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## Parish Pump

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St Mary's • Hemyock All Saints • Culmstock St Andrew's • Clayhidon Culm Davy Chapel

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Big picnic at Wildside
Royal British Legion award
Cream tea and walk
Open day at Clayhidon lakes
Boost for Clayhidon hall
improvements



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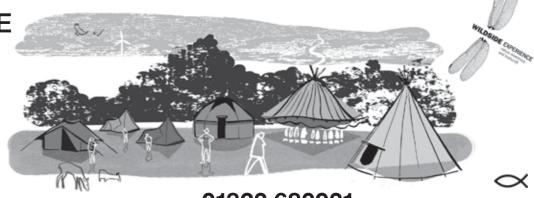
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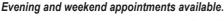
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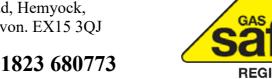


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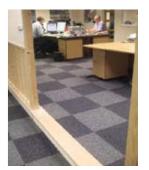
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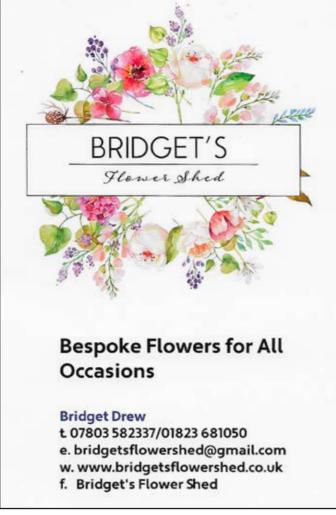




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The Blessed Virgin		Benefice Com	munion Service	
		(Conter	nporary)	
	To	mark St Mary's Patronal F	estival at St Mary's Hemyo	ock
Sunday 22 August		10.00am	10.00am	11.00am
Twelfth after Trinity		Communion service	Communion Service	Morning Worship
		(Contemporary)	(Contemporary)	(Contemporary)
Sunday 29 August	6.00pm	11.00am	10.00am	11.00am
Thirteenth after	Evening Prayer	Family Event /	Communion service	Morning Worship
Trinity	(Traditional 1662)	Morning Worship	(Contemporary)	(Contemporary)
		Followed by BBQ		

#### **SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER**

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 5 September Fourteenth after Trinity	9.00am Communion service (Traditional)		10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Family Service
Sunday 12 September Fifteenth after Trinity		2.30am Horse Riders' Service	10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evensong (Traditional 1662)	11.00am Communion service (Contemporary)
Sunday 19 September Sixteenth after Trinity	<b>6.00pm</b> Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	10.00am Communion service (Contemporary)	<b>11.00am</b> Morning Worship
Sunday 26 September Seventeenth after Trinity		<b>10.00am</b> Family Service with Baptism	10.00am Morning Worship (Contemporary)	11.00am Communion service (Contemporary)

**In Addition:** A service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Holy Communion; the remaining weeks it is a Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer.

Contemporary Holy Communion = Common Worship (2000) liturgy

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

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#### 10 Keys to happiness

I've recently completed a 'Mental Health First Aid' Course, designed to equip me and my fellow participants with tools needed to be more aware of mental health problems and more confident in offering help to people in distress. During the course I was introduced to the 10 keys to happiness, which can be remembered using the acronym:

G	Giving	D	Direction
R	Relating	R	Resilience
E	Exercising	E	Emotion
A	Appreciating	A	Accepting
T	Trying out	M	Meaning

As I considered this simple pattern for living, I reflected that almost all (perhaps not exercising!) were part of the Christian ethos – and not just that of Christianity but most faiths. Jesus spoke of being generous; of being interconnected with our fellow humans; of not rushing to judgment of each other; and of taking risks with our lives. Part of the risk is being prepared to sacrifice personal comfort in pursuit of the common good, sometimes referred to as The Way of the Cross, and this in turn provides direction for our lives. That process of self-denial can breed resilience. Christians accept that they often fail, but when they do they have a new chance to get it right. They are encouraged to forgive as they are forgiven, transmitting that acceptance to their fellows. And the Good News that Jesus proclaimed provides context and meaning for the place of humanity within the created order.

Much research has been undertaken into the effect of spirituality on mental wellbeing, and most of it seems to demonstrate a positive benefit. It is true that some forms of religious expression can reinforce a sense of guilt and inadequacy and, sadly, all too often the exponents of religious faith fail to live up to the standards their creeds espouse, so it is not altogether surprising that many people in our modern age are cynical about the benefit of spirituality, particularly in the context of organised religion. However, if you have become exhausted and emotionally drained, particularly as we begin to believe that we are emerging from the global Covid 19 crisis, you might consider exploring adding a new spiritual dimension to your life. Perhaps a 'great dream' will become for you an exciting reality.

#### We are here for you...

If you would like to speak to someone about how you are feeling, or if you need help, we are here

If you would value a personal conversation with the Rector or other members of the Ministry Team please call:

Rector: Rev'd Becky Totterdell 01823 681520

Rev John Stone: 01823 681459 Dr David Major: 01884 841253 Rev Ron White: 01823 681 020 Katharine Simpson: 01884 841984





Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

## St Mary's Hemyock

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- Royal British Legion award



#### **Sea Sunday Celebration**

r Ronnie King of Taunton was the guest speaker at the morning service held at St Mary's Parish Church Hemyock when Sea Sunday was celebrated.

Mr King was the Director of Marketing and Appeals for the Mission to Seafarers for 18 years until his retirement. In his talk Ronnie spoke of the loneliness seafarers, both men and women, often experience when away from families for long periods comparing it to the isolation many have experienced during lockdown.

Sea Sunday is a day of global celebration for the enduring and vital work of the Mission who around the world provides help and support to the 1.5 million people who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat and moving the goods we use every day. The Mission work in over 200 ports with a global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers caring for all seafarers regardless of rank, nationality, and beliefs with practical. spiritual and emotional support.

When the pandemic hit so many countries many seafarers found they needed to work beyond their contract, had to spend a second a Christmas away from home and sometimes not even having stepped on land.

A collection held for Mission to Seafarers raised £185.

During the service a floral bouquet was presented and prayers said by Rev John Stone for Bob and Gillian Hawkes who were celebrating their Ruby wedding anniversary.



#### St Mary's Church Hemyock Charity Shop Giveaway

n spite of covid lockdowns and various restrictions, the Charity Shop at Hemyock was still able to raise money and as usual have given away 25% of its takings in a presentation earlier this month.



Gifts were made to 2 organisations within Hemyock village who brought enjoyment to the folks in the village during covid restrictions. The organisations are the Lights Brigade who organise the yearly Christmas lights in the village and Hemyock Primary School PTFA who organised a Bear Hunt around the village to entertain young and old over the May half term.

At the presentation, thanks and chocolates were given to the staff at the Charity Shop to acknowledge their hard work. Thanks were also given to Roy and Brenda Calcraft and Martin and Marie Dear for their hard work on the Church Room Gardens and the Rose Garden in St Mary's Churchyard.

The Charity Shop is well worth a visit in the Church Rooms, Castle Hill, Hemyock. At present they are open 10-12noon each Tuesday and the first Saturday of each month. It is hoped to resume the coffee shop as well from August now covid restrictions have been lifted.

## COFFEE SHOP will be open with CHARITY SHOP In the CHURCH ROOM every Tuesday and first Saturday

every Tuesday and first Saturd from the beginning of AUGUST

COFFEE and biscuit £1.00

TEA and biscuit £1.00

Mug or cup and saucer



REFILL 50p HOME MADE CAKE £1.00



## St Mary's Charity & C Shop

Our second "c" is coming back!!

TUESDAYS

and first Saturdays

Church Rooms, Castle Hill

10.00 am to 12noon

from August 3<sup>rd</sup> for coffee!



#### CR2EE

nce again thanks to your generosity a huge amount of humanitarian aid has been delivered to the depot of the charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe at Exmouth.

Donations have included new and good quality children and adults clothing, bedding, a variety of knitted items, spectacles, medical aids, high chairs, pushchairs, toys and cots. By the time you read this a lorryload of aid should be on its way to Moldova.

The warehouse closes during August reopening during the first week of September. For years many local local people have filled boxes with Christmas gifts for both young and old and we have already taken a number to Exmouth. If you would like to be part of this wonderful idea and would like further details please do get in touch.

With warmest thanks for your support.

Janice and David

Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk. Phone 07773579809.

#### St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop Update

s we go to press the Charity Shop Crew are looking forward to putting the second "C" back in their publicity. Allowing for Prime Ministers changing minds, a shortage of lorry drivers or the River Culm overflowing again, we look forward to welcoming back our friends in the Friends Group to provide you all with tea, coffee, squash and other goodies.

And they are going to follow our lead in being here in the Church Rooms every Tuesday (and first Saturdays). At the Church's Annual meeting the Rector came up with a long list of things that were beneficial to the church family because of lockdown, and I think this adds to the list. Weekly opening had been asked for for some while, so we have been pleased to be able to meet this request.

And if you want to know what was on the Rector's list there are copies of the annual review in the Church Porch (or in the back of the church).

One thing which has gone on sort of normally has been the Charity Shop's donations to other charities in the village. Well normal if you don't mind it 5 months later than usual and only half our average amount. Recipients this year were the Lights Brigade who cheered us up again pre Christmas and the School's PTFA group who are aiming to improve the School's Library.

So thanks to all of you who have donated items, purchased items, made cash donations etc. It is much appreciated. As is all the work put in by our great team of volunteers, who do far, far more than just turn up on Tuesdays (and first Saturdays). Between you all we have been able to give many local groups some support.

As many people will know the inspiration for our Charity Shop came from one based in St Mary's in the isles of Scilly. Recently we have started finding more churches running Charity units, often within a row of shops, and opening 5 or 6 days a week. The nearest one we know is at Colyton where "The Lantern" reflects the top of their interesting church Tower. If you've come across any on your travels/holidays we'd love to know about them.

#### Volunteers sought to help with cleaning at St Mary's Hemyock

... would you like to join our volunteer group to help keep our lovely Church looking spick and span? We need a few more on our team! Duties are hoovering, dusting and general polishing. We always work 2



or 3 together. Joining our group would mean a commitment of 2-3hrs once every 2 months. We then undertake a more in-depth clean twice a year and the whole team gets together for this.

No problem if you don't come to the Church Services, it may be that you just have a love for this significant building which is in the centre of our community and would like to help maintain it in a practical way - you will be very welcome. Please contact Hazel Partridge on 01823 680069 or email <a href="mailto:hazelpartridge2@gmail.com">hazelpartridge2@gmail.com</a>. Thank you.





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[Visit 'Hemyock Primary School' website, click on PTFA and scroll down to '100 Club'.]

Facebook: www.facebook.co.uk/hemyockprimaryptfa



#### The Violet Chapman Trust

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COULD WE HELP YOU?

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#### **Hemyock History Group**

Te should really start this report with a note about the centenary of the Hemyock Calf Club which was formed in Hemyock in 1921 and was the forerunner of the well known and respected National Federation of Young Farmers.

Hemyock was already the location of a large Milk Factory owned by United Dairies and there was a national drive to improve the supply and distribution of milk for the benefit of our youngsters. During and after world war 1 there was a noticeable drop in the production of milk, affecting the health of our youngsters. United Dairies cast a net wide in attracting specialists to advise how this problem could be resolved and an employee came to Hemyock in 1920 with experience of a youth group in Canada which provided social and educational skills to youngsters in remote locations. There had developed in the early years of the 20th century, and earlier, close connections between Canada and the west country with many young men and families emigrating to Canada to benefit from the land the Government were offering to experienced farmers.

Many stayed and built up successful farms with the descendants to this day living and working in that area, mainly around Winnipeg. Many of the original emigrants also came back to Europe in 1914 to fight on the western front with the allies earning a daily wage, with a very much reduced percentage returning to Canada. The Canadian milk specialist was a driving force behind the formation of the Hemyock Calf Club, which became the National Young Farmers. There is a facebook page on the Young Farmers and the centenary this year at Hemyock Calf Club Centenary promoting the erection of a statue in Hemyock of a Calf. There are also images on Blackdownarchives. org.uk.

#### Report on a History Talk by Dr Julia Neville of Devon History Society on zoom to Hemyock History Group

Julia Neville opened her talk on 'Devon in the 1920s – A forgotten decade?' by explaining that the Devon in the 1920s project was a collaboration between Devon History Society, Devon Family History Society , the South West Heritage Trust and The Box, Plymouth.

The first phase of the project was to collect research on all aspects of Devon in the 1920s and particularly to collect family histories that illustrated what life was like. She quoted from histories about rural life, particularly descriptions of kitchens and cooking, and descriptions of social life, with church and chapel prominent.

Much of Devon's economy was still dependent on farming, particularly dairying and market gardening and there was a strong emphasis on improvements to dairying and the milk supply to help tackle non-pulmonary tb. This included the Calf Club initiative in Hemyock, forerunner of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Improvements to public transport such as motor bus services made it easier to go into town from the villages to shop or for entertainment, something which the older generation did not always approve of. In the towns, suburban development was beginning, but there were many old properties where fire was a constant hazard. Towns began to organize professional fire services.

Children benefited from some of the developments of the 1920s, like new clubs and groups, but village schools often remained much as they had been before the war, and even though scholarships were available to secondary education not all those who were awarded them could afford to take them up as they did not cover expenses such as travel.

Some people had more leisure time than they had had before the war and were able to enjoy outings such as a charabanc trip to the seaside. This, and the growing number of tourists, helped other people earn their living by working in hotels and guesthouses or on attractions such as the paddle steamers.

Finally, life was changing in response to new sorts of technology: motor cars and bikes became more affordable, the cinema offered sound and colour, and the thrill of hearing your name read out over the wireless was a memory that stayed with one young boy for more than seventy years.

If you have any family memories you would like to contribute to the project or are interested in taking part in the research in other ways, please do get in touch with Julia at j.f.neville@btinternet.com.

We are starting our series of Live History Talks in the Church rooms this Autumn as follows and if you have any suggestions about topics or speakers please contact us below.

- September 16th talk by Pauline Rossell
- October 21st talk by Mark Farrell
- November 18th talk by Piers Langdon
- December 16th talk by John Ward

Mike Cooper, Hemyock History Group blackdownarchives@btinternet.com

## LIVING THROUGH LOCKDOWN and THOUGHT FOR THE WEAK

Some of you will remember Rev Preben Andersen who preached at St Mary's Harvest Festival a few years ago. Preben has recently retired from ministry and has achieved his lifelong ambition to have his writings published. Preben has recently had two books published through Onwards and Upwards.

Living Through Lockdown is a collection of poetry written during the first lockdown.

**Thought for the Weak** is a book containing some of the 'thoughts' that Preben wrote for his regular column in the local Free Press when he lived in South Wales.

Both publications are available from all good book shops and from Amazon (where you can see a preview on their website) or if you would like to order a copy signed by the author please contact me on 01823 680436 or email p.m.fuller@btinternet.com for further details.

Patricia Fuller

#### **Bear Hunt Summary 2021**

his year saw the return of the Hemyock village Bear Hunt, a community wide event which raises money for the school PTFA. The event was a great success, encouraging participants of all age groups from across the village.

There were 35 Bear displays dotted all around the village and some very creative display names were entered this year. The winners were "Hot Bear Balloon", "Teddy-Bear wedding", "Bearly There" and "Squeegee Clean Bear" and highly commended was awarded to "Bad Bear Cut", "Greta ThunBearg" "Hi-Bear-Nation" and "Bear Grylls".

Many local businesses donated prizes for the display winners as well as the participants and many of the local community were out and about over the half term looking for the displays. Special thanks goes to the Bear Trail in Cullompton, For Bake Sake Bakery, The Busy Bee in Tiverton, Wildwood Escot, River Dart Country Park, Seaton Jurassic, Seaton Tramway, Forestry Therapy and Tesco who all donated prizes for this event.

Nearly £300 was raised which will go towards buying some books for the school library. The PTFA received some fantastic feedback and we hope to run the event again next year, keep your eyes open for more details.























he Blackdown Community Shed, in Hemyock, is now officially open for business following our Grand Open Weekend at the beginning of July. Despite the rain, we had lots of visitors keen to find out what we're all about and enjoy the BBQ.

Intended to help alleviate loneliness and isolation and to improve mental health, 'Sheds' are a safe and welcoming place where men and women can meet to chat and if they wish, use the facilities to make, repair or upcycle items.

The Blackdown Community Shed has been in development throughout the pandemic lockdown and after considerable effort by a team of volunteers, a storage room in the Garages has been extensively renovated and is now ready to open and accept members.

The establishment of the Shed has been made possible by grant funding and generous donations of materials and finance from a wide variety of sources ranging from private individuals to large corporations, to whom we are extremely grateful.

The Shed will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there will be a morning session from 10am-1pm and an afternoon session from 1pm-4pm. For further information email blackdowncommunityshed@bhlac.org.uk or just pop along for a chat.

#### **Peter Doble**

We are sad to announce the sudden and unexpected death of Peter Doble, husband of Marinette and brother to Jenny, Jill and Stephen. He had lived in Switzerland since 1969 but regularly returned to Hemyock, keeping in touch with many friends and family members. He was much loved and will be greatly missed.

Stephen Doble

#### Blackdown Support Group Update

#### New Wellbeing Co-ordinator

We are really pleased to welcome a new member of the office team at Blackdown Support Group, Lynne Clarke joins us as a dedicated Wellbeing Co-ordinator. Lynne will be working with patients from across the Blackdowns area and will provide a one-to-one Social Prescribing service, supporting people to access social opportunities, activities and services in their local communities, which we hope in turn will help to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

Lynne brings with her a wealth of experience and training in advocacy and support work roles. We anticipate that she will be getting "out and about" a lot in order to get to know the area and find out about all the amazing social groups and activities that go on in our communities in normal times! Access to the Wellbeing Co-ordinator service will be via referral by your GP, we will not be accepting self-referrals from the general public at this stage but please feel free to contact the BSG office directly to make enquiries, and we can then advise further.

The BSG team will continue to run our other volunteer-led services which support isolated members of our communities i.e. community transport, volunteer visiting, social clubs, bereavement and carer support, form filling, footcare, wheelchair loan and advice/guidance on other services.

#### **BSG Lunches**

We will be re-starting our regular monthly lunch clubs from August, at Hemyock Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of every month and Rosemary Lane Chapel on the second Wednesday. The lunches are low cost and freshly made by volunteers, transport can be arranged if required and it will be a welcome opportunity for us to enjoy each other's company face to face once again. Please contact the office if you would like to book a place.

#### **AGM**

Our AGM took place at Culmstock Village Hall on the 20th July 2021, our first in person event for some considerable time. If you would like to review the minutes of the meeting or our annual accounts, they will be available on our website or from the office.

#### **30 Years Celebrations**

The BSG was 30 years old on the 2nd April 2021 and we hope to be able to celebrate our 30-year anniversary with a tea party for our Volunteers, Friends and Lunch Club guests at Hemyock Parish Hall on the 17th September 2021 2-5pm. There will be local entertainment as well as our usual homemade scones and cakes.

If you would like to register your interest in any of the services mentioned above, either as a volunteer or as a client, please contact us for a confidential chat on 01823 681 036 – Our phoneline is available 9-11am Monday to Friday. Please leave an answerphone message if you are unable to reach us and we will call you back as soon as possible.

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#### Royal British Legion Award

During their Centenary year a number of awards have been presented to mark outstanding contributions to the RBL.

David Bawler the Hon. Poppy Appeal Organiser for Hemyock and more recently Clayhidon is one of the recipients. His citation reads –

David has been the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Hemyock for more than 20 years and his team usually collects door to door in this spread-out farming community. In 2020 to overcome Covid19 restrictions he set up an RBL publicity and collection stand outside of the village Post Office increasing the visibility of the charity. He also arranges for the War memorial to be decorated with a large poppy display as well as organising the Remembrance Service.

David said he was very surprised, delighted and humbled to receive the award. He would like to thank all those who over the years have been willing to collect and donate to the RBL allowing it to carry out the important work it does within the Armed Forces Community.

The number of collectors in the areas has dropped so he would welcome hearing from anyone who would be interested in supporting the charity. He can be contacted on bawler1952@hotmail.com or 07773579809.



#### Hemyock Gardeners' Association

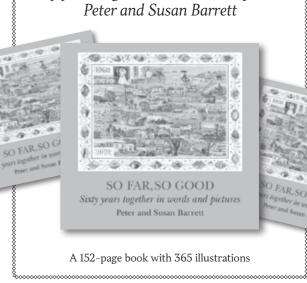
emyock Gardeners' Association usually meet on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May. For the last couple of years it has been impossible to have such meetings. With the recent announcement by the PM, it would seem we're a step closer to gathering together once again.

Although there are no firm plans, the Committee are planning to hold an Autumn Show on Saturday 11 September in the Parish Hall. It is hoped to produce a show schedule for members but there will be a much reduced number of classes. Regrettably there will be no lunches or afternoon refreshments. That being said the Hall will no doubt be full of flowers and produce grown by members!

News and information can be found on our website. Type Hemyock Gardeners into your search engine or check out our Facebook page.

Susan Scantlebury, Secretary, Hemyock Gardeners Association: 01823 681393.

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#### **Around Hemyock**

A s I begin to write this there are splashes of red and white around the village from flags and bunting to the War Memorial flowers as England find themselves in the final of the UEFA football final.

It is good to hear that Hemyock football club are again seeing success as their numbers increase with both youngsters and older members enjoying the sport as it seems to be the same with our other sports clubs.

The Bear Hunt organised by the Parents, Teachers, Friends Association at the school proved to be, once again, an enormous success with many people taking part. Teddy bears dressed in a huge range of costumes and in many different situations – from a wedding party to climbing walls - were on display around the parish. Many thanks to all those who took part and to the winners. (see report elsewhere in Pump)

The NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day seemed to have received little press coverage before the event meaning few were aware of it happening. Taking place on July 5th to remember the founding of our NHS a service was held at St Pauls Cathedral with a 2minute silence at 11am. In some parts of the country street and garden parties were held whilst here at 8pm our church bells were rung as part of the national event.

Throughout the recent difficult times there will have been many who have been unable to share in family and friends celebrations. Babies have been born, weddings may (or may not) have taken place, with birthdays and anniversaries having been quietly spent, whilst funerals have been greatly limited in number.

Two couples who will have had a special day are **Bob** and Gillian Hawkes who celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary and Chris and Barbara Offord celebrating 50 years of marriage and we send them, and any others couples who have recently had a special celebration, warmest congratulations.

As the number of dwellings continue to grow here there are many who are concerned about the effect it will have on village life and this has brought a number of comments onto the social media Hemyock page. Concerns have also been expressed about some traffic speeding through the village with fear that an accident could happen as recently almost happened. Many will remember all the folk who walked through the village some years ago to emphasize the need for traffic calming which led to the speed humps in Station Rd and the lower speeds which unfortunately some are now ignoring.

As ever the warmest welcome to all those who have moved here recently and a fond farewell to those moving to pastures new including Mary Hyland who is now in Honiton and hopes folk she knows will remain in touch with her whilst Malcolm is now living nearer his son.

We send all good wishes to those who are unwell or recovering from illness. Sadly three messages have been received from those who have recently lost a loved one. To these and any others known to us as send our condolences, prayers and love.

**Lt. Col Iain Maclean** died on 17th June aged 94 years of age. Iain and his wife Hazel kept a home in Hemyock at Mountlands for many years during Iain's illustrious military career.

Iain joined the army towards the end of the war and served with the Royal Corp Signals in various military operations throughout the world. This included The Gold Coast during its transition to independence to Ghana.

After the war Iain completed his Master's Degree at St. Andrews University in Scotland whilst remaining as a career officer in the British army.

His service career took him all over the world. He served some time at Burma, Aden, British Army on the Rhine, Germany, Cyprus, Italy and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium. He retired from the army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel but remained active with army recruitment and the Army Air Corps. Throughout his active life Iain represented the army in tennis, squash and badminton tournaments.

Iain had a military funeral attended by a Royal British Legion bugler.

In recent years the couple lived at Wellington but regularly returned to attend services at Culm Davy Chapel. Iain was the Chapels Churchwarden for several years and then became treasurer. When he was younger he was on the grass cutting rota and he and Hazel took their turn on the cleaning rota whilst Hazel made beautiful floral arrangements for the altar window. Iain will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

#### **Edith Mary Butler**

Edith Clist was born in Wellington 24th March 1940 the fifth of 8 children, 5 brothers and 2 sisters. When the sixth child was born, Edith then being the youngest went to Oxenpark to live with her grandparents and Uncle Ben and also being cared for by Mabel.

Edith attended Hemyock Primary School and aged 11 went to Tiverton Grammar School in September 1951. Living at Oxenpark always gave her a great love of nature which continued throughout her life. Edith always did well at school doing her homework either with an Aladdin oil lamp or Tilley lamp. This was before electricity came to Oxenpark.

In 1955 Edith and Tony became close friends and happily grew closer while Tony did his National Service in the RAF 1957-1959 and Edith attended the Methodist Southlands College at Wimbledon 1958 -1960.

The couple married in December 1960 at Hemyock Methodist Church. Susan was born in March 1960, Graham in July 1963 and Sarah in November 1966. Living in Plymouth they attended Tamerton Foliot Methodist Church and did a church/house exchange with a Methodist family in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1981. The exchange brought many friendships which continue to this day. The exchange gave them the opportunity to visit Virginia, Washington DC, Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and many visits to Hawaii.

The couple retired from teaching in 1995 and moved back to Oxenpark where their teenage years started, where Edith grew up and they did their courting. It was here that Edith developed an interest in water colour painting which she always enjoyed. Edith and Tony celebrated their Diamond Wedding in December 2020.

The couple moved to Higher Mead in 2008 where they have some wonderful neighbours but sadly Edith died on 23rd June 2021.

#### **Eileen Joan Mary Perrott**

Eileen was born at Molland in June 1929 one of six children and at the age of 10 the family moved to Higher Westown later moving to Lower Westown. After leaving Hemyock Primary School she worked as a cleaner for the Headmaster and his wife and during this time saved enough money to buy herself an initialled gold signet ring which she wore all her life. Eileen appreciated good quality items and liked things to last.

At the end of WW2 she and her sister Millicent went to stay with relatives at Plymouth enjoying taking part in the celebrations on the Hoe.

Eileen later worked at the Hemyock Egg Packing Station opposite the parish church and whilst there was asked to travel to London to view a more modern egg packing station. She also worked at the milk factory and afterwards as a cleaner to a local family.

Although Eileen and her future husband Fred had attended school together it was only when her family moved to Eastlands they became better acquainted when he visited his mother. In 1980 they married and moved to 3 Churchills. Eileen's mother lived with them until she passed away and every Saturday Eileen took flowers to her parent's grave at the cemetery.

Although they had no children of their own Eileen quickly became a loving stepmother/grandmother/great gran to Fred's children. She greatly enjoyed socialising, seeing family and going out for meals.

In 1995 the couple moved to Prowses where the couple enjoyed gardening. Eileen was very hardworking and would spend hours hand washing despite having a washing machine. She was also a very good cake maker and had an amazing appetite which surprised everyone as she was small in stature.

Both Eileen and Fred loved caravanning in Cornwall and Porlock where she and Freds sister would enjoy fun on such things as a helter skelter.

Eileen had tremendous inner strength and was very strong willed but she was also a very gentle person firmly believing if everyone did the right thing the world would be a better place. She coped very well for so long with her health problems never complaining. She and Fred were a great team 'true love birds'.

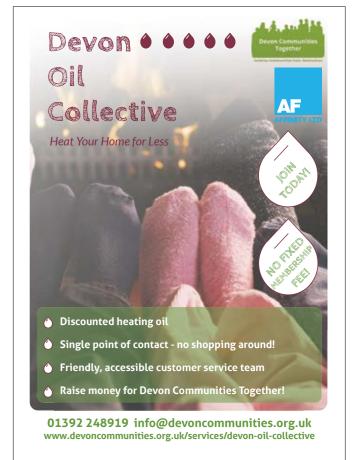
After a life of meticulous hard work and determination with devotion to her family Freds "I" is now at peace. Fred would like to thank their wonderful neighbours who have been so supportive and reliable with everything being done with a good sense of fun.

As we move through the summer we look forward to many of our traditional events being able to resume... whether we choose to wear a mask to them or not!

I began this by mentioning our national football team and end it on the day after the final. Not the result the country would have wanted but the competition overall has brought so much joy to the country after all the sadness and worry the pandemic so our thanks go to the entire team.

Please keep us up to date with any items you would like mentioned here by contacting jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk.

**Postscript**: Just after this report was sent to the editor the village became aware that the Catherine Wheel had closed and a group of children from the primary school had been sent home due to Covid19 concerns. We hope no one is badly affected and pray for good health for all concerned.



#### Hemyock Bowling Club Wanted: New members Your club needs you!

irst of all, congratulations to everyone who has so far come through the pandemic unscathed in all respects, and commiserations and sympathies to all who have suffered in any way, directly or indirectly.

The last two seasons have been difficult for our club, to say the least, but probably no more so than for everyone else. Financially, thanks to government grants, the club remains solvent, but our activities have naturally been severely curtailed. Last year, we were unable to play any matches at all, but when permitted, ran an internal singles mini-league competition which proved very popular. In due course, we were even able to open the bar for outdoor consumption.

This year, we have repeated the mini-league, and have now been able to re-commence playing some matches. This has proved difficult at times, because although we have been fortunate in having lost no members directly to Covid 19, there continue to be knock on effects, with some members continuing to need to shield, others having varying levels of confidence, and therefore willingness to play matches against other clubs, or to travel to away matches, and yet more members having medical treatment for non-Covid related conditions, delayed by the pandemic. Thus, availability of players is reduced. We were unable to hold our customary open day in April, to recruit new members, bur despite that have been fortunate to gain a few new players. The club remains very keen to encourage anyone interested to come and play. In many respects, bowling is the ideal pastime in these troubled times. It is local, open air, suitable for all the family of all ages, a level playing field for both men and women, and can be played either for fun or competition. Membership is free for the first year to new bowlers, and free coaching is available. Anyone interested can come initially on a Friday evening, and will be made most welcome. All you need are flat shoes.

Otherwise, the bar has been refurbished and is just awaiting much delayed new fridges, and the green remains one of the very best in the area.

#### Come and join us.



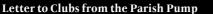
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To find out more information about Hemyock Scout Group visit their website <a href="https://example.com/hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk">hemyock.scoutsites.org.uk</a>



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

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

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

Sue Lambert, tel. 01823 680664, sueliz.lambert30@gmail.com.

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

Note from the Editor: If you have an event you want listed in the "What's On" calendar section of the magazine, please also notify Sue using the details above. Don't assume it will be done automatically if you submit an advert, copy or poster to me.





#### UFFCULME SHOW & COUNTRY FAYRE

Bridwell Park, Uffculme, EX15 3BU Sunday 5th September 2021 – gates open at 10 am

Plans for the 2021 Uffculme Show & Country Fayre promise a bigger and better family event than ever with a packed programme of live music, entertainment and displays including:

#### In the Ring

S.W.Formation Riders, North Devon Falconry, Tano Taiko Japanese Drummers, Honiton Gymnastics Club

#### On Stage

Men Behaving Tradly, Cross Border, Windslide, Hazy Dayse, Bottle Top Boogie Band and the 11th Hour Band. Mid Devon Singers, Voiceworx, Singsational, Alex Hart, The Bchir Sisters and singers from Uffculme School.

#### **Around the Showground**

100 or so Classic Cars, Exmouth Miniature Railway, Kyrton Archers, Punch & Judy, Higher Beings with Drekley Dragon and Rainbow Gecko.

Plus An extensive Craft Area and an array of stalls and Food outlets, Dog Show and much more!

Exe Valley Rotary are very excited to be able to have the Uffculme Show & Country Fayre this year and will, as always, be working hard to give the local community a fantastic family day out.

We are grateful to Bridwell Park team for their enthusiasm and support of this year's event and look forward to welcoming all our regulars, plus many more, to our new location at Bridwell Park. All proceeds go to local and other Rotary charities.

Mark your diaries now, and come and join us for fun and a celebration of country life!

Tickets on the gate - £10 per head – one child under 16 free with each paying adult. Unaccompanied children £5 per head.

Traders, crafters and classic cars interested in attending should contact:

Traders and Crafters - Ken Mills - kenmills222@gmail.co
Classic Cars - John Phillips - patsyphili@aol.com

Press and other enquiries - evrcpresident@icloud.com



#### 1st Hemyock Scout Group

ello. It looks like we may be on our way out of this pandemic, but obviously very slowly. I was hoping to be able to tell you that our famous annual sale would be going

ahead in October. But alas it is not. At the July Executive meeting it was decided that due to the uncertainty of the current third wave of Covidhow long, how bad, it would be better for everyone to cancel this year's sale and look forward to Oct 2022.

However fear not, all is not lost, we will be organising an event of some sort on the first weekend in October. We cant tell you what yet, as we are still planning. But be assured it will involve the Village and will be taking place around the Parish Hall and Rec. Watch out for signage around the Village and we look forward to seeing you there.

In the last report I told you that Andy Batten was giving up as SL and GSL. I am pleased to say that we have not lost him completely and he will be around to help out in the background for many years to come. So he will be relieved that I will not be giving you a full seven page history of his scouting exploits! Just to say that back in the late eighties and early nineties when Rikki was an active leader Andy was a parent helper and then he agreed to become a leader with us. As they say, the rest is history. I will just say that his aim in scouting was for our young people to have fun and that the Danish connection was of major importance. Rikki agrees.

Moving on. All sections of the group are meeting face to face and are meeting the challenges of being Covid safe. I have some reports from our leaders. GSL Rob: His first observation. Our first term face to face and its starting to feel like normal, though a new normal. He also wants members of the Exec to visit group sections to see them in action. (Rikki will be there too). We have parents willing to help, excellent news. Danish plans are under way for next year. Rikki will be meeting with Rob shortly to review our bit in the Pump. Hopefully include some photos of what we get up to. Hope he is a good photographer!

Section reports. Beavers Currently 17 members. Amie has awarded the first ever Scout chief bronze award in Hemyock Beavers. Six are moving on to Cubs in their scout journey. They visited the Caddihoe Fun Day on 3rd July and you can guess-- they had a fantastic fun day out. I am pleased to say that Leader Amie is expecting a baby in the near future. Well done, another young person for the scouting journey!

Next Cubs. 30 members. Have awarded three Chief Scout Silver awards, with more to come. Outdoor summer programme with a Challenge Day at Caddihoe. The journey continues with ten cubs moving on to scouts in the Autumn. Thankyou Akela Julie.

Tristram with Scouts. A variety of activities with high attendance. The Patrol system is working well with Patrol leaders and assistant Patrol leaders. Activities included fires and cooking, lots of games, shelter building and much more. Two successful days - Jamboree On the Trail and Camp in a Day at Caddihoe. Lots of badgework which is leading many scouts towards their Chief Scout Gold award. Tristram thanks leaders from all sections and parents for helping our when needed. A dad – Joss Langford has volunteered to be a Sectional Assistant and is completing his initial training. (Well done Joss and thankyou).

Explorers with Matt. Successful summer term with pioneering badges being awarded. Great Dartmoor walk with seven members. Started off wet and finished in sun. (That's Dartmoor weather as we know from decades of visits year round to the Moor) They are finishing the summer term with Silly Olympics which or course means getting very wet. (Reminds Rikki of Ye Madde Games of a few years ago).

The Network section continues to meet on zoom and are looking forward to some camps over the summer. (Harder for this section to meet regularly in person as it covers the whole Tiverton District, but I know they will persevere -Rikki).

In spite of Covid, I think that you will agree that our Hemyock Scout Group continues to be active and successful. Rikki is proud of all members and again says thanks to all leaders and parents because without you it would not happen. Well done.

Although I started with telling you that there is no Annual Sale this year, I will finish with a date for you that will definitely be on. Friday 3rd December. Bingo in the Parish Hall. Will remind you in the next Pump.

And so to finally. I found in an old book some African proverbs which I am sure that our Founder Robert Baden Powell would have come upon in his travels through Africa. Here are a couple of them. Do a good deed and throw it in the sea. A friend is one who knows everything about you and still wants to be your friend. The road to success is always under construction. Thoughts for the day for you! I have more for next time.

Old Rikki

#### 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. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course. More details and an Application Form can be obtained from the Secretary.

Rev Ron White, 10 Hollingarth Way, Hemyock, EX15 3XB Phone 681020 email <a href="mailto:revron@btinternet.com">revron@btinternet.com</a>

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#### What's On August / September 2021

All Events are subject to cancellation or postponement depending on government restrictions.

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AUG		SEPT	
04	BSG Lunch Club, 12.30–2.00, Parish Council	04	Mobile Library
5 & 6	HONITON SHOW, Gittisham, Honiton	05	UFFCULME SHOW & Country Fayre
07	Mobile Library	06	Local Schools Term begins
10	Tuesday Group, Parish Hall, 7 pm	07	Baby & Toddler Group, 1 − 2.30,
11	BSG Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12-2.00		check time with leader
	Empty Spaces, 2.30 - 4pm	08	BSG, Rosemary Lane Lunch Club, 12-2.00
13	Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00		Empty Spaces, 2.30 – 4.00
14	Community Coffee Morning, Parish Hall, 10 - 12	10	Empty Spaces, 10.30 – 12.00
14	Cullompton Farmers' Market	11	Hemyock Gardeners' AUTUMN SHOW
19	Mobile Library		Cullompton Farmers' Market
27	Tiverton Farmers' Market	12	Heritage Sunday, Exhibition, teas at St Mary's
28	Repair Café, Hemyock Parish Hall	14	Parish Pump DEADLINE
28	Cullompton Farmers' Market	14	Tuesday Group, Parish Hall, 7 pm
30	BANK HOLIDAY	16	Mobile Library, Devon Dance Fit, 7 pm
		17	BSG 30th Anniversary Cream Tea,
			Hemyock P. Hall
		18	HEMYOCK MARKET - 40th Anniversary!
		24	Tiverton Farmers' Market
		25	Repair Café, Hemyock Parish Hall

CEDT

Cameo and Brightside should start again this month.

Cullompton Farmers' Market

#### **Forthcoming Events**

Hemyock Market OCT 16 Half Term (local schools) 25 - 29 Hemyock Market NOV DEC 20'21 – 03, JAN, '22 Local Schools' Christmas Holiday

If you wish to give people an early notice of your events by getting it in the "Forthcoming Events, please notify Sue Lambert, 680664 or at her email address - sueliz.lambert30@ gmail.com by the "Parish Pump" deadline date. (This may stop too many clashes of dates!)

**Parish Pump Deadline** 

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#### LONGMEAD ENVIRONMNETAL ACTION **PROJECT - SUMMER 2021**

**T**hat an unusual time we are having! Apart from the dreaded Covid, we've had an unseasonally dry April, the coldest May and now dangerously high temperatures in July. As all gardeners will know, this has been a tricky Spring for getting plants established.

However, there are vegetables and herbs in the raised beds, ready for foraging - help yourself to courgettes, tomatoes and Swiss chard as they mature ready for eating. Also, there are strawberries and rhubarb and blackcurrants ripening. This dry weather has advanced most of nature, and as my mother used to say, "This will bring on the Autumn early!" When the marigolds have seed ripened on the flower heads, feel free to take them too. Just pop them into an area of your garden that has a bare patch of soil and delight in their colour when they come up next Summer.

A few stalwart volunteers took part in an early Himalayan balsam pull, but this attractive but invasive plant has a good hold in the damp areas and along the stream, and it will take many years of removal to eradicate it altogether. The Connecting the Culm Himalayan balsam team have it in their master plan of eradication so we will gain control of it eventually.

If you have ventured to walk around the Longmead environmental area, you will be surprised to see just how nature has taken over. The grass is almost as high as an elephant's eye, but it is long for a purpose. There are nesting slow worms on the site and the eco report that we had as part of the AONB's Sustainable Development Grant expenditure, recommended that the grass be left to grow and wildflowers (such as they are) and grasses be allowed to seed to increase the insect life and the biodiversity of the area.

The grass will be scythed in August – we have booked a local scything expert to supply the scythes and teach us how to cut the grass in this time-honoured way. So, if you are around on Saturday 21st August from 10am come and see how the expert

Hopefully, by the Autumn, the area will have a new more accessible path running around Longmead and the environmental area – suitable for buggies and mobility scooters- and a new bridge at the Northern end to pass into the area behind the football pitches which replaces the old wooden one which was rotten at the base. In the interim though, there will be some disruption.

Look out for the information sign that will be sited near the raised beds which illustrates and provides information on the flora and fauna which you may see. It is surprising what is there, if you only have a few minutes to sit quietly on one of the benches and look and listen.

As usual, if you are at all interested in being part of the group that volunteers at Longmead, don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd love to see you!

Trish Slater Mob: 07443334102

#### **Opening Times**



Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

#### **Hemyock Surgery**

08:30 - 18:00 - Please note the dispensary is closed between 13:00-14:00 Mon – Fri

Sat 08:00 - 11:00

#### **Churchinford Surgery**

Mon, Tue & Thu 08:30 - 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:00

Wed & Fri 08:30 – 12:30 – closed in the afternoon on these days

Weekends Closed

#### **Dunkeswell Surgery**

Mon & Wed 08:30 - 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:00

Tue, Thu & Fri 08:30 - 12:30 - closed in the afternoon on these days

Weekends Closed

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

#### **Dear Residents**

because of all the inductions for new members For me I am on the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Scrutiny (CIRS), the Devon & Somerset Fire Service, being the main committees, the smaller ones being the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC), the canal advisory, the Westleigh Quarry advisory and the Broadpath Advisory.

Not sure if there are any problems within Clayhidon/ Hemyock/Culmstock areas that concerns County, of course, there may, please let me know if something arises. I do note that there is a speed problem with some, this will always happen, with your speed watch, hopefully this will have an effect. I have been involved with bringing better broadband in the Hemyock area, this is coming about this year, Gigaclear will be having a public presentations very soon at Hemyock, please keep a watch out for that.

Other things happening at County; A programme of bids totalling more than £12.2 million has been submitted by Devon County Council to a new government funding scheme which aims to support communities and businesses to recover after the coronavirus pandemic. Devon's bid is made up 16 projects from across the county which have the potential to generate around 620 jobs, support the creation of 400 new businesses, and help 3,000 people to retrain.

The Department for Education recently published school admissions data stating that Devon is a high performing local authority in meeting parental preference for school places.

#### **Devon primary schools**

Devon is ranked sixth out of 150 local authorities in the country (and first in the 14 local authorities in the south west) for meeting parental preference requests for primary school places.

- 97.6% first preference rate for Devon primary schools, up from 94.7% last year, significantly better than national (91.8%) and regional (93.8%)
- 99.6% top three preference rate for Devon primary schools, up from 98.2% last year, better than national (98.0%) and regional (98.7%)

#### **Devon secondary schools**

Devon is ranked 28th out of 150 local authorities in the country (and sixth in the 14 local authorities in the south west) for meeting parental preference requests for secondary school places.

- 91.2% first preference rate for Devon secondary schools, down slightly from 92.3% in the previous year, significantly better than national (81.1%) and regional (86.5%)
- 97.5% top three preference rate for Devon secondary schools, similar to 97.4% last year, better than national (93.4%) and regional (95.9%).

This year sees us celebrating 10 years of the Snow Wardens Scheme; a scheme that without committed volunteers, would fail to complement our winter service. Without their support over the winter period there could be a significant impact on the network; effecting local communities, vulnerable people and the economy. In February members were informed Devon County Council and NHS Devon CCG had agreed with North Devon Health Care Trust not to renew the Living Well at Home service contract at the end of its natural term. The service delivered by NDHT known as Devon Cares has been arranging care on behalf of DCC and CCG to people in those areas but does not directly deliver the care itself. This decision means that Devon County Council will take back the day to day direct management of those care arrangements, working in close partnership with the same local care providers. People who are currently receiving domiciliary care arranged by Devon Cares on our behalf will continue to receive their service from the same care provider, with the same care arrangements.

We are working closely with Devon Cares and local care providers, and with individual clients and their families, to ensure that the transition is made without disruption to people's service. This change in arrangement has commenced from the 21st June 2021.

In 2021/22 our principal term contractor, has changed from Skanska to Milestone Infrastructure Ltd (MI) a subsidiary company of M Group Services. The novation of the term contract over to MI was completed in April and the expectation is there will be no noticeable change in the delivery of the services formerly provided by Skanska.

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

#### Blackdown Hills Repair Café

he Blackdown Hills Repair Café Repair Service, that
Stephan has managed to offer (in conjunction with all his
voluntary repairers) from his home in Blagdon Hill and
continues to do so, has to date since the 8th of March 2012 repaired
over 300 items.

Following on from this great success, we are now also offering you all to attend our next Blackdown Hills Repair Café at the Parish Hall in Hemyock on the 25th of September 2021 from 10am until 12.30pm, where you are able to bring all your items for repair, and enjoy a range of delicious refreshments which will be on sale from our tea room.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Stephan, Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café Please do not hesitate to contact me on; 07715460783 Or at: sfelehner@aol.com.

#### **Hemyock Parish Council**

#### **Business Update, August 2021**

The parish council held its first face to face meeting in July. A brief summary of the business conducted at the meeting is as follows:-

#### **Planning**

Applications received for:-

- 21/00978//HOUSE. 11 Station Road, Hemyock.
   Conversion of loft to living accommodation with dormer window.
- 21/01203/HOUSE. 18 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension.
- 21/01270/HOUSE. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock. Erection of garage/workshop/store.
- 21/01282/HOUSE. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock. Erection of a 2-storey extension following demolition of existing extension.

#### Permission granted noted for:-

- 21/00315/FULL. Luggs Barn, Culm Davy. Removal of condition 1 of planning permission change of use from holiday let.
- 21/00722/HOUSE. 20 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of replacement porch, alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access, replacement of fence by increasing height of wall.
- 21/00430/HOUSE. 13 Redwood Close, Hemyock. Erection of a single-storey side extension.
- 21/00779/HOUSE. 8 Tedders Close, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.
- 21/00564/HOUSE. Meadowcroft, Station Road. Raising roof to create first floor to bungalow and erection of single-storey extension to rear.
- 21/00759/PNAH. Conigar Farm, Hemyock. Prior notification of agricultural building.

#### Application refused noted for:-

• 20/01537/HOUSE. 19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Retention of timber outbuilding to be used ancillary to house, retention of decking and proposed water supply and drainage.

#### **Finance**

Income - included interest, cemetery, and footpaths grant. Expenditure - included clerk's pay and expenses, grass cutting, village maintenance, toilet cleaning and consumables, electricity, rates, subscriptions, asset maintenance, audit fee, defibrillators, and air ambulance lights.

#### Longmead

A new bridge has been ordered and we thank the public for continuing to walk around the edge of the football pitches until it is fitted. Anti-Social Behaviour - several incidents of vandalism/antisocial behaviour have been reported to the pc. The police have asked that parishioners report any such incidents as they happen by ringing 101.

A new concrete trim trail surface will be installed this month making the area more easily accessible.

#### Skatepark

The parish council has agreed in principle to a skatepark being installed in the area adjacent to the MUGA and pavilion. The pc has asked the immediate neighbours and tennis club for their comments. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this project please see Facebook page Hemyock\_skatepark or email hemyockskatepark@gmail.com.

#### Community Land

As part of the development adjacent to the cemetery, the parish council will be offered just over 7 acres of community land. The parish council has formed a working group to look at how this land might be used. It will update the parish via the Pump, website and social media.

#### Hedges

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

#### **Highways**

Devon County Council's telephone number for members of the public to report any lights that are not working, 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.

Or report the problem online at www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

#### Police

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

#### Finally

If you would like to get involved or wish to know what is happening around the parish then please come along to one of the council meetings, normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. (the next meeting is Wednesday 4th August at 7.30pm) Minutes and agenda are displayed on the web at www.hemyock.org/parishcouncil.

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



The MiDS are enjoying singing again: come and join us!

The Mid Devon Singers restarted singing in June and sang through July in the courtyard at Swallow Court, Jersey Farm, near Junction 27. We resume singing at Halberton Village Hall on Friday 23 July, at 7.30pm (not in August). We meet again there on Friday 3 September and have a BBQ the next day!

It was great pleasure to enjoy singing again for everyone, and to welcome many new members to sing some of the songs we are preparing to perform at the Uffculme Show on Sunday 5 September: I Feel the Earth Move and Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow (by Carole King), Here Comes the Sun (George Harrison) and (The Sun'll Come Out), Tomorrow (from Annie), Castle on a Cloud (from Les Miserables), Whistle Down the Wind and appropriately, Thank You for The Music (Abba).

The MiDS is a social and musical group. There are no auditions in our inclusive, all age, mixed choir that includes first-timers and experienced singers; children and families are welcome. We don't sing one type of music; we normally sing a little of everything across all styles from past to present. We're friendly, not cliquey and just enjoy singing together.

Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome; please contact us through <a href="mailto:singers@halberton.org">singers@halberton.org</a> or contact Bernard Johns on 01884 252910 or 07855 583356 or myself.

August 2021

Terry Payne
Chairman
01884 82081
07973 890947
singers@halberton.org

#### **Air Ambulance Coffee Morning**

Maureen Worrall held a coffee morning recently for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. £303 was raised and Maureen would like to say a big thank you to all who took part.

#### **Devon Air Ambulance Trust**



#### **Longmead Management Group Meeting**

The Longmead Management Group will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday 6th September at 19.00 at the Longmead pavilion. Please pop along if you would like to join us. Thank you.

Tracy Leaman – Secretary Longmead Group

#### **Poets Corner**

#### **Well Watered World**

Love the Earth;
It's dust from which,
All life was formed,
All life in land and sea,
In God's harmony,
When all was good,
Till we,
Sang out of tune
Alone;
And found we could not sing that
Song of Love,
That we had known before.

Now,
Every sort of music sounds,
From every tribe and tongue,
That all may know that,
Song of Love,
God gave the
Mystery of His Son.

#### **Summer Rain**

After black clouds
Summer shower,
Briefly,
Sunlight falls
Through dripping trees,
A chink of blue
Passes overhead,
Midsummer sunshine,
Steaming growth,
And beat of fast
Approaching rain!

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 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.

#### **Hemyock Bus Timetables**



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Stagecoach South West

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



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Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	-	0900	_	1200	-	1500	-	1700	-	_	0900	_	1200	_	1500	_	1700	_
Seaton, opp Health Centre	_	0904	_	1204	_	1504	_	1704	_	_	0904	_	1204	_	1504	_	1704	_
Colyford, The Elms (NE-bound)	_	0908	_	1208	-	1508	_	1708	_	_	0908	-	1208	_	1508	_	1708	_
Colyton, The Square (N-bound)	_	0913	_	1213	_	1513	_	1712	_	_	0913	_	1213	_	1513	_	1712	_
Shute, Shute House (N-bound)	-	0920	_	1220	-	1520	_	1718	_	_	0920	-	1220	_	1520	_	1718	_
Wilmington, opp White Hart Inn	_	0929	_	1229	_	1529	_	1726	_	_	0929	_	1229	_	1529	_	1726	_
Honiton, Waterleat Avenue (SW-bound)	_	0935	-	1235	-	1535	_	1732	-	-	0935	-	1235	_	1535	_	1732	_
Honiton, Tesco Superstore (E-bound)	0701	0938		1238		1538		1735		0701	0938		1238		1538		1735	
Honiton, Lace Walk (Stop C)	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740	0705	0942	0944	1242	1244	1542	1544	1739	1740
Combe Raleigh, Combe Raleigh Turn (NW-bound)	0712	_	0951	_	1251	_	1551	_	1746	0712	_	0951	_	1251	_	1551	_	1746
Dunkeswell, Jenwood Road (E-bound)	0719	_	0958	_	1258	_	1558	_	1753	0719	_	0958	_	1258	_	1558	_	1753
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak (N-bound)	0722	_	1001	_	1301	_	1601	_	1755	0722	_	1001	_	1301	_	1601	_	1755
Sheldon, Sheldon Turn (N-bound)	0725	_	1004	_	1304	_	1604	_	1758	0725	_	1004	_	1304	_	1604	_	1758
Hemyock, Square (W-bound)	0733	_	1012	_	1312	_	1612	_	1806	0733	-	1012	_	1312	_	1612	_	1806
Hemyock, Castle Park (NE-bound)	0735	_	1014	-	1314	_	1614	_	1808	0735	_	1014	_	1314	_	1614	-	1808
Hemyock, Prowses (S-bound)	0738	_	1017	_	1317	_	1617	_	1811	0738	_	1017	_	1317	_	1617	_	1811
Culmstock, opp All Saints Church	0748	_	1027	_	1327	_	1627	_	1820	0748	_	1027	_	1327	_	1627	_	1820
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
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## St Andrew's Clayhidon

#### In This Issue:

- Cream tea and walk
- Open day at Clayhidon lakes
- Boost for hall improvements



#### St. Andrew's Church News

**T** t was a great pleasure to be able to welcome members of all the churches to St Andrew's for the glorious occasion of Pentecost. **L** It was an appropriate date and was enjoyed by the many who came for the celebration.

It has been such a long time for everyone who has been waiting for the churches to resume their usual services. The zoom services have been very well attended and the congregations have appreciated the great efforts of all the clergy and lay people who have conducted them and brought joy with

Now at last, we are able to have our services in church once more. Clayhidon was able to enjoy a recent Iona service for Holy Communion followed by filter coffee and pastries brought to the congregation in church. We have more interesting occasions to look forward to in the near future, including a baptism/christening before the end of July.

At the end of August, 29th, we will have a service at 11am followed by the excitement of a BBQ on the Garlands Bower field as we have done for many years in the past. These occasions are always enjoyed and are a time for community relaxation. You will be very welcome to join us on this day and we look forward to seeing you.

On 12th September, once more we are holding the Horse **Riders' Service**, in the afternoon. This has always been a popular service with so many riders present who depart afterwards for a ride and return for the delicious tea and cakes. It is another occasion which was missed last year and will prove to be a delight once more.

We hope that all the children will be able to have a happy and safe summer holiday time from school. We pray for good health in our community and that we can enjoy the warmth of summer and the beauty around us or wherever we choose to visit. May God be with us wherever we travel.

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In aid of Parish Hall improvements

#### CREAMTEA

#### GENTLE WALK

In the Upper Culm Valley Sunday 8th August 2021

#### CLAVHJDON PARJSH HALL

Walk starts at 2.30pm - Teas from 3pm £5 (£2.50 under 16's) Price includes walk and tea Enjoy a short guided walk or just tea - or both

#### Be sure of a place!

Call Caroline Bendle on 01823 681047 Or email: carouselle@btinternet.com

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The BBQ will be free but obviously we need to know numbers beforehand, so PLEASE REPLY with your name and number of people in your party to the johngriss charity@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!



## improvements

he missing deeds to Clayhidon village hall have been found in a Taunton solicitor's office after a long search. The 1962 conveyance document, recording the transfer of the old village school from Devon County Council to a committee of trustees, was discovered in the archives of Clarke Wilmott.

This removes a barrier that had threatened to delay the next stage of the campaign to fund an extension and improvements to the 128-year-old building. Without it, there was insufficient legal proof that the committee owned the building, and the Charity Commission would not have been able to grant the new status of Charitable Incorporated Organisation to the committee.

Major funding bodies now require charities applying for grants to have CIO status, for which the committee's lawyers will now be able to apply. Planned improvements include a refurbished kitchen, extra insulation and heating, and an extension housing new toilets, an performers' dressing room and a parish archive.

P.Reynolds. PCC

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#### **Clayhidon Parish Council**

#### Clayhidon Parish Council Update, August 2021

Face to face meetings resumed in June & July for the parish council. A brief summary of the business conducted at the recent meetings is as follows:-

#### Planning

#### Applications received for:-

- 21/00907/FULL. Erection of an agricultural storage building. Ashfields, Clayhidon.
- 21/01079/FULL. Change of use of land for the siting of a temporary worker's dwelling (log cabin) for three years (Revised Scheme). Poachers Rest, Clayhidon.
- 21/01117/FULL. Construction of a new access track. Gollick Park, Battle Street, Clayhidon.

#### Permission granted noted for:-

- 20/01426/FULL. Troakes Farm. Refurbishment of the existing dwelling, including conversion of attached barn, and provision of extensions and bat roost within the adjacent barn.
- 21/00592/LBC. Troakes Farm. Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of the existing dwelling, including conversion of attached barn, and provision of extensions and bat roost within the adjacent barn.
- 21/00760/FULL. Bolham Farm. Erection of extension to general purpose agricultural livestock building.
- 21/00780/FULL. Erection of roofing over livestock yard. Buildings east of Smeatharpe Stadium.

#### **Finance**

Income – VAT reclaim, interest, charity money and footpath grant. Expenditure – charity expenses, insurance, audit fee, wages and expenses, defibrillators and lengthsman.

#### Bonfire

Below is some guidance from Mid Devon District Council.

We receive many enquiries about bonfires, both from people affected by them and from people wanting to do the right thing. Bonfire smoke can be very irritating and it may cause temporary local air pollution issues. Some people can be sensitive to smoke and we therefore discourage any burning which might cause smoke drifting onto nearby properties.

#### Alternatives to a bonfire

All garden waste can be composted at home or recycled by taking it to a recycling centre. The council and some private businesses also offer green waste collection services.

The council offers a large item collection service at low cost if you have additional waste to dispose of. Furniture can often be taken to local charities, and all extra waste (other than food waste) can be taken to a recycling centre.

#### The law

There are no laws prohibiting bonfires altogether, or specifying times when you can burn, but there are laws which might apply if the smoke causes a nuisance. There are specific regulations which apply to waste generated as a result of a commercial

activity, or waste that will cause dark or black smoke. None of these materials can be disposed of by burning. If you need to report an incident relating to the burning of commercial or agricultural waste, please contact the Environment Agency. Anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across a road faces a fine of up to £2,000, and concerns about highway safety should be reported to the Police.

#### How to have a bonfire without causing a nuisance

Bonfires are not the best disposal method for waste and having a bonfire should be a last resort. If you have ruled out all other disposal methods and the only way is to have a bonfire, please consider the following:

#### PLEASE DO:

- INFORM YOUR NEIGHBOURS
- Burn only during the day
- Locate the bonfire as far away from neighbours as possible
- Have a small fire it must be controllable and hot enough to burn with minimal smoke
- Consider the weather ideally no wind or a light breeze, blowing away from nearby houses. Monitor changes in the wind/smoke direction
- Only burn suitable materials Materials must be dry this will burn quickly and give off minimal smoke and smell. You may be able to burn dry garden waste, clean wood, paper or card
- Supervise the burning of waste do not leave it unattended
- Have water available to extinguish the fire

#### PLEASE DON'T:

- Have many bonfires neighbours are more likely to complain if you often have bonfires
- Burn the following household rubbish, rubber, oil, green garden waste, animal bedding, plastic, tyres, foam or paint these can produce potentially toxic dark smoke which is unacceptable and might be an offence.
- Leave a fire unattended or leave it to smolder douse it with water if necessary and make sure it is out and will not continue to smoke once left
- Use an accelerant to light a fire oil, petrol or methylated spirits could cause harm to yourself and the environment
- Burn furniture it is likely to emit significant dark smoke and toxic pollutants
- Burn at weekends or bank holidays when people want to enjoy their homes and gardens
- Burn during foggy conditions the smoke will not be able to disperse

#### Complaining about a bonfire

If you are affected by a problem of bonfire smoke, you may consider the following options:

Approach your neighbour first - explain the problem to them. You might find this awkward, but they may not be aware of the problem and it may make them more considerate when planning and lighting a bonfire in the future. If you aren't able to talk to them, perhaps put a note through their door explaining the problem.

If this approach fails – contact the Mid Devon District Council - Public Health

health@middevon.gov.uk or call us on 01884 255255.

MDDC could take action if there is clear evidence in relation to the bonfire causing a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act of 1990. So in effect the action has to be unreasonable and causes substantial interference in the use and enjoyment of a person's property. For a matter to be actionable as a nuisance in law it must be a serious and persistent issue - one-off events rarely qualify. Domestic waste burning can be challenging especially if it is a one off. The Environment Agency would tend to deal with the burning of commercial or agricultural waste, and along with the Police would deal with smoke across the highway.

#### 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). Or report the problem online at www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

#### Police

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

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#### **Parish Lengthsman**

The parish has a modest budget to employ a trained lengthsman to maintain those ditches/drains which are no longer maintained by Devon County Council. Please report any problems to the clerk or a councillor so that the lengthsman may be deployed where he is most needed.

#### Hedges

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

#### **Local Tradespeople**

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

#### 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. However, the next meeting is to be held on 9th August at 7.30pm Parish Hall. Minutes and agendas are displayed on the web at www.clayhidon.org.uk and a schedule of meetings may be found on the noticeboard at the Parish Hall.

#### Clerk:

Mrs Donna Evans, Park Farm, Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon EX14 4RN. Tel 01823 680968.
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www.clayhidon.org.uk.



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

t has felt like there has been little news to share with you regarding the work at Rosemary Lane Chapel over the last few months. However, like most of us, we have greatly enjoyed the increasing freedom brought about by the gradual easing of restrictions. Remaining cautious, some activities have now resumed, and others greatly anticipated as we move forward.

On Sundays, our children and young people have been able to resume meeting together upstairs. This has also meant more room downstairs, and so, an increase in the total number able to attend our services at 11am each Sunday. It cannot be overemphasised, how

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wonderful it is to meet together as a church community, to enjoy the warmth of fellowship that, although still distanced, has been so deeply missed.

Excitingly, we have been able to explore the reopening of the chapel to our wider community and, thanks to the hard work of our Toddlers team, the Rosemary Lane Toddler group got going again in June. We were thrilled by the support and encouragement shown by the community in re-establishing this much-loved meeting point for families in Clayhidon, Hemyock and beyond. The group meets each Friday during term time from 9.30-11.30am. We are also thrilled to have a date in the diary for our first Luncheon Club for over 18months. In connection with the Blackdown Support Group, we look forward to welcoming folk on Wednesday 11th August for a light lunch and the sound of the Blackdown Hillbillies. We hope that it won't be too long before we have news to share with you about our midweek youth and children's work, a mainstay of Friday night activity at Rosemary Lane Chapel.

Looking further ahead, we anticipate renewed opportunities to reconnect with missionary partners who, like so many, have remained a source of vital support to so many during the pandemic. A light in dark days. We hope that November will enable us to welcome London City Mission to update us on their work in the nation's capital. Among their many projects, they continue to support those who are homeless, and have found new ways of providing much needed help to the most vulnerable. We look forward to reconnecting with the work of the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) and have a series of events planned for November. I read only recently about how SGA have funded medical teams to assist the struggling Moldovan healthcare system in dealing with Covid-19. Finally, Luc Vandamme (Sidmouth) will be returning later in the year to give us an update on the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF-UK) who have not stopped providing their essential support for some of the most isolated communities around the world. MAF are currently involved in helping distribute Covid-19 vaccines to otherwise unreachable communities in parts of Africa and South East Asia.

I was reading about the formation of MAF recently, how God led a small group of servicemen in the aftermath of WWII to set up what is now the world's largest humanitarian airline. The dark days of WWII brought together a group of people who had a shared vision ignited by the fires of war. The planes they flew in conflict, could be used to spread God's peace. I learnt a couple of days ago that in a year when planes were largely grounded, MAF made 34,829 flights across 34 different countries in 2020.

Hearing from our missionary partners reminds us that the darkness of this last year has not snuffed out the flickering flame of Christ's love (John 1:5). What we have discovered in our own communities turns out to be a shared story, a story repeated the world over... that there is a light that shines in the darkness. Indeed, it is often in our deepest darkness that we discover the wonderful light of Christ. As Thomas Moore wrote.

Then sorrow, touch'd by thee, grows bright With more than rapture's ray; As darkness shows us worlds of light We never saw by day.<sup>1</sup>

With our love

#### Jonathan Hillman

On behalf of the fellowship at Rosemary Lane Chapel rosemarylanechapel@live.co.uk 01823 681164.

<sup>1</sup> The Comforter, Thomas Moore



### CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY AT THE OLD WELL GARDEN CENTRE

n Saturday 18th of September from 10am until 4 pm The Culm Valley Model Railway Club will hold a mini show of our club layouts at the Old Well Garden Centre EX15 3ES (near Junction 27 of the M5).

This replaces our annual show which was to have taken place in Willand on the same date but due to the uncertainty of covid we have decided to postpone it for yet another year.

So we have decided to hold a smaller event. At the top car park at the Old Well Garden Centre is our building housing our 30' layout of Tiverton Junction as it was in the early 1960's, before the motorway was built. This will be in operation together with Soldor, where kids can see the little blue engine and his friends whizz round through stations and tunnels. A layout of Lambourn will also be in operation.

Outside we will have 2 marquees housing Uffculme station as it was prior to closure, a large layout featuring more modern trains called Extown and a fun layout called Blackdown. We will also have a stall selling items of model railway interest.

Admission is free though we would be grateful for any donations to help towards the hire of the marquees.

Please come along for a family day out. Afterwards you can visit the garden centre for a browse and have a coffee and a cake (or something more substantial).

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

aving all but finished the water reed re-thatch in Rawridge (just the porch to do now that the scaffold is down) we are now out at Tatworth re-thatching a lovely little cider barn in wheat reed.

Not quite so lovely are the Tree Bumblebees nesting in either end of the old thatch, mad as hell that I've disturbed them and landing several good stings. Luckily another customer who lives nearby, is a bee keeper, so on the hottest two days of the year so far I could be found looking a lot like Buzz Lightyear, in a heavy white canvas suit with mesh visor. Filled with new confidence I was back on the roof, but the bees kept coming with a tick tick tick as they each hit the visor. Pretty disconcerting for all I was protected, if melting inside the suit. I was later told that you've got to calm your breathing, and this, together with the fastest bit of thatching on those ends that I could manage with reduced vision and heavily gloved hands did seem to calm me and the bees down a bit. I'm all for saving the wildlife, but that was all a bit much!

Not quite so wild are Daisy's cattle. The new calf and his mother are doing well, although he was less than pleased to have had some items removed from his person and flippy flappy ear tags fitted...cue much shaking of the head followed by sulking amongst the bluebells. The pigs are well and fine, with one of the sows in pig again and the yard cat is proving to be a successful hunter, although he'll still run to the gate when he hears the vans for his morning snuggle. If you try and forego the snuggle, you'll have a near permanent attachment to your feet and ankles as he winds his insistent purrs around you. It's quicker and safer for cat and man just to pick him up and give him some time.

We've been spending every spare hour building Daisy's pole barn. It's in a sheltered spot and funnels cool air through it which has been a mercy on the hotter days. The roof is on and the back wall built, so we are not far off being able to find some hay and get it stored ready for winter. Casting the concrete floor might take a while as it seems there is a national cement shortage. I hope it ends soon as Daisy has started talking about 'doing things the old fashioned way' and '...maybe we could cobble it'. As nice as that would look, we'll be tied up till Christmas if we start cobbling floors. Mind you, I've just been given, without doubt, the strangest gift in my 30 years of thatching....to help with time management.

The Rawridge people made me a spread sheet, showing all the hours worked, the rainy days, the days off (we do have them occasionally!) in the hopes that I would be better able to manage my time and improve productivity. The chap who created it is clearly a talented man, valued highly in his place of work and I do believe that I will frame his spreadsheet and put it on my wall; but I'll be honest there isn't much that will move me from my pattern of work: I'll get there when I do, and once I'm there I'll remain until I'm done. It has served me well all my life and I see no reason to change. The Tatworth customers went to Otter Valley Ice Cream for the first time and brought me back my favourite combination...chocolate and vanilla in a cone...

I'll leave the reader to decide which of my customers gifts pleased me the most.

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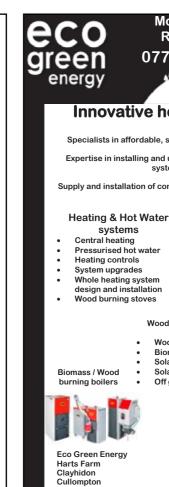
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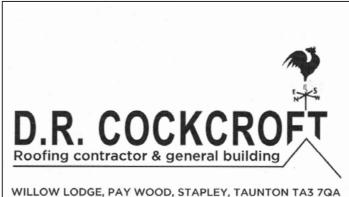


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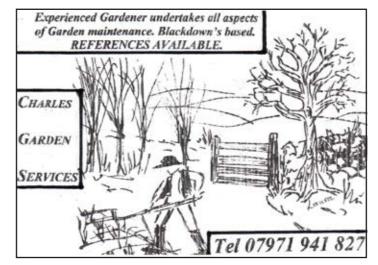
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