to the festival so they were able to enjoy their handiwork as well as that of others.

Thanks must also go to **Patricia Fuller**, Friends Co-ordinator, who came across the 700th anniversary details by chance prompting this year’s celebration, and all those who were involved with the feeding of the many – delicious cakes and drinks at the church and scrumptious lunches, with staff service, at the Church Room. Further celebrations will include an anniversary service with the Bishop of Crediton and a festive lunch – who knows perhaps in 50 year time others will be celebrating St Mary’s in similar fashion.

Many people will remember the late **Christine Mathews**. Her family have sent the following for publication:



Christine Mathews – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

On 5th May 2017 Christine’s family interred part of her cremated ashes in the grave of her late husband in the Commonwealth War Graves section of the Cheras Road Christian Cemetery in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Sergeant Bryan Rex Mathews was killed on 10th December 1956 in a plane crash during the war known as the “State of Emergency” leaving Christine a widow with 3 children under the age of 5. He was crew commander of a Commonwealth mission to drop supplies to the Malay Army fighting Malay Communist party forces in the

Cameron Highlands. The plane was a New Zealand Air Force Bristol Freighter crewed by 3 members from the Royal New Zealand Air Force and 5 from the British 55 Company Royal Army Service Corps (Air Despatch) and 2 Malayan Film Crew. In poor weather conditions, the pilot took a turn up the wrong valley and the plane crashed on a high ridge in thick jungle. One British army Corporal survived the crash and was found 12 days later in the jungle injured but alive. The remaining 6 crew and the 2 cameramen were all killed. The 6 members of the Commonwealth forces are all buried side by side in the Cheras Road cemetery.

It isn’t possible to add any new inscription to a war grave headstone and this particular cemetery does not allow additional commemorative plaques on the grave – so there will be no memorial to Christine there. However, for anyone who may have visited immediately after, the family laminated part of the Order

of Service from Christine’s funeral showing the photo of Christine & Bryan’s wedding in St Mary’s Church, Hemyock and attached it to the gravestone with ribbons. In those temperatures and with torrential thunderstorms usually in the afternoons/evenings on most days in May it is likely that it would have rapidly deteriorated and would have been removed by the gardeners fairly soon – however Ann, Paul & Sue were able to sign the Visitor’s Book and explain, for posterity, why they were all gathered there.

Like Christine, **Gordon Cooper** was very well known in the area and the Baptist Chapel was full for his service. His wife **Joan** has sent the following:

Gordon was born in Kings Lynn Norfolk, the 5th of 6 children, but lived in Yeovil from the age of five to twenty. Life in the thirties was hard for many people with much unemployment and Gordon’s family was no exception.

He was educated at Yeovil grammar school, and enjoyed playing both rugby and tennis. He also became a member of the local boys Crusader class, which provided Bible teaching on Sunday afternoons, much fun and games on Saturdays and camps in the summer. He eventually became a leader and he continued to serve this role all the time he lived in Bristol. This was the foundation of his Christian faith which stayed with him all his life.

On leaving school he obtained an apprenticeship at the Westland Helicopters Firm. At this point the war had begun and the family home had been sold, so Gordon lived in Lodgings/Digs, out of two suitcases, until he married Joan. As he worked in a reserved occupation, he was drafted into the bomb disposal unit of Dad’s Army, which involved digging a hole on Saturday afternoons and filling it in on a Sunday!

He later moved to a firm in Basingstoke and then to a firm in London, and it was at this time that he met Joan who was training in that city. They married at Hemyock Baptist church in 1950.

By that time, he had obtained a position at British Aerospace. Filton Bristol, and worked on various projects, including Concorde, a plane of which he was very proud.

The family was complete when they adopted their two children, Jenny and Martin. He served the church that the family attended throughout their time in Bristol.

On retirement, Gordon and Joan moved to Hemyock to care for Joan’s elderly relatives. Gordon soon discovered that the Baptist church where they were married needed a secretary, and when he was offered this position he accepted with much enthusiasm. He served in this capacity for 15 years, “enjoying every minute” as he used to say. Their greatest joy has always been to have an “open home” and to welcome anybody who wished to come, particularly young people.

Joan has been overwhelmed by people’s love and kindness at this time and says a huge thank you to all who have called, sent cards, given flowers, or telephoned and also to all those who came to Gordon’s service. God bless you all.

Terence (Terry) Shepherd Terry was born in Dunkeswell Abbey and attended Hemyock School until he was thirteen when he went to Uffculme. He got into a few scrapes at school as all his friends will know. On leaving school he did farm work and spent many happy years with the Sandford family. Later he learned to drive a lorry and worked for David Pengelly until he retired. His passion was for classic motorcycles and taking them to shows which his son, Colin and Grandson Tom will continue to do in his memory. Daphne, Colin,

Lizard and the boys would like to thank everyone for their cards and for attending the funeral. Over £900 has been raised and will be donated for Diabetes UK and Children’s Hospice South West.

The services of **Burnett Case** and **Muriel Collins** have also taken place in recent week. We send our sympathy and love to all who have lost a loved one recently.

Amongst those who are, or have been, unwell we remember **Eileen Perrot, Geoffrey Dearsley, Monica Doble, Val White, Dan Morgan, Louise Barton, Audrey Lowman, Ann Smith** and **Wendy Baldwin** as well as past village residents **Rev Ron Cork, Sarah Jackson** and **Rev David Sherwood**.

Joan Dabbs is amongst those who have moved away and in saying farewell to those we warmly welcome all have moved into our community. Hopefully you will have had the opportunity to attend the school and church summer fetes and meet some parishioners.

Long term residents may well remember Margaret (ne Llewellyn – Jones) and Ann (ne Turner). Margaret’s father was a past Rector with Ann’s parents owning a shop opposite the hall where Halifax House is. It is always a delight to welcome them back for a visit as it is with other past villagers. No doubt they will all notice how the village has grown and changed.

September brings us amongst other things the Gardeners Show (Parish Hall), Heritage Sunday (Parish Church) and Harvest Festival as well as a new term beginning for our young people. Valley Arts and Hemyock Singers will be rehearsing for autumn productions so do look out for details. Further information about these and other events during the coming two months will be found throughout this issue.

If you ever have any information you would like to share on this page please email me on jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk or drop the details into 4 South View (at the bottom of the Recreation Field)

Whether on holiday or local enjoy the rest of the summer.

Janice Bawler

Hemyock WI

Hemyock WI have had some interesting Meetings. They made items from coloured paper after Richard Shepherd had shown them how to be so creative. Carrying on the theme, members made poppies in different designs, mostly knitted, for use at military memorial services. Helen Sharp came and spoke about the restoration of Wellington Monument and Bel Deering spoke about the work done at the West Hatch Centre. David Thomas came in July and gave members useful advice on Fire safety in the home. Members have continued to support the monthly competitions and enjoyed many meals out. The Reading Group continues to meet and are currently struggling with ‘Notwithstanding’ by Louis de Bernieres. Members are putting together an exhibit for the Mid Devon Show. On August 1st, members will visit Sidmouth for the evening, leaving the Hall car park at 6.30pm. The President, Lynn Taylor, is holding an ‘Indoor Garden Party’ in Forbes Lounge on September 5th when members are asked to ‘dress up and wear a hat’. The competitions will be a picture of yourself as a baby plus the usual flower.

Brenda Calcraft

WHAT'S ON August 2017

Tue 1	Phoenix Carers <i>BHLC</i> 10.00-12.00	WI <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 2	BSG Lunch Club <i>FL</i> 12.30	
Thu 3	HONITON SHOW	Taunton Farmers' Market
Fri 4	'Brightside' <i>BHLC</i> 11.00-15.00	
Sat 5	Churchinford & Well'gton Farmers' Market	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00 Mobile Library
Sun 6		
Mon 7		
Tue 8	Memory Café <i>BHLC</i> 10.30	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00 Tuesday Group <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 9		Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 10	Taunton Farmers' Market	Mobile Library History Group <i>CR</i> 19.30
Fri 11		
Sat 12	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe Farmers' Markets	Coffee Morning <i>Fields Farm, Bolham Water</i> 10-12
Sun 13		
Mon 14		Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 15		
Wed 16	Tiverton Farmers' Market	Acorns <i>FL</i> 14.30 Parish Council <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 17	Honiton & Taunton Farmers' Markets	
Fri 18		
Sat 19	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 20		
Mon 21		
Tue 22	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00	
Wed 23		
Thu 24	Taunton Farmers' Market	
Fri 25		
Sat 26	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Mobile Library
Sun 27		
Mon 28	BANK HOLIDAY	Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30

	Hall	Forbes	Elsewhere
Mon	9.45-12.45 Short Mat 1.30-3.30 Badminton	10-12 Art 7.45-9.30 YFC every 2 nd and 4 th	Pre-School (Primary Sch PS) / Arthritis Group Dance Exercise, Over 50's (GS) 11.00-12 md
Tue	1.15-3.15 Baby & Toddler 7.30-9.30 Badminton	7.15-9.45 WI every 1 st 7.30-9.30 Tuesday Group every 2 nd	Pre-School (PS) / Brownies (CR) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS)
Wed		12-2 BSG Luncheon Club every 1 st 2.15-4.15 Acorns every 3 rd 7.30-9.30 Parish Council every 1 st 7.15-9.30 Gardeners Club every 2 nd	Pre-School (PS) / Cub Scouts (CR) / Chapel Café (BC) / Blackdown Total Fitness (GS) / Primary School Coffee Morning 1 st week
Thu	1.45-4.45 Short Mat		Pre-School (PS) / St Mary's Choir (SM) / Walk & Talk (VH) / Bell Ringing (SM) / Clayhidon Friends 2 nd / History & Archiving 2 nd / Clayhidon History Group 3 rd
Fri	6.45-9.45 Short Mat (every Fri)		Pre-School (PS) / Seekers (BC) / Scouts (GS) / Teen Scene (BC)
Sat	10-12 Market every 3 rd		

WHAT'S ON September 2017

Fri 1	'Brightside' <i>BHLC</i> 11.00-15.00	
Sat 2	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00	
Sun 3		
Mon 4		
Tue 5	Phoenix Carers <i>BHLC</i> 10.00-12.00	WI <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 6		BSG Lunch Club <i>FL</i> 12.30
Thu 7	Taunton FM	Mothers' Union Holy Comm (w/coffee & lunch) Autumn Lunch <i>CR</i> 12.30 Mobile Library History Group <i>CR</i> 19.30
Fri 8	Heritage Weekend	Brightside Mystery Coach Trip
Sat 9	H'Weekend AUTUMN SHOW	C'mpton, D'Well & Yarcombe FM's Coffee Morning <i>The Cottage, French Nut Tree</i> , 10-12
Sun 10	Heritage Weekend	
Mon 11	Longmead Management Group Committee Meeting 19.00	Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 12	Memory Café <i>BHLC</i> 10.30	St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00 Tuesday Group <i>FL</i> 19.30
Wed 13		Hemyock Gardeners' Meeting <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 14	PUMP DEADLINE Taunton Farmers' Market	History Group <i>CR</i> 19.30
Fri 15		
Sat 16	Hemyock Market	Wellington Farmers' Market
Sun 17		
Mon 18		
Tue 19		
Wed 20	Tiverton Farmer's Market	Acorns <i>FL</i> 14.30 Parish Council <i>FL</i> 19.30
Thu 21	Taunton and Honiton Farmers' Market	
Fri 22		
Sat 23	Uffculme Farmers' Market	Mobile Library, Hemyock
Sun 24		
Mon 25		Young Farmers <i>FL</i> 19.30
Tue 26		St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop <i>CR</i> 10.00-12.00
Wed 27		
Thu 28	Taunton Farmers' Market	

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

Forthcoming Events

2017

Sat	Oct 7 th	Annual Scout Sale
Sat	Oct 14 th	WI Sausage and Mash
Thu	Oct 19 th	Autumn Lunch, Church Room
Mon	Oct 23 rd	VASS Annual Show week
Sat	Oct 28 th	Halloween Evening
Sun	Oct 29 th	British Summer Time ends Volunteer Pruning Day at Longmead
Sat	Nov 4 th	Celebrating Ten Years of Longmead's Pavilion and Sports Facilities
Sun	Nov 5 th	750 Years of Marian Music, (music for the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Sat	Nov 11 th	Hemyock Singers Coffee Morning
Sat	Dec 2 nd	St Mary's Church Christmas Fair in Hall
Sun	Dec 3 rd	Advent Sunday
Fri	Dec 8 th	Hemyock Singers Coffee Morning
Sat	Dec 9 th	Hemyock Hall Committee Coffee Morning
Sat	Dec 9 th	Hemyock Singers Concert/ Dinner
Sat	Dec 16 th	Taunton Vale Harriers Christmas Bingo
Sat	Dec 30 th	Twinning Committee New Year Event

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events", please notify Sue Lambert: 680664 or sueliz.lambert@virgin.net by the "Pump" deadline date (This may stop too many clashes of dates!).

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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

Choir Seeks Good Local Singers

The chamber choir Spirit II Spirit has relocated from East to Mid Devon and is seeking local singers who would enjoy working on challenging music for small choir. Andy Hague formed Spirit II Spirit in the wake of the sell-out performance of his Rock Oratorio 'Christ Crucified' in 2014. It's a choir for people from all backgrounds who enjoy singing 'spiritual music' from a wide range of traditions. They sing anthems by contemporary composers as well as renaissance polyphony. They also enjoy music from the American 'shape-note' tradition and taizé. "It's probably easier to describe what we don't tend to sing," says Andy. "We don't really sing pop music, because we like pieces with depth of poetic and spiritual meaning. For example, one of our favourite songs at the moment is Morten Lauridsen's wonderful setting of James Agee's 'Sure on this Shining Night.'"

Spirit II Spirit will be rehearsing fortnightly on Wednesday evenings from September 6th in the village of Kentisbeare, a few minutes' drive from junction 27 of the M5. Anyone interested in joining should get in touch with Andy, whose contact details may be found on his website www.andrew-hague.co.uk or you can email hague151@gmail.com or phone 01884 841528. You'll need to sing something for him, but Andy says, "It's not a scary audition, I just need to know that your voice and musical aims will fit with where we are as a choir and where we want to go. The ability to read music would be an advantage, but is not essential as long as you are willing to use the website for background rehearsal."

One of the extra musical aims of Spirit II Spirit is that of raising money for good causes. In the nearly 3 years that we have been in operation we have been able to give away nearly £2000.

Spirit II Spirit is a joyous musical family; rehearsals are serious fun with a lot of laughter. If you are up for a challenge and you want to make friends with a warm-hearted bunch of singers who, by background, are nearly as eclectic as the music that we like to sing, please do get in touch.

Andy Hague



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Thank you for your help.

Poet's Corner

Welcome Rain

The garden's thirsted for this day and,
In a night has put on a spurt of growth,
That brings both joy
And thought of battle
To the gardener's heart,
He must tune the wild to sing the garden's song.

With rain, the horticultural pace has changed,
From encouragement and care of cherished growth,
To fighting back advancing Nature's hordes:
Our sleeves are rolled up for the fight,
We love the rain, the fight,
This is Britain after all!

David Palmer

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.

**Christmas
Craft Fair**

Hemyock PTFA Christmas Craft Fair

Friday 1st December 7.30 pm

At Hemyock Primary School

We are looking for stall holders

Stalls are £10 each

To book a stall contact

Katy 07969 201979



Hemyock Baby and Toddler Group



Puzzles,
Books, Ride on Toys,
Soft floor baby play area,
Arts and Craft and lots more.

£1.50 per family

Tuesday Afternoons
1.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Term Time

at
Hemyock Parish Hall

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers we look forward to seeing you soon...
For further details contact Vikki 01823 680138 or Heidi 07771 771 980

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Unfortunately David and I were unable to be with our members for the weekend away this year in Herefordshire – small matter of a Golden Wedding to celebrate!! – so I have “borrowed” from our website the words of Jane, who along with Helen, organised another very successful trip:

“Lucky with the weather again, a shower of rain on the Sunday morning but otherwise very pleasant. We started at Abbey Dore Court which was in a lovely setting next to the River Dore, interesting planting schemes. Next on to Westonbury Water Gardens where we had a lovely welcome from the owner Richard who developed the gardens by digging canals and waterways and building follies, great fun and the planting was lovely with lots of primulas, irises, gunneras, and ligularias. Saturday spent at Hampton Court Castle - we entered the walled garden and were almost overwhelmed as there was so much to see, beautifully planted up borders, immaculately kept vegetable plots, a maze, sunken gardens. We were also given a tour of the castle. In the afternoon we went to Stocktonbury gardens, another warm welcome from the owners and another superb garden overflowing with plants and many of them unusual climbers - at least three different types of climbing hydrangeas, roses, campanulas, a huge monkey puzzle tree and a small nursery to tempt those of us who can't resist buying a new plant!

Sunday we visited Westbury Court, a restored Dutch style garden, different in style to the gardens we had already seen over the weekend but interesting to see when plants had been introduced to this country, some much earlier than you would think. Finally on to Berkley Castle, where we had a tour of the castle, the gardens were not massive but interesting with herbaceous borders and a well kept vegetable garden.

We stayed at the Three Counties Hotel who looked after us very well, as did Kelvin our coach driver from Redwoods – next year we will try not to go to gardens down too many narrow lanes and entrances!!”

So, all in all, it sounds like another wonderful three days and although I haven't asked I'm pretty sure Jane will already have her thinking cap on for next year!!

A reminder to go in your diary that the Autumn Show is in the Parish Hall on 9 September at 2.00 p.m. Schedules should be ready for delivery shortly and don't forget - from 1.00 p.m. on the day of the show you can have a delicious ploughman's lunch in the hall before it opens to the public at 2.00 p.m.

There are several classes open to non-members – the following are for the children. Class 59 – up to 8 years – A Vegetable Animal. Class 60 – 8 years and over – A Decorated Pizza in the shape of a face. Class 20 is for a selection of home grown produce arranged in a trug – maximum longest length 20”. Class 58 is a vase of flowers arranged for effect – a minimum of five varieties and up to 12 stems. Class 67 is also open to non-members – a Chocolate Cake to following recipe:-

6 ozs plain flour	2 medium eggs
2 level tablespoons cocoa powder	150ml milk
1 level teaspoon baking powder	150ml vegetable oil
1 level teaspoon bicarb of soda	Icing sugar, mint leaves and raspberries to decorate
5 ozs caster sugar	
2 level tablespoons golden syrup	

2 x 7” sandwich tins, greased and base lined with baking parchment

Set oven to Gas 3, 160C or 325F.

Mix together all the ingredients. Divide between tins and bake for 40-45 minutes. Remove from oven and leave to cool in tins for 5-10 minutes. Fill with raspberry jam, sprinkle with icing sugar and decorate with fresh raspberries and mint leaves.

STOP PRESS Additional Class for Autumn Show Schedule 2017 – Class 69A Lemonade

NOTE We have an additional meeting this year – on 9 August Myra Cox will be talking about the Fun Side of Flowers for Show. Normal meeting time in the Forbes Lounge.

On the 13th September we have Tony Spiller talking about Growing and Showing – preparing us for our shows next year!!

Hopefully the good weather will continue and, whether working or sitting and relaxing, you will all be able to enjoy your gardens.

*Judith Major
(Secretary – 680746)*



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

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1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello! Summer term is all but over, final meetings of all the sections. But we have summer camp to look forward to, we will be up in the Peak District from 12th to

19th August. They will have fun. However having chatted with GSL Andy at the Church Fete, he is forward planning for another camp in 2022. Yes, you did read correctly! It is only five years away. This will be our fiftieth anniversary camp with our Danish friends from Tonder. The camp is to be in Torbay where we first met our friends in 1972. Andy said “That is the site sorted, just got to get some super activities organised and we are there” And we will be, all looking forward to it.

Back to the Church Fete. We enjoyed being with you and showing some of the things we get up to in the group. I believe a goodly sum was raised for Church funds but I am sure Janice will tell you the details.

Reports from the group. We have had a £500 donation from Devon County Council which is being put in our International account for Anglo/Dan 2019. We go to Denmark that year. Matt ran an archery night for Uffculme cubs and raised £40 for this summer camp. We also raised £240 for summer camp by looking after some Saturday car parking in Exeter recently. Thanks to Exec member Patricia for organising this together with Andy and Caroline Batten. Andy said it was good and we will be doing another stint next year (2nd June 2018).

Numbers are good, 11 Explorers, 23 scouts, 27 cubs and another 23 waiting to join. We need more leaders, anyone out there? Unfortunately one of our cub leaders is moving away from the village, that is Hayley. We wish her well and give our sincere thanks for all she has done for the cub pack.

Akela Julie and her team organised the new District Sports day just recently, which was held in Hemyock this year. There were 14 teams and Hemyock cubs performed well. This event was a success and will become annual, taking over from football. Scouts and Explorers went paintballing on 15th July and there we are summer term over.

A quick word for you on our famous Annual Sale, as you may not get the Pump after this in time. Our Sale will take place on Saturday 7th October in the Parish Hall starting at 2.00pm. Come and join us, I promise you will find some bargains and perhaps fit in a cup of tea and a cake.

That's it for this time, but of course I must as usual finish with a word from our Founder Baden Powell. This is from Camp Fire Yarn no.9 about camping. A camp is a roomy place but there is no room in it for one chap and that is the fellow who does not want to take his share in the many little odd jobs that have to be done. Every fellow must help and help cheerily in making it comfortable for all. In this way comradeship grows and we all look after each other. That was verbatim from Scouting for Boys and is still true. In 1st Hemyock we all, always, work together.

Bye for now,

Old Rikki



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Annual Jumble Sale

Saturday October 7th

2pm–4pm

Hemyock Parish Hall

If you have any jumble please take to Parish hall on Friday 6th Oct 7pm–8pm or Saturday morning 10pm –12 noon

If you require larger items to be collected please call 07521156218 and leave a message.

Fundraising for Paul Moralee GB snowboarding season

Italian Meal 4 courses kindly cooked by Conrad Fielding.

Friday September 1st at the Healthy Living Centre Hemyock.

4 courses for £30. Bar available

Tickets from Elaine or Paul. Pre-booking is essential
Please ring 680119 or 07775 760977

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

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

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

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

Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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

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

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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

This service is financially supported by Devon County Council

St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon

Our last two months have included the usual services but also three different ones. In June the Persey family invited us to hold a Family Service at Fields Farm, once more. This is always an enjoyable occasion with good food to follow and an opportunity to swim, for those who wish.



Later in the month we were able to join Rosemary Lane Chapel in their Morning service, another occasion for worship and fellowship. In July our Family service was different as many of the congregation came on their bicycle. At the end, they went off for a short ride together and returned for a picnic lunch together in the sunshine.

We send our congratulations and very best wishes to Sasha and Shane who were married on 1st July, again a sunny day. They will be living in our community and we look forward to seeing them again after their honeymoon.

We need to raise money for the extensive repairs to the south roof. For this purpose we are holding a monthly 'Coffee Morning' at different homes or the Church Room. In June, Julie Bullett organised a Cream Tea in the church grounds which was much enjoyed. In July, the Coffee Morning was at Gladhayes Barn where Nicola and John gave us a lovely occasion. On **12th August** the **Coffee Morning** will be at **Fields Farm, 10 am - 12.00**. On **9th September** the **Coffee Morning** will be at **The Cottage, 10am-12.00**. Both Brenda and Ruth have hosted such occasions in previous years and have given great delight. We will need more people to organise future similar events to continue this delightful monthly friendship.

At the end of August, the Local History Group will be exhibiting **Clayhidon Photographs** in the church on **28, 29, 30 August** from **2 - 5pm**. This will be the weekend when we have our annual **BBQ/Hog Roast**, after the **Family Service** at **11am**. There will also be other entertainments for all to enjoy on the Garlands Bower, the field behind the car park. Do come and join us at some time on the day. If you would like to come for the food, please could you ring 680541 or 680481. (There will be further publicity and posters in August.) You are very welcome.

September 17th at **2.30** is when we have our annual **Riders' Service**. This is another exciting and spectacular occasion. Refreshments will be available for the riders and the onlookers. Once more we look forward to seeing you

We send our very best wishes to everyone for a happy and relaxing holiday in safety and our thanks for your support in raising funds towards the cost of the new roof.

Churchwarden

St Andrew's Flower Rota

For Sunday

AUGUST	
6 th	Julie Bullett and Bridget Drew
13 th	As above
20 th	Nicola Bendle
27 th	As above

SEPTEMBER	
3 rd	Brenda Persey and Ruth Smith
10 th	As above
17 th	Heather Drew and Margaret Prettejohn
24 th	As above

OCTOBER	
1 st	Lucy Ball and Alison Weekes
8 th	As above

There will be an exhibition of Clayhidon Photos done by the History Group on Saturday 26th August- Monday 28th August in the church, so flower ladies Friday 25th 10.30, black and white!!!! (or as near as we can get) thank you.

Nicola Bendle

St Andrew's Cleaning Rota

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER	
7 th Aug - 19 th Aug	Fiona Scott and Nicola Bendle
21 st Aug - 2 nd Sep	Brenda Persey

SEPTEMBER	
4 th - 16 th	Rosemary Jones and Juliet Heaton
18 th - 30 th	Fiona Scott and Nicola Bendle

OCTOBER	
2 nd - 13 th	Brenda Persey

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their kind prayers, cards & messages of sympathy following the sad loss of Tony and also those received during his long battle with his injuries following his tragic accident. I have been very touched by everyone's kindness and am truly grateful.

Bridget Drew

St. Andrew's Fund Raising Project

We are at present raising money at St. Andrew's Church for major repairs to the south isle roof. Holding an event every month, so far we have had two Coffee Mornings and a Strawberry Cream Tea raising £900 to date, with more Coffee Mornings planned and advertised. "Thank you" to everyone for your continuing support in this mammoth task.

Churchwardens

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HOG ROAST
TICKETS CALL
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CLAYHIDON CHURCH
**Hog Roast &
Bake Off**

SUNDAY 27TH OF AUGUST AT
GARLANDS BOWER [THE CHURCH FIELD]
12.30-3 pm

Hog Roast (+ chicken) £5 EACH, Pimms Tent,
The Great Clayhidon Bake Off & other competitions,
see entry forms for more details.

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ST. ANDREW'S
CHURCH CLAYHIDON

**Harvest
Thanksgiving
& Supper**

FRIDAY 6TH OF OCTOBER
Service at 6.30 pm

SUPPER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AFTERWARDS
BY BOOKING WITH CASEY BLACKMORE 681331

TICKETS £12.00



St Andrews Church Clayhidon

Coffee Morning

at Fields Farm
Bolham Water

Saturday • 12th August • 10-12

Stalls • Raffle

Come and have a swim!

Coffee Morning

at The Cottage
French Nut Tree

Saturday • 9th September • 10-12

Cake stall • Raffle

Clayhidon Parish Council Update August 2017

Clayhidon Parish Council held meetings in June & July. A brief summary of the business conducted at that meeting is as follows:-

Planning

Applications received for:-

- 17/00820/HOUSE. Rosegarland Barn, Clayhidon. Erection of two storey rear extension.
- 17/00935/HOUSE. Far Longham, Clayhidon. Conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation.
- 17/01123/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land for use as a wedding venue from May to September inclusive; formation of a car parking area and erection of a marquee. Land at NGR 315940 113172 (Palmer's Farm) Ridgewood Cross, Clayhidon

Finance

Income – interest and donation from cyclists using church field. Expenditure - clerk's pay, expenses, car park extension to Village Hall costs, auditor's fees

Highways

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.

Police

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

Parish Lengthsman

The parish has a trained lengthsman. Please report any problems with ditches/drains to the clerk or a councillor.



County Councillor Ray Radford with some members of the parish council.

Extension to car parking at Village Hall

Thanks to Russell & Caroline Bendle who have gifted a strip of land to the parish council 13 additional car parking spaces have been created adjacent to the Parish Hall. The parish council has spent approx. £4,000 creating these additional car parking

spaces with some financial support from County Councillor Ray Radford's Locality Budget. Special thanks to Jamie Blackmore, Richard Kallaway, Russell Bendle, Adrian Hay & Chris Houghton who provided help on the day. A mixed Devon hedge will be planted in the winter.

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 Tuesday 29th August 2017. (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 Clayhidon

Pint Sized Speed Cop

Everyone knows policemen get younger every year, but perhaps not as young as Clayhidon's own pint-sized village speed cop, Ryland Higgins.



Viewed from the wheel of a speeding car, Ryland and his radar detector might just be mistaken for the real thing for a second or two, before drivers realise he is an 11 year old with a toy.

He and his mum Lynda, landlady of the Half Moon

Inn, will try anything to persuade drivers to slow down while passing through the hilltop centre of the parish.

The road runs between the pub, the car park and its beer garden, with its stunning view across the Culm Valley and the Blackdown Hills. Although the lane is barely wider than a modern tractor, the official speed limit is 60mph.

"At this time of year we are plagued by these huge farm contractors' vehicles roaring past our front door," said Lynda. "They are probably not doing much more than 30mph, but given the size of them and the narrowness of the lane even that is too fast."

"I realise they are under pressure to get the crop in safely and quickly, but children are living in the village and people are going in and out of the church, and I don't think the drivers realise how alarming these big vehicles are. Surely they could slow down for a few seconds while they pass through the village."

Lynda and husband Dorian have promised to reward the farm drivers with a free pint if they come in after work and discuss it. "We don't want to be unfriendly. They are doing an important job and it must be thirsty work," she said.

Ryland, a pupil at Churchstanton Primary School, said: "My radar detector is a fake – but I don't need a real one to know people are going too fast. Please slow down."



Red Dirt Skinners Booked For Hall

Audiences and critics rave about the Red Dirt Skinners, who are booked to play at Clayhidon Parish Hall on Friday 13 October.

They describe themselves as a genre-busting husband-wife duo. Rob and Sarah Skinner are the first act in history to achieve accolades at the British Blues Awards and the British Country Music Awards, and they were finalists in the Folk category for the UK Songwriting Awards.

Their current album, Behind The Wheel was nominated Album of the Year at the International Acoustic Music Awards and voted Folk / Roots Album of the Year in several polls.

Having no tie to any particular genre means that the Red Dirt Skinners sound is instantly recognisable. With male and female harmonies blending together as one voice and Sarah's trademark soprano saxophone solos, you will be swept along by the refreshingly different approach to an evening of music making.

If you like original music that draws influences from Pink Floyd, Simon and Garfunkel, Supertramp, Crosby Stills and Nash, David Bowie coupled with some epic storytelling, humour and heartfelt emotions, then you'll love the Red Dirt Skinners.

They have a natural rapport with their audiences and their live shows are a wonderful experience; a musical journey to remember.

Tickets (£10) and supper reservations (£5) available from Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 or email carouelle@btinternet.com.

Walk In The Woods... And a Cream Tea

Twenty people enjoyed a stroll in the woods and lanes of Clayhidon on 2 July and another 25 joined them for a cream tea in the Parish Hall. Caroline Bendle led the walk in glorious sunshine while the hall committee prepared scones with clotted cream and jam. The event raised £310 for the hall improvement fund.

Clayhidon Autumn Film Season

Three outstanding films have been chosen for Clayhidon Parish Hall's autumn season of Film Nights. The programme agreed with rural film suppliers Moviola is:



Friday 15 September – Their Finest (12A). A highly entertaining story set in wartime London. Gemma Arterton stars as a scriptwriter in charge of writing the female dialogue for government propaganda films. As

bombs are dropping all around them Arterton and a colourful cast, including Bill Nighy in excellent form, work furiously to make a film that will warm the hearts of the nation. Starts at later time of 8.00pm.



Friday 20 October – Hidden Figures (PG). The true story of African American female mathematicians who worked on America's space race, starring Taraji P. Henson as Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who

calculated flight trajectories. It received numerous awards including three Oscar nominations (Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Supporting Actress) and two Golden Globes. Starts at 7.30pm.



Friday 17 November -

The Levelling (15). This powerful story of blighted farms is set in the flooded Somerset Levels. A family is haunted by tragedy, poverty and brutal nature in a chilling and

brilliantly acted drama by new writer/director Hope Dickson Leach. Off huge local interest and not to be missed – but not for the faint hearted. Starts at 7.30pm.

Clayhidon Friends

Clayhidon Friends Meeting – 8th June 2017

We gathered together this time in the Church Rooms, as our usual meeting place of The Parish Hall was being used as a Polling Station for the General Election.

Our talk this time was provided by Marian Bull. She is 88 years young, with such a wonderful look on life. After telling us a little synopsis of her life starting when she was brought up in Brixham, moving to Culmstock in 1948. She married and had two sons and many, varied jobs followed such as a Country Milk Round and assisting her Herdsman husband at lambing time. She has always loved the written word and sharpened her own skills of writing by having been a regular correspondent to six local newspapers.

Marian has a philosophy of when you encounter challenging and difficult times in your life, as we all do, to take up something new gives you an outlet to help meet those challenges. In her fifties, during one such challenge she wrote her book "Cloud Man", but set it aside. Another difficult period led her to take up Calligraphy in which she discovered she had a talent. As suggested by her Teacher she began to teach too and became involved in writing scripts for Churches. This talent led to her love of Quotes, one of which were produced onto Velum for the then Prime Minister. Often her Life quotes sold in the Churches before the Scripture Quotes. She particularly loved those of the American Native Indian, Creed Tribe one being: - "Only when the last tree has died, the last fish has been caught, the last river poisoned will we realise we cannot eat money".

When another tragedy came along she picked up her long forgotten book and published it and enjoyed the confirmation that she could write something that people found interesting when the book sold. Marian has since a child, loved gardening. She still manages her own garden and uses Winston Churchill's Quote of "Plant a garden in which to sit, when digging days are done". Perhaps when one is sitting in your garden you could remind yourself of another Indian Quote of "What is life? It is the little shadow that runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset".

We all thoroughly enjoyed listening to this lovely, self-effacing, wise lady and perhaps two last Quotes demonstrates her attitude to life; "There is great beauty in old trees, old streets and ruins old. Why should not I, as well as these, grow lovely growing old?" Or; "A man arrives as a Novice at each stage in his life".

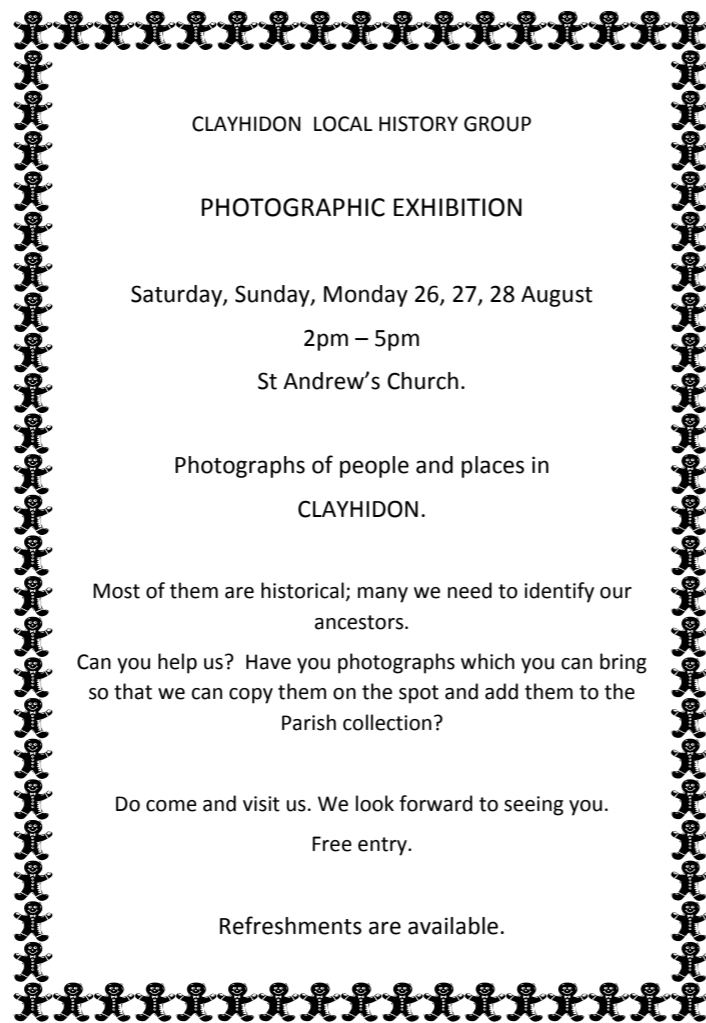
I cannot resist a final 'topical' one; "Sometimes a majority simply means that all the fools are on the same side".

After the talk we enjoyed tea, cream scones and biscuits provided by Sylvi and Lynda and had time to talk amongst ourselves and welcome another new member in Carol Dexter. We hope she enjoyed our company and continues to come along.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th July, a jaunt out to Burrow Hill Farm along the A35 towards Honiton. If we have enough numbers we might be able to take up the offer of a Guided Tour. Members please let Heather know.

If anyone else would like to join our very informal Group please contact Ann Langford on 01823 680086.

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News From Rosemary Lane Chapel



In our last news we made mention of the stones that had been quarried from Clayhidon to build the chapel. All that activity must have been over 150 years ago as we have just celebrated our 154th anniversary. One of the pictures shows some of the younger Sunday School children singing:-

"Two little eyes to look to God
Two little ears to hear HIS Word
Two little feet to walk in HIS Ways
Two little lips to sing His praise and
One little heart to love Him still."

All of the Sunday School and bible Class received what we trust will be a helpful book and Chris Down, our visiting speaker, spoke on being prepared – more about this at the end of our news

The Anniversary Sunday was a conclusion of three exciting days. On the Friday our Mothers and Toddlers had their annual outing to Escot House (see pic). And on the Saturday we had, instead of the usual outing, an outreach Fun Day with bouncy castles, various activities, BBQ etc – a good number came and it was a helpful time together (see pics). The different youth activities have now ended their present session but are due to start up again in September. In the mean time we hope some will be involved again in the Devon Christian Youth Camps in a field near Blackpool Sands running from 29th July TO 26th August finishing with a Family BLISS Camp 26th-29th August. And we anticipate being able to be a part again of the HEMYOCK Holiday Club running from 31st July – 4th August, called 'Treasure Seekers' to be held at Hemyock primary School (more teenage and adult helpers would be most welcome)

A number of activities continue to be held at the chapel involving other folk such as the Lunch and Tea Clubs. Again we have been kindly invited to the special Strawberry Cream Tea run by the Golden Age Club in Stapley. On Sunday morning 25th June we had a combined service at our chapel with friends from St. Andrews Church, Clayhidon. On Tuesday 20th June we had an interesting evening with Professor Peter Turnpenny who had made a significant contribution to the development of the Nazareth Hospital in Israel which ministers to folk from all sorts of faiths and backgrounds. Looking forward we have our harvest services planned for Sunday 17th September with Peter Sutcliffe as our speaker and this will be followed with our Ploughman's Praise supper, during the following week with Peter Trenchard as closing speaker. These harvest meetings will be preceded by Harvest Praise At Kerswell on Sunday evening 10th September under the auspices of Blackdown Hills Christians. The Torch Fellowships' meetings in Wellington for the visually impaired continue on 5th August, which will involve a visit to the Blackdown Garden centre with cream tea and on 7th October with a talk by a Somerset farmer.



We are pleased to be able to record that our pastor, Jonathan, has successfully completed his studies for a degree in Applied Theology (Hons) at Moorlands Bible College (linked with Gloucester University) and graduation will take place at Christchurch Priory in November. This will now release him from his Tuesday Day visits and demanding essays and presentations! He will no doubt more than fill the extra time with his interest in youth work in the area and his pastoral concerns.

And this brings us back to the challenge of our anniversary service – BE PREPARED (not just for scouts but for Christians too). God, on his part, has done all the preparation needed for our Salvation in sending Jesus to be our Saviour, providing His Word, the BIBLE, and the mentor of His Holy Spirit. Jesus, himself, is with His Heavenly Father preparing a place for us, and the time of His return, which He promised. Our personal challenge is are we prepared - as one of our more recent hymn concludes, for when "HE RETURNS OR CALLS US HOME." The answer is in the last line which says "Here in the power of Christ I Stand" We are all so richly blessed by a God who has prepared so much for each one of us and who looks forward to the time when we will all be together with Him.

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The event is free and offers a number of attractions for families and individuals alike, with children's activities to help keep them occupied whilst Mums and Dads peruse the stalls or sample the beverages at the Bar. Together with a raffle, there will be live music.

Russ and Becky Bachelor will be selling their double award winning Forest Longhorn Beef and providing the BBQ, so there will be ample opportunity to try before you buy.

Some of the other producers who will be attending include Robinsons Smokehouse (smoked meats, cheeses and snacks); Every Cup Cakes; The Chillees and Bumbles Preserves (tasty jams and chutneys); Trull Corner Deli (a variety of mouth-watering savouries); Tess Stone (delicious vegan food); Quantock Steamers (steamed puddings); Dotty's Cakes (gluten free cakes); Common Loaf (spelt bakery); Graeme Wallace (meats); Riverford (organic produce); and Blackdown Lavender (fragrant oils, soaps and gifts).

The Bar will be stocked with local Tricky and Taunton Cider and Otter Brewery Beers, along with natural fruit juices from The Bloomsbury Juice Co.

And this year, due to popular demand, a number of local craftsmen and women will also be sharing their particular skills, including weaving by Sarah Downer, local pottery, jewelry and cushions by CraftyJay, dress craft by Johann Stockwell and wood products and charcoal from the Neroche Woodlanders.

The Food and Craft Fayre takes place at Churchinford Village Hall (opposite the shop) and **gates open at 12 noon.** Cream teas will be served from 2.00pm until **the close at 4.00pm.** This year, there will be provision made for parking in a nearby field to prevent any congestion on the main street.

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Bring your children (or let your children bring you) to let them have a drive of their favourite engines on our scenic Soldor model railway. There are 2 controllers so 2 children at a time can drive & there are also sidings for the older kids who would like to use their skill at shunting. For the younger ones push buttons allow them to drive the tram engine into a tunnel & then watch it come back from a different tunnel.

This is a great day out for families and will be super fun for visitors and club members alike.

Exhibition Manager, Malc Trump, has assembled 15 top quality layouts of different gauges, styles & era's. Whilst he tries to use local exhibitors, to ensure most layouts haven't been seen before he has cast his net as far as Gloucestershire and Berkshire this year.

Trade stands include regular Ray Heard who has two rooms covering top quality second-hand items at bargain prices in all the popular gauges, including overseas. The Burnham club have their private owner wagons covering most companies that traded by rail in the Devon & Somerset area. For the 4th year Keith's Bits & Pieces from Nailsea will be here selling – well bits & pieces of anything to do with model railways!

As usual the ladies will be providing excellent refreshments with bacon baps, hot dogs, pasties, sandwiches etc. as well as tea, coffee and cold drinks.

We hope to see you there on the 16th as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out.

For further information about the show or the club visit our webpage www.cvmrc.co.uk or phone Malc Trump on 01884 840369 or myself, Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk.

Table Tennis at Uffculme

Are you interested in playing table tennis? Uffculme Table Tennis Club play at Magelake in Uffculme on the second Saturday of each month from 10.30 to 12.30 and the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 pm.

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For more information please visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UffculmeTableTennisClub/>

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Special Events and Activities

The Mill has two exhibitions on show during the summer.

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Industrial Abstract Art – a work in progress by local artist Neill Elliss-Brookes – intriguing recycling of factory artifacts!

Forthcoming events - Cream Teas at the Waterside Café (at the Mill) on **Saturday 5th August 2pm-4pm.** Join us to enjoy a tea or a piece of homemade cake! We will also have a bric-a-brac stall and tombola. We look forward to seeing you there.

28th August 2017 – Steam Day. Open 10.30am-4pm with 100-year-old engines in steam from 11am! Displays of Model Railways & Dolls Houses, early textile machinery, the Puttee Story, the Millennium Tapestry. Visit the Mill Gift Shop for yarns, fabrics, rugs & throws all produced at the Mill, and locally produced crafts goods. Refreshments available in the Waterside Café. Call in at the Friends Bookshop for some summer reading. Free car park. A great day out for the whole family! See: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk for more info and admission prices, details as above.

The Friends urgently need more members for their Committee. If you feel you could join our friendly group and help out with fund-raising events and on Steam Days, please ring Jenny (secretary) on 01884 243071. In addition, we need more Friends to join us in supporting the Mill. For a small annual membership you receive free entrance to the Mill on any day it is open and 10% discount on any Mill goods purchased. Again please contact Jenny

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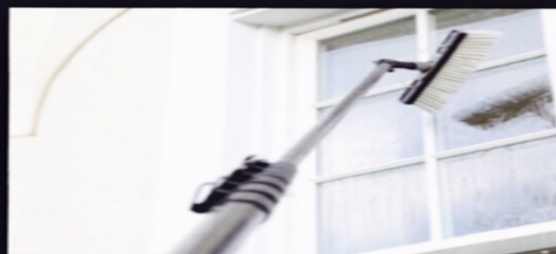
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