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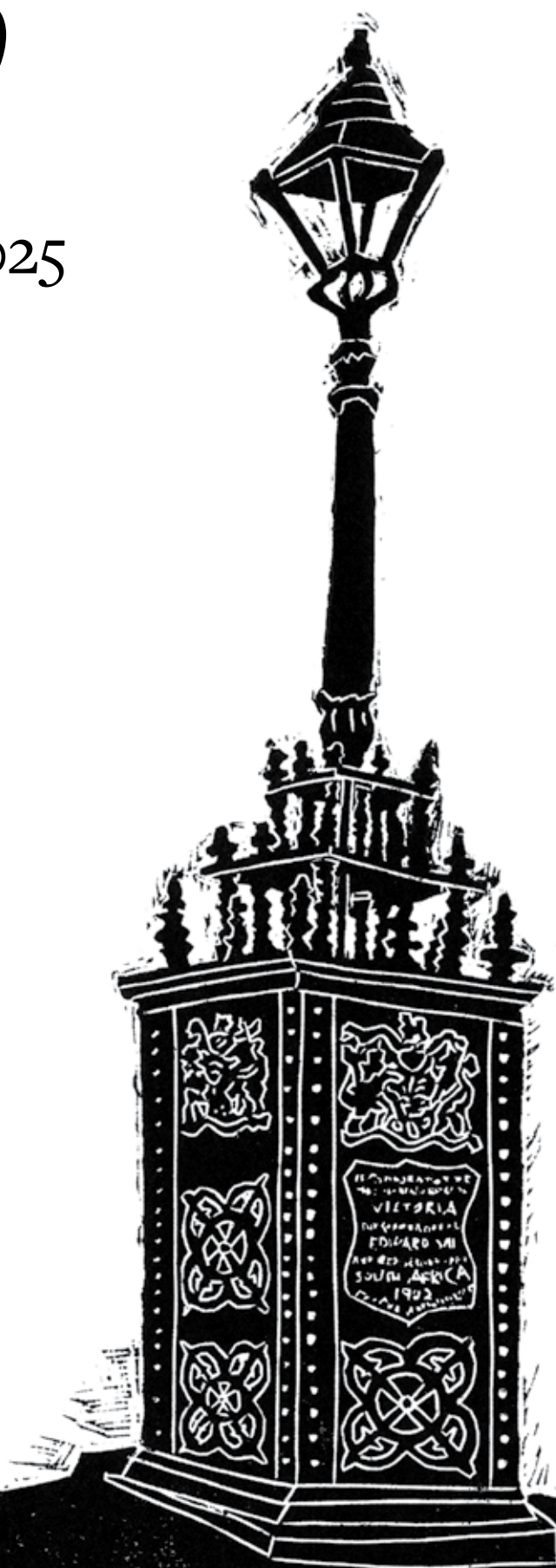
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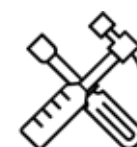
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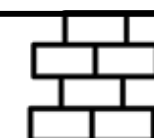
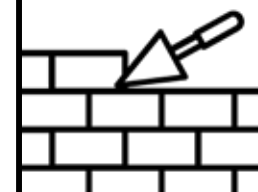
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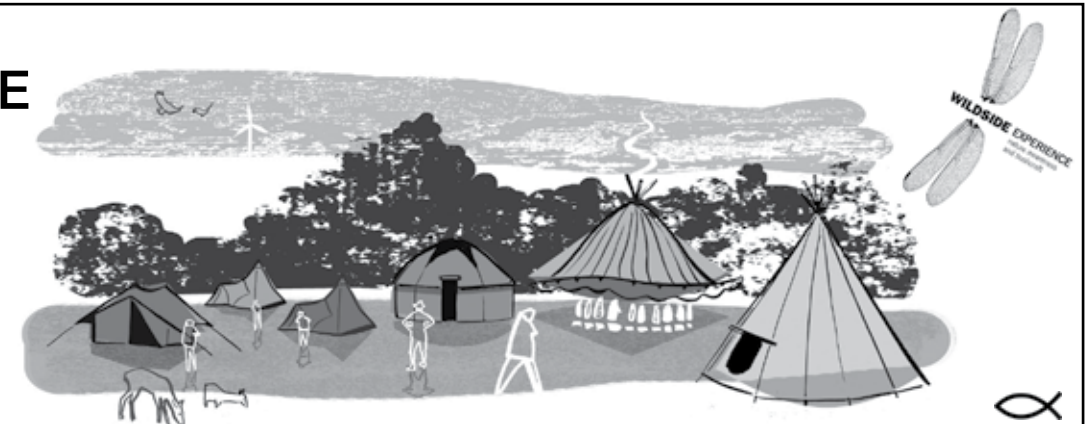
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Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve.
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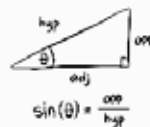


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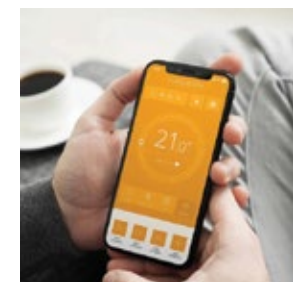
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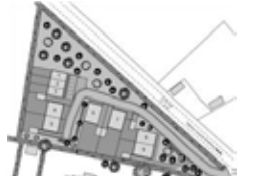
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Services in the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community
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‘Communities of faith, hospitality and inspiration; loving God and loving our neighbour’
Everyone is most welcome to services throughout the Mission Community
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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew Clayhidon	All Saints Culmstock	St Mary Hemyock
Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday and St Andrew’s Patronal Festival	<div><div>10.30am St Andrew’s Clayhidon Benefice Communion: Advent and St Andrew’s Patronal Festival</div></div>			
Sunday 8th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent		4.00pm Christingle service 	10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Compline	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 15th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent		10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service 6.30pm Carol service <i>Mulled wine and mince pies</i>	11.00am Morning Worship
Tuesday 17th December				7.00pm Carol service <i>And refreshments</i>
Wednesday 18th December		7.00pm Carols by candlelight <i>And refreshments</i>		
Sunday 22nd December 4 th Sunday of Advent/	3.30pm Carol service	10.00am Communion service	4.00pm Crib service and Family carols <i>Churchyard/church</i>	11.00am Communion service
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve		4.00pm Crib service		4.00pm Crib service and Family carols <i>Churchyard/church</i>
Wednesday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00am BCP Christmas communion with carols		10.00am Christmas Morning Family Communion	10.00am Christmas Morning Family Communion
Sunday 29th December Sunday after Christmas Day	10.30am Culm Davy Chapel Benefice CW Communion			

In addition: A service of 1662 Morning Prayer is held each Tuesday at All Saints, Culmstock at 10.00am.
There will not be a Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion at Culmstock in December.

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2025

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew Clayhidon	All Saints Culmstock	St Mary Hemyock
Sunday 5th January Epiphany	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Epiphany Communion Service <i>+ chalking of door</i>	10.00am Epiphany Communion Service <i>+ chalking of door</i>	11.00am Epiphany Morning Worship <i>+ chalking of door</i>
Sunday 12th January 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	11.00am St Mary’s, Hemyock Benefice Choral Communion service (Leaving service for the Reverend Canon Becky Totterdell)			
Sunday 19th January 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional, 1662)	10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Churches Together Hosted by Rosemary Lane Chapel	10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship <i>Pulpit swap with Hemyock Baptist Church for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Sunday 26th January 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion service

In addition: A service of 1662 Morning Prayer is held each Tuesday at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am.
All services use Common Worship liturgy and are contemporary, unless marked as ‘Traditional’.



A Farewell message...

Dear friends

In January I will retire as Rector of the parishes of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon, so wanted to put pen to paper to you for the last time.

I want to thank you so much for your welcome of me here over these past five years, and for the very ready way in which so many of you have given support to the churches and their activities even if not regular attenders. The church is here for you, and its continued life within a village community can only be sustained with the support of that community. So thank you for all you continue to do to help us thrive together as church and community, across all age groups.

I have found ministry here in these parishes an absolute delight. It has been a joy to get to know so many of you and engage with so many different community groups. It has been a privilege to be alongside you in those key turning points of life such as weddings, funerals and baptisms, and to share in village life and its events.

During my time in these parishes, I have been struck by two things in particular.

The first is the robust community spirit in each of our villages. People keep an eye out for each other and, with the underlying safety net of the BSG, relatively few of us fall through that net of care when in need. There is always more we can do to support one another through times of crisis though, and I know you will continue to do so.

The second is the extraordinary creativity to be found in these villages. Musical, artistic and culinary talent abounds and greatly enriches the life of our communities - as well as craft skills of all sorts. And these are all things which bring people together. I hope and pray that they will continue to flourish and find

a home and expression in our church buildings and church life as well as in the wider community.

During my time here our churches have sought to be ‘communities of faith, hospitality and inspiration, loving God and loving our neighbour’. We believe in a God who is the author and artist behind the rich pallet of life that we have been born into. And that he invites us to get out our own paintbrushes, our special skill set, and the musical instruments that are our lives, to continue creating a world that is good, caring, fruitful, and to his glory. I wish you joy and fulfilment as you live your part in that.

My last day of ministry in the Benefice will be Sunday 12th January 2025 when there will be a Benefice service at St Mary’s Hemyock at 11 am. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to that.

It will probably be about a year before a new Rector is appointed. In the meantime the church wardens will keep you informed as to what is happening, and the Benefice ministry team will continue to offer all that our churches currently do and will sustain the links between the churches and our wider community.

With my thanks, love, and prayers for you,

Becky

Revd Canon Becky Totterdell
Rector, Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

Parish Pump | No. 306 | December 2024 – January 2025



Signs

Are you any good at spotting the signs in nature that are all around us? In these beautiful Blackdown Hills they are everywhere and in every season.

As I write this, the beautiful Beech Tree in the woods at Conigar and Hackpen Hill are a golden red carpet, it must be autumn! If you look closely as you walk through the woods kicking up the caramel carpet you will see where the squirrels have been hiding the beech nuts in little stashes in the ground as they prepare for winter, they dig quickly, look nervously around and then bury their nuts covering over the little hole and sprinting off, trying to remember all their valuable hoards. Ahh another sign, winter must be coming, soon when it gets cold flocks of pigeons from the east of the country will be driven west looking for food and will fill our woods with flutter, searching for the beechnuts left behind by the squirrels.

And there is more, if you are worried about the long wait till spring you can already see the large soft downy leaves of the Foxglove in the bottom of the hedge row

waiting for the spring, they have arrived early to the party and will have to wait, they are one of the earliest signs guaranteeing the promise of warmth and growth. These events on their own are the more spectacular as they point to what is coming and it assures us of the progress of the time and the promise we already know about.

Spiritual signs and images are equally fascinating, and you can see them around. Likewise, understanding the natural world, it takes practice to recognise them and know where to find them but the effect on your heart, mind and soul is immense. Do you fancy a go?

Piers Langdon

St Mary's Church & Culm Davy Chapel


Christmas Tea & stalls

at St Mary's Church Hemyock

Saturday 7 December 2pm to 4pm

Hemyock Charity Shop

also open at the Church Rooms



BELLRINGING

Become a Bell Ringer!

Since we ran our article last month, six new ringers have started training with us and are making excellent progress. Most can already handle a bell by themselves (with supervision) and have started to ring bells with the existing team on practice nights.

ITS NOT TOO LATE

There are a total of 14 bells across the three churches in the benefice and we can easily accommodate new recruits. So, if you would like to learn this ancient and traditional skill and join our growing team please contact Lin Holway on 01823 681522.

Or come and visit us at our practice on Thursday evenings at St Mary's Hemyock (7:45pm-9:00pm).

St Mary’s Hemyock

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- Hemyock Christmas Club



Harvest Festival at St Mary’s

The parish church at Hemyock has held events to celebrate Harvest Festival. St Marys held their traditional Friday evening service which was led by the Rector the Rev Canon Becky Totterdell with choir and organist Michael Osmond.

The guest speaker was Rev Preben Andersen, a retired Methodist Minister from Clevedon. The church had been decorated in beautiful autumnal floral arrangements under the leadership of Monica Smith with a traditional harvest display by David Bawler.

Following the service a bring & share cold supper along with hot dishes was held at the Parish Hall and attended by around 60 guest who also enjoyed various musical and reading entertainment.

The harvest theme continued at the joint Sunday service of Holy Communion for Hemyock with Culm Davy Chapel, Clayhidon and Culmstock churches when the congregation had been invited to donate tinned & dried goods for Wellington Foodbank.

David Bawler



Remembrance Sunday Service

The centre of Hemyock came to a standstill as the national 2 minute silence was observed on both Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

Sunday saw a parade process from the Parish Hall to St Mary’s church led by the church choir and included a large contingent from 1st Hemyock Scout Group and many parishioners.

The service , where there was standing room only, was taken by Rev Canon Becky Totterdell assisted by Lay Reader Liz Langdon. A reading was given by David Bawler, honorary poppy organiser and Tim Barton gave the Exhortation at the War Memorial. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, Scout sections and Hemyock Primary School.

Armistice Day saw over 40 people gather at the War Memorial for a short Act of Commemoration. Lay Minister Dr David Major led this with Major General Shaun Burley(Rtd) giving the Exhortation.

Janice Bawler

MUSIC ROUND THE PARISHES CHRISTMAS WITH AD HOC VOICES

It hardly seems plausible that over six months have passed since Ad Hoc Voices was formed, at the instigation of Rev Becky, to provide quality choral music around our three parishes. However, that time has nonetheless elapsed and so I look back on a wonderfully fulfilling first few chapters, delighted by the evident joy and fulfilment of the singers and the enthusiasm and support from the community for our services and concerts.

Thank you for welcoming the group so warmly into local cultural and spiritual life and we are very much looking forward to more of the same in 2025 and beyond. I’ve always felt that one of the greatest gifts of the festive season is the treasure trove that is its music.

So, Ad Hoc Voices is delighted to invite you to join us for a series of events which trace the journey from Advent to Christmas and on to Epiphany, whilst celebrating the richness of the music associated with each. We begin our journey celebrating Advent with a Candlelit Choral Compline at All Saints’, Culmstock on Sunday 8 December at 6pm. Alongside the ancient yet timeless plainsong melodies of the monastic Compline order, we will also be singing Ben Parry’s evocative contemporary setting of the traditional carol text ‘Adam lay ybounden’ and John Rutter’s richly sonorous arrangement of the traditional German carol ‘Es ist ein Ros entsprungen’ (‘A rose has sprung up’) for 8-part a cappella voices and oboe. We’re delighted to be joined by oboist Linda Byrt for this performance.

Nothing could be more innately festive than a Service of Lessons and Carols and for this experience Ad Hoc Voices invite you to join them at St Andrew’s, Clayhidon on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. Alongside the fabric of the traditional readings will be woven several well-loved Christmas hymns along with aptly soaring, jubilant last verse descants and choir carols by Richard Rodney Bennett, the Cornish Composer Becky McGlade, Peter Warlock and Matthew Martin and the quintessential Christmas composer, John Rutter.

Ad Hoc Voices are looking forward to collaborating with Culmstock-based ‘cellist Hilary Boxer for his ‘Carol of the Magi’. After Christmas itself we move to the season of Epiphany and, on Sunday 12 January we’re at St Mary’s, Hemyock for a Choral Eucharist at 11am, which will feature a wonderful programme of music by the Spanish Renaissance composer, Tomas Luis de Victoria. Amongst his many masterpieces, Victoria composed one of the most spellbinding settings of the ‘O magnum Mysterium’ text - which translates as ‘O great mystery and wonderful sacrament that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger’ - and Ad Hoc Voices will open the service with this motet as its introit. The composer’s Mass, written on musical themes from this motet, will then be sung liturgically, woven around the spoken parts of the service. We shall also be singing Philip Stopford’s exuberant choral setting of the much-loved carol ‘We Three Kings’. So, with much to look forward to from Music Round the Parishes and Ad Hoc Voices over the forthcoming festive period, we do hope to see you at some of these events and to sharing the joys of the season with you.

Andrew Trehella Director, Ad Hoc Voices

Christian Response to Eastern Europe - Ukraine and Moldova

A very warm thank you to the huge number of people who have donated aid and Christmas boxes to crzee this year. We began 2024 by visiting the Exmouth depot once a month but this quickly changed to once a week and on one occasion twice in one day with car and trailer full both times.

It is impossible to name all those whose generosity, varying from an item of clothing to a divan bed, has made this possible but we are grateful to a group from the Baptist Chapel who donated amongst other things a number of red knitted sacks filled with gifts. The biggest and most delightful surprise came when the Squirrel group from Hemyock Scouts arrived unexpectedly one evening carrying boxes of gifts they had put together for Moldova.

Sadly a number of items have come from families who have lost a loved one and we are particularly grateful that they remember the charity at such a sad time.

Apart from our locality and surrounding area donations have been received from various Somerset towns, villages and organisations, plus Reading and an amazing response from a church in Clevedon following a visit from Hugh a trustee of the charity.

The total number of boxes we’ve received for Ukraine and Moldova this year is 225. As has been said “This is sending love in a box”. Thank you.

Wishing you a happy, peaceful Christmas.
David & Janice



Hemyock Christmas Market

Saturday 14th December

10 am to 12 noon

Locally made Bread, Cakes, Jam and Chutney
Kittows Cattle Meat,
Handmade craft items, Christmas Fare
Haberdashery, Curtain/Blind making,
Textiles, Plants, Art, Cards, Gifts
Fresh flowers /arrangements,
Fresh Christmas Trees, Wreaths
The market café will be serving Mulled wine
and mince pies, coffee, tea and bacon rolls





Harvest Celebrations at Hemyock Baptist Church

It's been a busy week or so at Hemyock Baptist Church as people gathered together to give thanks for the harvest season and to share what we have by raising some money for our charity partners.

On Saturday 28th September our annual Harvest Lunch was held and 36 guests were treated to a lovely ploughman's lunch followed by an engaging talk from Mrs. Helen Stone about her work with the Tiverton based Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT). Helen spoke about many initiatives aimed at helping those in need including financial guidance, provision of basic household items and the 'pantry' which is a new development on the traditional food bank.

The following morning the Harvest Celebration Service focused on the work of BMS World Mission in Bangladesh where evangelists are being trained to bring the hope of the gospel and community support initiatives to remote villages.

The harvest season concluded with a themed version of our popular Messy Church on Friday 4th October with a wide range of craft activities, a Bible story and a hot meal for all the family to enjoy. It really has been a time to count our blessings and be thankful!

Calling All Hemyock Ladies!

Hemyock Tuesday Club would like to recruit some new members. We're a very friendly crowd that meet at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Forbes Lounge at Hemyock Parish Hall.

We have speakers, quizzes, raffles and plenty of chat over tea/coffee and biscuits, and at least three outings two outings a year, Christmas buffet and Christmas meal!

Please come along for a taster session, we would love to see you.



 The Friends of St Mary's Church welcome
The Stanchester Quire
 For a programme of West Country carols
Sunday 15 December at 2.30 p.m.

 Tea and Cakes

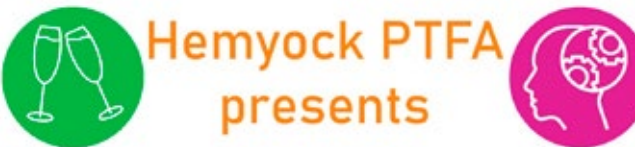
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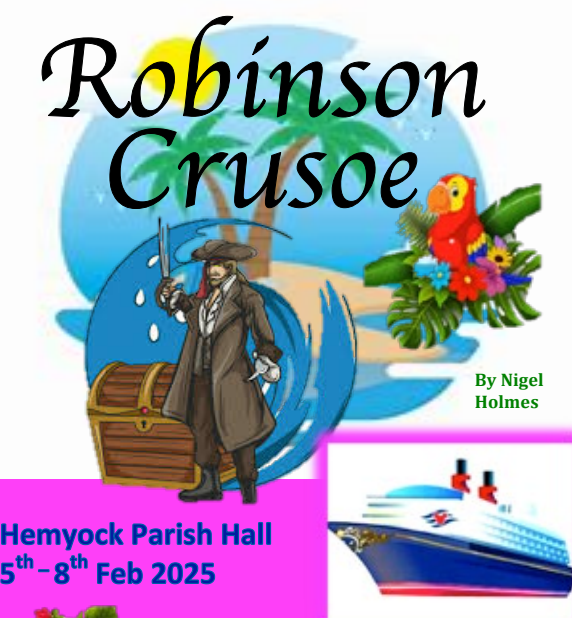
Come and join us for
Carols & Mince Pies
Thursday 12th December
1.30pm - 3pm
Live Music from Honiton Band
Free of charge
Healthy Living Centre
Hemyock
Everyone welcome


the **LIGHTS BRIGADE** presents


THE LIGHTS PARADE 2024
 Sat 7th December, 6pm
 from the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre to the Churchyard and the lighting of the Star
 The parade will commence at 6.30pm
 Food outlets will be available
 This years main theme: BELLS
www.lightsbrigade.org.uk
 Lights Brigade Hemyock



Hemyock PTFA presents
NOSH & KNOWLEDGE!
QUIZ NIGHT WITH CHEESE AND NIBBLES
 SAVE THE DATE
 Sat 1st March 2025
 Max 6 people per team
 £10 per person
 Tables must be booked in advance
 by calling Fiona on 07540314599
 Venue - Hemyock Parish Hall
 Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start




 PRESENTS


Robinson Crusoe
 By Nigel Holmes
Hemyock Parish Hall
5th - 8th Feb 2025

 Tickets available at Hemyock Post Office from 11th Jan 2025
 Adults £10 Children £5

Dunksell Pantomime Presents
Sleeping Beauty


 Friday December 13th at 7pm
 Saturday December 14th at 3pm
 Sunday December 15th at 3pm
 THROGMORTON HALL
 DUNKESWELL
 Tickets: Adults £6 / Children £3 Available at Highfield Stores
 or email: barrywsimmonds@gmail.com

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

Church Secretary Maureen 680111 Prayer Requests Chenda 662318 [Hemyock Baptist Church](#)

I do enjoy the simple pleasures of the traditional Nativity play, as we get to see the fruits of all the hard work put in by the children and school staff to tell the Christmas story once again. Of course it's all that preparation that the audience don't get to see... not to mention the casting. No doubt one or two budding Mary's and Joseph's are disappointed – but when I think back to my school days, I don't remember anyone actually volunteering to be the donkey. Maybe it had something to do with the ageing costume which had developed it's own, rather authentic, odour. But when you think about it, what a great honour it was for the donkey to carry Jesus. I accept that Joseph might be better looking and Mary is the very picture of serenity, the wise men get the cool hats and the angels have the hallelujahs. And maybe the donkey does just stand to the side and chew on hay. But look at him. Don't you see contentment in those big, brown eyes? A look of satisfaction on his face? He just delivered history's greatest gift! Before Santa had a sleigh or Amazon had vans, God had a donkey. Thanks, in no small part, to him, the choir can sing "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"

I know, I know. We'd rather be Joseph, rugged and bearded. We'd rather be Mary, faithful, beautiful, and immaculate. But somebody needs to be the donkey, and just maybe a donkey at Christmas is a good thing to be. The Christmas donkey did his work. He delivered Jesus so Jesus could be delivered. He plodded. He didn't gallop or giddy-up. He did what donkeys do. He steadily stepped in the direction the master directed. And, upon arrival, he stepped to the side. He demanded no recognition and expected no compensation. He isn't even mentioned in the Bible. He was happy to do his job and let Jesus have all the attention.

Perhaps we could learn a lesson from the Christmas donkey? There is always a place in God's great story for the person who will plod along expecting no applause, bear up under the weight of the long haul, and carry the One who will carry us all. So here's to the donkeys of the story. May your ride be faithful and your rest be fruitful. And we will all do our best to follow your example.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2024

- **Sunday 1st** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 8th** 10:30 am MorningService, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 15th** 10.30 **Communion Service**, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 22nd** 10.30 **Carols Cafe** See below!
- **Christmas Day** 10.00 **Celebrate Jesus' birth with us!**
- **Sunday 29th** 10:30 Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee

SERVICES IN JANUARY 2025#

- **Sunday 5th** 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 12th** 10.30 **Communion Service**, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 19th** 10:30 Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 26th** 10.00 am **KING's BREAKFAST Family Fun Service**

***CHRISTMAS CAROLS CAFE SERVICE - SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2024 - 10.30 am ***
Cafe style family service with Carols, Cuppa's and Christmas Eats & Treats

MONDAYS. TODDLER TIME



MONDAYS - TERM TIME ONLY
9.00 - 11.30 am
Open to under 5's, toys, activities & drinks. **£1 per session**

WEDNESDAYS. CHAPEL CAFE



WEDNESDAYS
9.00 - 11.30 am
Join us for tea, coffee & a chat.
CLOSED 25th December

THURSDAYS.
30 MINUTES WITH GOD



EVERY THURSDAY 10.00 - 10.30 am
Silent prayer, rest & reflection; with our prayer team on hand to pray with you if you wish. OPEN 26th Dec

HOUSE & PRAYER GROUPS



7.30 pm
TUESDAYS with Anne (680057) or
THURSDAYS with Vivien (680952)
SATURDAY PRAYERS
8-8.45 am please contact Anne

KING'S BREAKFAST
SUNDAY 26th JANUARY



10.00 am
Our fun family service with a Cuppa, Crafts & Bacon or Sausage Sandwich!

MESSY CHURCH
FRIDAY 31st JANUARY



4.00 pm
A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children & their adults. **£1 entry per person**



Interested in finding out more about the Christian faith? Got questions? Others have too! Get in touch with us today to see what the **Alpha Course** is all about...

FILM NIGHT
SUNDAY 15th December



7.00 pm
An inspiring family friendly film, open to all. Come along early for a coffee. See HBC noticeboard for more information.



HEMYOCK PARISH HALL

Friday 6th December

1st & 2nd Line Prizes

Full House Meat Dinner Prize

Raffle

Refreshments before and during the event

Doors open 6.45pm Eyes down 7.30pm

In aid of 1st Hemyock Scout group



The pavilion is available for hire when not in use by football clubs and tennis club, it's an ideal venue for smaller events needing outdoor space such as birthday parties, smaller family gatherings and of course meetings, it available in the day during the week and out of season at weekends. The building has basic kitchen facilities for your use.

The MUGA can also be hired for private use.

Pavilion - £10 per hour

MUGA - £15 per hour

Would you like to raise funds for your local charity/voluntary group?

We have heard that the Community would like a cafe; this is your chance to have a go and raise money for your local community groups.

We are offering the use of The Pavilion @ Longmead free of charge to hold fundraising events such as coffee mornings/afternoon teas etc in return for 25% of profit for the Longmead Field. Times/days will be limited.

If you are interested please call me or email to find out more.
01823681034
kazapinder@hotmail.com



REDUCE FOOD POVERTY
REDUCE FOOD WASTE
FOOD SAVE



We need your help to stock the

Hemyock Community Fridge Larder

Please help by taking part in making a Reverse Advent Calendar. Rather than receiving a treat, we ask you kindly to add an item each day to your advent box and donate this to us for Christmas.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

1. Grab an empty box and a sheet of paper. 2. Write each day of December on the sheet of paper, and place the listed food items in the box. And mark off as you put into the box. 3. Each day of the month watch your advent box fill up with goodies.

December 2024			1 BOXED CEREALS	2 PASTA/ RICE	3 WASHING UP LIQUID
4 JELLIES/ PESSERTS BISCUITS	5 TOOTH BRUSH TOOTHPASTE	6 CAKE MIX/ BOXED PESSERT	7 JAM/ PICKLES	8 CANNED FISH /MEAT	9 INSTANT MASH
10 LAUNDRY POWDER, FEGDITHTHOWER.	11 CANNED/ PKT SOUP	12 CRISPS/ SNACKS	13 TOILETRIES	14 SUGAR WHITE/ BROWN	15 CANNED FRUIT
16 PET FOOD DOG/CAT	17 STUFFING	18 XMAS SELECTION BOX	19 COFFEE/TEA HOT CHOCOLATE	20 CANNED VEG	21 BABY FOOD
22 UHT MILK	23 CLOSED	24 THIRISKE	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED	TO ALLOW OUR STAFF TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY & RECHARGE FOR THE NEW YEAR	



The Garages

The Garages are primarily a youth facility; we have over 200 youths using it weekly. It is home to 1st Hemyock Scout Group and recently the Youth Club has restarted, both run by dedicated volunteers. To enable us to keep rates low for voluntary youth groups the hall is hired out for exercise classes, Blood donation service, teaching groups, Archery Group, Lights Brigade; it's an ideal venue for Children's birthday parties. (Bouncy castles are always popular here)

Private Hire rates from September 1st 2024 £17 per hour

If you would like to make use of this great facility please contact:

Karen 01823681034

Youth@the.garages.

Singing Group in Hemyock

A bunch of us got together to just sing! We're not a choir or a choral ensemble we just sing along to tracks of songs old and new.

It turns out, it's really fun! We start with a good vocal warm up which gets everyone laughing – big face, little face, big face! And then we just sing along to tracks of our favourite tunes.

The group meets at Hemyock Baptist Church on a Monday evening at 7.30pm for an hour or so. If you want to join us just drop in! £2 per session (to cover hall hire). Music and lyrics provided. Any profit made will go towards funds for Hemyock Day. You may even get to hear us in public around Christmas time! Sue Scantlebury – 01823 681393 or email susanscantlebury@yahoo.com



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

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

Community Shed Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9am – 1pm. The Shed is a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending in a social setting. Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687

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

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

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

Positively Parkinson’s!

A new support café for people living with Parkinson’s Disease.

Being diagnosed with a neurological condition can leave you feeling isolated and uncertain about where to find the support that suits you best.

Positively Parkinson’s aims to bring like-minded people together, helping them live better with their diagnosis.

Come along for a cuppa or two and let us know how we can best support you.

Saturday Jan 25th
10.30am - 12pm
Blackdown Healthy Living Centre
Hemyock
EX15 3SH

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Check your eligibility at gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling 0800 99 1234

Pension Credit tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs. If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim Pension Credit, even if you own your home or have savings.

People who claim Pension Credit may also be able to get:

- The Winter Fuel Payment and other help with heating costs
- Help with rent and Council Tax
- A free TV Licence for those aged 75 or over
- Help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments

You could be eligible for Pension Credit if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances

Take Part, Laugh, Enjoy & Live Life

Fun-filled day for older people

Two-course lunch

Blackdown Community RIVERSIDE CLUB

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

Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock

Squish

Squelch

Spin

Squeeze

Blackdown Stay & Play Hub

Sensory Sessions

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

Scoop

Spray

Shake

Splash

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS

HEMYOCK NEEDS YOU!

Longmead environmental area needs a new organiser. Can you help?

Could you help move the area forward, and enhance it for nature and the people of Hemyock?

Interested? Contact the parish clerk, Sue for a chat :
hemyockpc@gmail.com



Mid Devon Singers News
– December 2024

All too soon it's time for the last news update of 2024 – how did we get here so quickly? We are now fully immersed in the rehearsing of our Christmas repertoire, ready for our performances at the Tiverton Christmas Lights switch on (approx. 5pm on Saturday 23rd November), “Dulverton by Starlight” (2 performances on Sunday 1st December: 3.20pm outside Woods Bar/restaurant and 5.45pm at the Town Hall) and the Waterloo Cross pub in Uffculme (7pm on Saturday 14th December). Keep your eyes peeled on our socials for further details.



Singing is a great way to get a serotonin boost and combat the darkness of winter– why not make a new year's resolution to sing with the MiDS? New members are always very welcome, with no auditions to join our friendly and sociable community choir. There's no charge to try us out for your first 2 weeks & membership subs are then a very reasonable £12.50 per month. We rehearse every Friday evening during school term time at Halberton Village Hall, starting promptly at 7.30pm and ending at 9.30pm - with an all-important tea/coffee/chat break about halfway through. If you would like to find out more about joining us or booking us for a performance, please contact us by email at info@middevonsingers.org.uk. Otherwise, be sure to keep an eye on our social media feeds for general news & performance information:

Facebook themiddevonsingers
Twitter/X @MidDevonSingers
Instagram @middevonsingers

Our last rehearsal before Christmas will be on Friday 13th December, and we will return in the new year on Friday 10th January. We hope you and your families enjoy a very merry Christmas and a healthy & prosperous 2025.

CARDIO - TENNIS

Hemyock Tennis Courts

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY TENNIS.

BRING A RACKET IF YOU HAVE ONE OR YOU CAN BORROW ONE FROM THE CLUB

COST £6.00 PER SESSION - CASH ON THE DAY. YOU ONLY PAY FOR THE SESSIONS YOU ATTEND.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART PLEASE CONTACT:

JO - 07836287423

THURSDAY'S 9.00 - 10.00AM





The King's Award
for Voluntary Service

We are delighted and very proud to announce that the volunteers of the Blackdown Support Group will be receiving the King's Award for Voluntary Service this year in recognition of the work they do to support the people of the Blackdown Hills - this award is the highest a voluntary group can receive in the UK, it is equivalent to an MBE for voluntary services and is awarded for life.

The Award winners were announced on Thursday 14th November, to coincide with HM the King's birthday. Representatives of The Blackdown Support Group will receive the award crystal and certificate from David Fursdon, the Lord-Lieutenant of Devon early next year. In addition, two volunteers from the BSG will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May or June 2025, along with other recipients of this year's Award and the group will be holding a celebration event for volunteers in January.

We expect to move into our new premises at Newland, Station Road immediately next door to Hemyock surgery, by the beginning of January 2025. After 30 plus years of working together we will miss being in the same building but will continue to work closely with the Blackdown Practice team and look forward to welcoming our volunteers and service users to our new home in the new year!



Blackdown
Support
Group

"Supporting Lives. Strengthening Communities"



Love Where you Live! Hemyock Day!!

Hemyock Day will be Saturday 21 June 2025

In the meantime we've been busy fundraising. If you would like to get involved in the Event or Fundraising, do get in touch.

Neon 90's night was a triumph! This event lit up Hemyock Parish Hall – literally with everyone embracing the neon theme with outstanding outfits. DJ Sparrow filled the floor with banging numbers with everyone dancing and enjoying the music. Thanks to everyone who turned up to support Hemyock Day. Our next event will be a Family Disco for everyone including children. Look out for posters advertising the Disco in January. Thank you so much to everyone who has participated in our Hemyock Day fund raising events. A great way to raise money whilst enjoying doing so, from the Summer Cafés@Longmead, the Summer Feast and the Neon 90's party.

It's much appreciated and will make Hemyock Day 2025 even bigger and better. Susan Scantlebury 01823 681393.



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Community-based social groups

Signposting and support in accessing other services

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Community Transport

Befriending Bereavement support

Prescription delivery Form Filling Lunch Clubs

Coffee mornings

Toenail Cutting Wheelchair Loan

Errands and shopping support





Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesdays
1:45pm - 3:15pm

Term time only

£2

per adult

Hemyock
Parish Hall




We have ride on toys, crafts, puzzles, imaginative play, musical instruments, books and lots more!

Drinks and snacks provided for everyone.

Facebook – Hemyock Baby & Toddler Group



Valley Arts




Our 2025 pantomime rehearsals for Robinson Crusoe are well underway. We will perform on the 5th, 6th, & Feb 7th also by popular request we are putting on an extra evening performance on Feb 8th 2025.

We are really pleased the team i.e. Stuart Summers – Director, Zelda Gray- Musical Director and Miki Hussey -Choreographer have all agreed to produce another show. Stuart has cast the pantomime and the characters are: Jasper Parrot-SONIA, Robinson Crusoe-LORRAINE, Mother Crusoe EMILY, Swash-VIKKI, Buckle-KEVIN, Captain Blood-ANDY, Polly Perkins –ALANNAH, Miss Friday CARLA, Ada-SALLY, Ethel-CAROLINE, Maude-MIKI, Gladys-GILLIAN, Cecil-CHRIS, King Neptune-BEN, Plankton-SUE, Deckhand Sam-BECKY, Deckhand Chris-VAL, Ghost-ELAINE, Chorus- DANIELLE and ENSEMBLE.

We are pleased that so many people are taking part, including three new members, we are all enjoying rehearsing some popular and lively songs and dances with lots of laughing lots of fun! Hemyock Post Office is kindly going to be our box office and Tickets will be on sale from 11th Jan 2025 Adults £10 Children £5.

The Christmas meal will be on 21st December at the Catherine Wheel, a great way to start the festive season. Gillian will distribute menus and collect orders at the end of November, beginning of December.



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

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

Hemyock Gardeners

Hemyock Gardeners' Association meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Hemyock Parish Hall from September til April. During the summer months we visit gardens near and far. Everyone is most welcome to attend meetings and become a member of the Association with all its benefits, including discount at local garden centres.

Our November annual general meeting was well attended by members. The existing committee were re-elected en bloc. Without them, there would be no meetings, no visits and no Spring and Autumn Shows. They're looking forward to the challenges that 2025 might bring.

We have the well-known journalist and gardener, Sally Nex, coming to speak on Wednesday 11 December. Her subject on this occasion is “Growing Fruit in Small Spaces”. Do come along, entry is just £1 with complimentary refreshments.

Our January meeting on is our Social Evening when members pay their membership fees – just £10 per person and receive the program for 2025. If you would like to come along, please drop in to the Parish Hall on Wednesday 8 January.

Sue Scantlebury - 01823 681393 – susanscantlebury@yahoo.com.

Hemyock Parish Council update

Pencross Hill was finally re-opened a week early after major repairs to the road. The Council would like to thank residents for their patience during the road closure having to use various de-tours to negotiate travelling.

With the change of the clocks and the winter dark nights and mornings, pedestrian safety is a priority. Please could drivers take care when driving especially where there are no pavements and lighting is poor. Pedestrians please make sure that you can clearly be seen by drivers by wearing light coloured clothing.

At the end of October the flood warning cameras donated by DRIP (Devon Resilience Innovation Project) were fitted and is funded by the Environmental Agency. The project aims to help communities like Hemyock which are subject to flash flooding, by working with landowners and community groups to slow down and store water upstream of at risk communities during periods of heavy rainfall. DRIP is part of the wider Connecting the Culm project and more information can be found at www.connectingtheculm.com and by emailing hello@connectingtheculm.com

Residents are invited to log on to:
iPhone : <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/community-level-sensor/id1356282888?ls=1> HYPERLINK “<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/community-level-sensor/id1356282888?ls=1&mt=8>”& HYPERLINK “<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/community-level-sensor/id1356282888?ls=1&mt=8>”mt=8

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.vision_link.communityviewer.production HYPERLINK “https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.vision_link.communityviewer.production&pcampaignid=web_share”&

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Planning

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

24/01307/FULL
Proposal: Erection of general agricultural building
Location: Land at NGR 314712 110798 South West of Madford Farm Barn Hemyock Devon
Grid Ref: 314653 : 110734
Parish: Hemyock 26

24/01565/FULL
Proposal: Erection of chapel of rest, associated facilities and double garage following partial demolition of existing building
Location: Pring & Son Funeral Directors Westhayes Farm
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 312775 / 113446
Parish: Hemyock 26

24/00783/FULL
Proposal: Conversion and extension of barn to self-build dwelling and erection of a link-to garage with store
Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 311821 115118 (Cracklehayes Barn) Hemyock Devon
Grid Ref: 311843 : 115067
Parish: Hemyock 26

Details of Parish Council meetings and copies of the minutes are posted on our website and facebook page so please keep an eye for updates. The Public Forum during the meeting is an opportunity for you to bring ideas or voice your concerns to the Council so please come along – we look forward to seeing you.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th December, please join us for mince pies and mulled wine at Backdown Healthy Living Centre.

Finally the Parish Council wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year and we look forward to working with you in 2025.



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.

Bygone Christmas Memories in Hemyock

The last Saturday in November saw the members of the Roman Catholic Church hold their Christmas Fair at the Parish Hall signally seasonal festivities in Hemyock had begun.

The following week St Marys held their sale there which Father Christmas always attended. The guest Opener, along with the Rector, and others , sat at a table on the stage and the speaker was presented with a floral bouquet or buttonhole usually by one of the Sunday School younger members.

A huge variety of stalls filled the hall including homemade confectionery, glass & chinaware, festive stationery, hand knitted items ,cakes and a Men’s stall. Amongst the various raffles, and by far the most popular, was the large Culm Davy basket which was always full of a huge number of wonderful gifts.

The village Carol service held at the parish church (never a sermon!) began traditionally with the first verse of Once in Royal Davids City sung by a young chorister with another giving the first reading. Members of the village churches- Baptist, Methodist (High St) RC (Station Rd) and organisations gave one of the 9 readings between the 9 carols.

A Toy service at St Marys invited people to donate a gift and these were taken to the children’s ward of Musgrove Park Hospital.

The folk who went carolling around the village always received a warm welcome in particular at the house of churchwarden Sonny and Mrs Farmer (Culmstock Rd) and Les and Francis Hart (top of Pencross Hill) with mince pies and a warming drink. Francie was the church organist & Les a bellringer On his return to the area the late Ron White led groups accompanying them on his accordion and then the Party Club in more recent years, dressed in Victorian costume, continued the custom of singing around the village.

The children of the factory workers (Millhayes) enjoyed Christmas parties in the decorated canteen where Kit, a member of the kitchen staff, made ice cream for all to enjoy from a product produced there. Visits to Exeter pantomimes followed by tea at the Cullompton hotel were also enjoyed.

Pre arranged visits saw children delighted when Father Christmas knocked on doors bearing a gift. Whilst both young and not so young enjoyed the Baptist presentation of the Nativity play.

On December 25th the churches held mid morning services with St Marys also having a 8am spoken Holy Communion.

Meanwhile if families had a turkey too large for their ovens, or not enough space to cook all the accompaniment, the prepared bird could be taken to the bakery (behind the PO) where Percy Saunders would ensure all were cooked and ready for collection at an agreed time.

Happy memories indeed.

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.com.

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 Stephen Walker - Solicitor, Shirley Wyatt - Chairman, Sue Brocklesby, Penny Browning and Judy Barton - Secretary.

COULD WE HELP YOU?

What’s On December 2024

Sun	1	
Mon	2	
Tue	3	
Wed	4	BSG Hemyock Lunch Club, 12.45 - 2.30, BHLAC Hemyock PC, 7.30 - 9.30 BHLAC
Thu	5	
Fri	6	Scout Group CHRISTMAS BINGO, 6.45, PH
Sat	7	LIGHTS BRIGADE PARADE Christmas Tea & Stalls, 2pm-4pm St Mary’s Church: Charity Shop, 2pm-4pm Church rooms
Sun	8	
Mon	9	
Tue	10	Tuesday Group, 7.30 - 9, FL
Wed	11	BSG Empty Spaces, Riverside Room BHLAC: Hemyock Gardeners 7- 9, PH: Come & Craft, 6.30 - 9.30, FL
Thu	12	History Group, 7.30, CR: Short Mat 1.30 - 4.30, PH: Devon Dance 6.45 - 8, PH
Fri	13	
Sat	14	HEMYOCK MARKET, 10-12, PH
Sun	15	
Mon	16	
Tue	17	
Wed	18	
Thu	19	Poppy Group, 10 - 12, CR
Fri	20	End of Term Devon Schools
Sat	21	
Sun	22	
Mon	23	Carolling - Scouts & Explorers 4.30 - 6.30 Around Village
Tue	24	
Wed	25	Christmas Day
Thu	26	Boxing Day
Fri	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	29	
Mon	30	
Tues	31	New Year’s Eve

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

Sun	Community Shed	10-1pm	C Shed
Mon	Short Mat Bowls	9.30-12.30pm	PH
	Art	10-12noon	FL
	Badminton	1.30-3.30pm	PH
	Latin Dance	6.30-7.30pm	PH
	Pilates	9.00 - 10.00am	BHLAC
	Pilates	10.15 - 11.15am	BHLAC
	Seated Pilates	11.30 - 12.15pm	BHLAC
	Yoga	6.15 - 7.45pm	BHLAC
	Riverside Club	9.00 -3.00pm	BHLAC
Tue	Toddlers	9.15 -11am	PH
	Charity Coffee Shop	10-12Noon	CR
	Vass	7.15-9.45pm	PH
	Yoga	9.30 - 11.00am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 - 7.30pm	BHLAC
Wed	Tai Chi	11-12noon	PH
	Come & Craft	6.30-9.30pm	FL
	Stay & Play	9.30 - 11am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 - 7.30pm	BHLAC
	Chapel Café	9.15 - 11.30am	HBC
Thu	Devon Dance	6.45-8pm	PH
	Riverside Club	9.00 - 3.00pm	BHLAC
Fri	Pilates	9.30 - 10am	BHLAC
	Pilates with Sarah	11.15 - 12.15pm	BHLAC

These WEEKLY activities happen regularly each week with occansional breaks for Bank and School Holidays. They will not be in the monthly What’s On.

Fortnightly and Monthly meetings will be placed in the Monthly What’s On Section.

Please contact **Gillian Hawkes:**
gillian.parishpump@gmail.com if there are any alterations, or additions to this list.

PH - Parish Hall
FL - Forbes Lounge
BHLAC - Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre
C. Shed - Community Shed
CR - Church Rooms
HBC - Hemyock Baptist Church

What’s On January 2025

Wed	1	New Year's Day
Thu	2	
Fri	3	
Sat	4	Charity Shop 10-12 CR
Sun	5	
Mon	6	Devon School Term starts Young Farmers 7.30 FL
Tue	7	
Wed	8	Parish Council, 7.30 BHLAC, Gardeners, 7.30 PH. Empty Spaces 2.30 BHLAC
Thu	9	History Group 7.30 CR
Fri	10	Empty Spaces 10-11.30 BHLAC
Sat	11	
Sun	12	
Mon	13	Parish Hall Committee 7.45 FL
Tue	14	Tuesday Club, 7.30 FL
Wed	15	
Thu	16	Poppy Group 10 - 3pm CR
Fri	17	
Sat	18	HEMYOCK MARKET 10 - 12pm PH
Sun	19	
Mon	20	Young Farmers 7.30 FL
Tue	21	
Wed	22	
Thu	23	
Fri	24	
Sat	25	Repair Café 10 - PH
Sun	26	
Mon	27	
Tue	28	
Wed	29	
Thu	30	
Fri	31	

The What’s On is back!

Gillian Hawkes has kindly stepped forward to take on the administration of the What’s On pages, thank you Gillian!

Please note Gillian’s email address gillian.parishpump@gmail.com and send any dates and notifications through in good time.

If you wish to give people early notice of your events by putting them into a Forthcoming Events column, please notify **Gillian Hawkes at gillian.parishpump@gmail.com** by the Parish Pump deadline date.

- PH – Parish Hall
- FL – Forbes Lounge
- CR – Church Rooms
- LM–Longmead
- RS – Riverside
- BC – Baptist Church
- SM – St Mary’s
- SA – St Andrew’s
- ASC – All Saint’s Church
- CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall
- BHLAC – Blackdown Healthy Living Activity Centre

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Around Hemyock

For the past 5 years Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock has been fortunate to have **Rev Canon Becky Totterdell** as our CofE Priest. During her time with us many will have benefitted from Becky’s caring, encouragement and support. Becky was with us as we faced amongst other concerns Covid when her devotion to her parishioners was outstanding and many were grateful for the regular zoom services and internet social events she arranged ensuring we kept in touch with each other.

Many may not be aware that a number of years ago our United Benefice discovered we were no longer entitled to a full time member of clergy with the post being reduced to 0.5. This has proved to be totally inadequate and has seen the Rector working far more hours than salaried for. Becky has never quavered in her leadership and devotion to duty for which we are all grateful.

We wish Becky a long, happy and blessed retirement and thank her for all she has contributed to our area.

Until a new Incumbent has been appointed services at St Mary’s will be led by a variety of people and thanks in advance go to them all - retired clergy, Lay Ministers - including **Piers and Liz Langdon** who were recently licensed at Exeter Cathedral - and the Lay Team.

The centre of Hemyock fell silent for 2 minutes at 11am as the village remembered the Fallen on **Remembrance Sunday** and again on Armistice Day when around 50 people met at the War Memorial. A parade from the parish hall led by the church choir saw a large contingent of the local Scout Group walking ahead of folk who filled the church where there was standing room only for the Sunday service. The **poppy displays** both inside and out along with the figures have been greatly admired and thanks go to all those who were involved.

Many congratulations to the **Blackdown Support Group** on being awarded the **King’s Award for Voluntary Services**. I clearly remember attending the meeting held at the surgery when the formation of this brilliant service was discussed. Thank you to all who are, or have been involved over the years.

Many have expressed concern over the decision by the **Blackdown Practice** to cuts they have found necessary to take to continue the excellent service they offer. Hopefully as time evolves this will see them able to return to the opening times all the surgeries are used to. I’m sure we will all agree the area the Practice covers is incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated staff.

With advice from the Gardeners Association children from **Hemyock School** have been responsible for the creation of 2 gardens within the churchyard which they will continue to care for. Do call in when passing and see how things progress.

The Christmas Fair which for many years was held at the Parish Hall changed venue last year and proved to be very successful so afternoon **Christmas Tea with stalls** at St Marys will again be welcoming everyone on the afternoon of December 7th.

There will have been a large number of folk involved with the **Lights Brigade** who fill the village with colourful decorations and lead a procession towards the church where the star will be lit. Many homes will also help brighten up the village as a huge variety

of lights appear. Add into that a possible visit from Santa and his elves, the school Christingle service, crib & Carol service in the churchyard along with various other service and happenings the festive season is well and truly upon us.

Whilst most will enjoy the Christmas and New Year celebrations, we remember those who are unwell and families who have lost a loved one thinking particularly of the family of **John Andrews, Peter Dearsley and Joan Palmer**, mother of Jacky McCulloch. Condolences, love and prayers are sent their families and friends.

Joan Helen Palmer
Joan was born on 28th November 1926 and family lived at New Malden, Surrey. In 1939, Joan was evacuated to Herefordshire and the family she stayed with involved Joan in art and music When she was 16 Joan joined the Womens Junior Air Corps, learning morse code and how to change a fuse or a tap washer. After the war, she joined the International Exchange in London as a telephonist.

In 1946 she met and married Raymond Palmer: as both were under 21 they had to gain parental approval. In 1947 Michael was born, in 1950, Jacky was born, followed in 1952 by Mark.

The family moved to Stevenage New Town, where both parents worked for the English Electric Company. A move to Biggin Hill saw Joan ballroom dancing, with the Shirley Cox School of Dance. She became a teacher with Shirley Cox and counted Len Goodman, from “Strictly” fame as one of her many contemporaries.

Joan learned to fence and began horse riding, which she really enjoyed. In 1969, she began going to Covent Garden Opera House, where she fell in love with the music of Puccini. Jacky and Joan would often have a box and smuggle in a bottle of sherry for the performance. Joan moved to Wellington, with Ian & family her neighbours, beginning a long lasting friendship, with Jacky joining that family in 1986.

Whilst in Somerset, Joan began breeding and showing Bearded Collies, achieving a 2nd place in her breed at Crufts. Joan and Ray bought a cottage at Winkleigh, Devon. Ray commuted to London Monday to Friday, visiting Devon at weekends.

She began spinning and knitting, using the wool from her small flock of Jacob sheep, making many lovely garments and going to the local agricultural shows, demonstrating spinning and made mittens out of the hair from her Beardies: at one time most of the staff at Lloyds Bank Exeter owned a pair of Beardie mittens!!

In 1985 Joan started painting again using oils, acrylics, pastels, charcoal sketching, but water colour was her favourite. She even swapped the paint brush and paint for the knife and wood veneer, producing amazing pieces of marquetry work.

Joan moved from Winkleigh to North Tawton, then to Honiton in 1991, where she remained until 2022. During her time in Honiton, she taught art at Honiton Community College into her 80’s and had her own art class at Upottery. Her other interest was her garden, and she became very knowledgeable about the plants and trees.

She was an excellent driver, driving up and back to Scotland with a friend in her late 70’s, for a 2 week holiday. In 2022 Joan

had her second heart attack and had to be looked after, latterly at Abbeyfield Hill House, where she had a room that overlooked Honiton and the surrounding countryside.

Joan joined in the many activities that were on offer and thoroughly enjoyed the good food that was served each day: if food was not to Joan’s standards, she would happily give her opinion!!

We know Joan has now found peace, but during her lifetime has embraced the many pastimes she undertook with skill, dedication and talent. A life well lived: she is much loved and will be greatly missed.

The Community Larder/Fridge continues to be well used helping to reduce landfill and save a few pennies. Whilst throughout the village new groups keep popping up inviting folk to continue or start a new interest.

We are all aware of the various trouble spots in the world and as we remember them may this Christmas season wrap us in love, warmth and gratitude and may the coming year bring us peace and happiness.

Merry Christmas everyone,

Janice
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Hemyock Youth Club

Pool

Air Hockey

Games Consol

Games Craft

Table Tennis

Physical

Activities

Games Hall

Movie Room

Quiet Room

Café & Tuck Shop

Learning Workshops

Youth Life Topic Talks

Much More

Youth Club is back

All welcome

£2 Entry

6-8 Mondays

Ages 10-17



@thegarages, Lower Millhayes, ex15 3TB

Contact; youthclubloolies@icloud.com

FB; youth@thegarages

Mary Waldron Trust

Left Uffculme School? Continuing your 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. To be able to apply you should be normally resident in Hemyock or Clayhidon and have received full time education at one or more of:

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

Applications from students (not their parents) are welcome and must be in writing or email. Actual receipts for purchases made must be provided in due course.

If you would like further details or to request an application form, please contact the Secretary as follows:

Mrs Sally Cartledge, 22 Station Road, Hemyock, EX15 3SE

Email sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk

Phone 01823 680367 (mob 07734 282094)



Longmead Environmental Area Report for the Parish Pump

Well that was Summer! “What Summer?” I hear you ask. It has not exactly been the best growing year as many gardeners will attest, but nature has continued in the environmental area. We are lucky to have such an area on our doorstep where folk can walk and while away a few minutes, watching the seasons change. When you look carefully, the area is full of life - from the iridescent rose chafer beetles to long tailed tits.



The insect hotel is looking much more established now that the sedums, houseleeks and other roof growing plants have taken hold. Thanks to all who so generously contributed plants.

Fruit did well this year- the rhubarb grew strongly, there were a few more apples on the trees by the raised beds and the blackcurrants proved popular for the village jam makers.

A good tidy up session took place on Thursday 7th November when we had the Green Days adults and three super enthusiastic volunteers . We have started on a staged coppicing of the willow around the pond, which will be on a three year rota. This will open up different areas around the pond. Willow is one of those key species that has huge benefits for wildlife. Early to flower, it is great for the bumble bees and other pollinators searching for Spring nectar when they emerge from hibernation. By coppicing the willow, we are rejuvenating it.

The grassy area next to the bug house was strimmed and this will become an open sunny glade to encourage butterflies and other pollinators next summer. A mixture of donated spring bulbs were planted next to, and opposite the bench by the raised beds. Look out for them next Spring. Even though they have previously been planted, they have a second chance to flower and give pleasure.

Raised beds have been weeded, covered with cardboard and bark mulch. The fruiting hedge by the pond has been pruned quite hard to encourage it to fill out next year.

The next session will be on Thursday 5th December, (10.30-1pm) – so please join us if you can spare a little time. We shall be adding to the dry hedge, pruning the second fruiting hedge and marking the end of this year with mince pies and mulled apple juice or perhaps something stronger. All welcome!

Trish Slater

HEMYOCK'S BIG VISIT

WE POLITELY ASK THAT THOSE ATTENDING THIS EVENT BY VEHICLE ARE MINDFUL OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY.

5PM - 7PM

NIGHT 1 STOPS

WEDNESDAY 11th DEC

Healthy Living Centre

Longmead Sports Pavilion

Hollingarh Way

Eastlands

Logan Way/ Parklands

Griffin Close

The Catherine Wheel

Prowses

Follow us on Facebook for live updates on our route progress on the night!
www.facebook.com/hemyockbigvisit

THESE ARE FATHER CHRISTMAS' PLANNED STOPS WHERE THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE BIG MAN HIMSELF!! HE WILL HOWEVER PLAN TO GET AROUND AS MANY STREETS AS POSSIBLE TO SPREAD FESTIVE CHEER AND COLLECT MONEY FOR OUR CHARITIES. SO LISTEN OUT FOR THE SLEIGH BELLS!!

Devon Air Ambulance



Hemyock Christmas Club

Hemyock Christmas Club started in 2018 with the goal of bringing festive cheer to the children (and grown ups) of Hemyock, whilst also raising money for two charities close to our hearts. The charities we raise money for are, The Grand Appeal for Bristol Children's Hospital and the Devon Air Ambulance.

Each year our loyal elves help Father Christmas navigate his way around our wonderful village. We stop at safe locations to let Father Christmas meet our fantastic young people. The elves hand out goodies while collecting money for the charities in their collection pots. You can't miss us, the truck and tree are decorated in bright lights and we also have festive music playing to really get you into the Christmas Spirit!

Please come out and support us this year. We will be making our way through the village on 11th and 12th December, from 5pm. You can find the maps and rough timings in the Parish Pump, on lamp posts around the village and on our Facebook page @ hemyockchristmasclub.

ROUTE DETAILS AND APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Night 1 - 11th December

5PM - Healthy Living Centre - STOP 1
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas and his elves will then proceed up Station Road

5.30PM - Longmead Pavilion - STOP 2
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas will then make some noise back out onto Station Road, moving on his way to Stop 3

6PM - Hollingarh Way - STOP 3
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children at Blackdown View!

Father Christmas will then travel round Castle Park giving a Ho! Ho! Ho! to all he sees, heading back out onto Station Road, turning past the Post Office and Parish Hall, onto Stop 4.

6.30PM - Eastlands - STOP 4
Father Christmas will get out to meet the children on his final stop of the night

These are all very rough timings as we never know how many of you will turn up on the night in which places. We will be going live on our facebook page and you can keep up to date with where we are by checking in with us there. Give us a like to be in the know!

Please give as generously as you can to support our chosen charities.

ROUTE DETAILS AND APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Night 2 - 12th December

5PM - Griffin Close - STOP 1
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas and his elves will then travel via Clist Way to Logan Way and round Lower Greenfield spreading cheer

5.30PM - Logan Way/Parklands - STOP 2
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children

Father Christmas will then continue back out onto Culmstock Road travelling past the Pump and onwards to Stop 3. If you see us passing, please do give us a wave!

6PM - Prowses - STOP 3
Father Christmas will get out and meet the children at the top of Prowses at the turning to Higher Mead

Father Christmas will then travel down the High Street towards Stop 4

6.30PM - The Catherine Wheel - STOP 4
Father Christmas will get out to meet the children on his final stop of the night

On the night the elves will be giving out our (now famous) hot chocolate reindeer and a sweet treat!

Thank you for your support!

TONDER 2025 UPDATE
1ST HEMYOCK SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISING APPEAL

1st Hemyock Scouts have launched a fundraising appeal to support our historic 50-year exchange partnership with Scouts from Tonder in Denmark. A group of young people from Hemyock hope to visit Tonder in 2025 and the Leaders, parents and Scouts are fundraising hard to support this unique trip.

Huge thanks to everyone who has contributed to date, we have raised £1726.16 so far!

We had a fantastic haul of bags donated to our second-hand clothing drive and are busy sorting through it ahead of our sale next year.

Scouts and Explorers have been working hard in the last couple of months making gifts to sell at the Uffculme Christmas Craft Fair in November.

Members of all groups and their families will be carol singing around the village on Monday 23rd December – keep an ear out for us!

Save the date for our table-top sale on Saturday March 29th in Hemyock Parish Hall!

We also have exciting plans for a takeaway curry night in April, an auction of outdoor kit in May and Summer event in June before the big send off in July.

Scouting gives young people skills for life. It aims to support the development of their social, practical and outdoor skills as well as instilling a strong sense of community and personal responsibility.

Please help us maintain this historic friendship and support our young people in their fundraising efforts.

For more information contact
anne.1sthemyscouts@outlook.com
Follow our progress on Facebook - Friends of Hemyock Scout Group

Thank you,

1st Hemyock Scout Group



1st Hemyock Scout Group

*H*ello and welcome to Autumn/Winter, have to add Winter as it is frosty outside this morning and the bird bath has a thin coating of ice, bbbrrr! Any way we have our Danish visit to look forward to next Summer.

Firstly I have to say that the Remembrance Parade and Service last Sunday was probably one of the best that I have attended and I have attended many! We had some eighty members of the group in attendance consisting of leaders, explorers, scouts cubs, beavers and squirrels not to mention our group chair, trustee board members and old Rikki. We paraded from the Parish Hall to St Marys led by our flag party to honour those who have given their lives in many conflicts over many years, remembering especially those from Hemyock. It was pleasing that many members of the congregation, after the service commented on how smart and well behaved our young people were during the service and laying of the wreaths. Thank you it means a lot to us, so members and leaders give yourselves a pat on the back.

Before the parade I managed to have a word with some of the leaders and young people. The theme was that our sections from the youngest to oldest were all having, yes you have guessed- FUN. Thoroughly enjoying the Autumn programmes with as usual the emphasis on being out doors. I spoke with several of the scout section , what did they enjoy most?. Answers were-- archery, carving (called whittling back in my day), being outside and by far the best, wide games. Wide games have been enjoyed by scouts for decades and are super fun. So I guess some things do not change. After the Service I managed to have a word with our GSL Julie, after she had supervised the securing of the wreaths around the Memorial- a job she has done for many years. She told me that we have lost two of our leaders, Amy and Chris but for good reasons. They are now part of the leader team for Uffculme scouts. Also 1st Hemyock is OK and enjoying Autumn programmes. She did not elaborate, but I think OK sums us up. I must add that Julie is also Tiverton District Commissioner and responsible for all groups within the District.

News from HQ. We currently have a system at HQ called Compass which records all the necessary information to look after a national organisation. It is now shut down for a few weeks whilst it is changed and updated to a new digital system. Hope it works, the joys of technology! It is also time for our annual census which records the numbers in each and every group throughout the land. We also have a new edition of POR operating from this month. Some of you will know what POR stands for, however I shall explain. Policy, Organisation and Rules. It is the book of words which states what we should and should not do within scouting. It has been in existence from before I was a scout and Ron Lowman was Skip. I must say that it is a document that we do need to control the activities of our hundreds of thousands of young people in the UK. It obviously needs updating regularly to reflect the changes in our society over the decades since we were started by Robert Baden Powell in the early nineteen hundreds.

Our new Chief Scout-- Dwayne Fields has brought back the Unsung Heroes awards. He is looking for twenty 4 to 24 year olds who have gone above and beyond in courage, kindness and scout values. HQ also repeats the importance of safety and safeguarding and they mentioned Parades. I can definitely tell them that we conformed with our well controlled Parade two days ago. They also have some activity suggestions-- Clean up waterways,

mapping kindness in communities, haggis neeps and tatties (they must be looking forward to next January for Burns night, hope they mean outside as we always do!), cook campfire popcorn and finally brush bugs and play data backers, not sure what they are, but I am sure our young members will.

Last time I said that I would have some more info on our new Chief Scout, Dwayne. He was the first black Briton to reach the North Pole. He co-founded the #WeTwo Foundation to help young people from underprivileged backgrounds to expand their horizons and find their place in the world. He is a seasoned TV presenter for BBC’s Countryfile, Disney Plus and many others. His Channel 5 TV series Endurance: Race to the Pole with Ben Fogle was nominated in the 2024 BAFTA Awards. So there we have our 11th Chief Scout, 1st Hemyock wishes him well.

And so to the finally. FUN. That is our aim for members and leaders, so we hope that you can fit some fun into your lives as well.

And a second finally, that comes around every sixth edition of the Pump, times flies! May I on behalf of every member of 1st Hemyock wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. 2025 and our next trip to our friends in Tonder Denmark, I shall tell you about that next September.

Be Prepared,

Old Rikki

Poets Corner

RED SUNRISE

Sad to see the sunlight growing,
Tinting red the clouds of morning,
In the sky we read a warning,
Red for ‘STOP!
And understand’
Before the weather and conditions change.

THE STEM OF LIFE

Open to the Summer Sun,
Dew fresh stem of sap so sweet,
Bows to weight of flirting bees
Who fickle, cast their favours wide;
Brief passing touch of joy
Then flowers fade,
The seasons span half spent,
And Autumn’s leaves dry and fall,
And seeds are scattered hither, lost,
To Winter’s dark and cold, till,
Spring and new life comes again,
Reaching up towards the Summer Sun.

David Palmer

Dear Residents

This is just a flavour of what has been happening at County. We will be getting into the budget preparation within the next two months, we have to have the budget agreed by Feb.

At Month 6 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by just over £4 million an improvement of £2 million on the month 4 position. However, it is important to note that this excludes the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) deficit.

Financial risks within Integrated Adult Social Care and Children and Young People’s Futures are still being experienced, but the work underway across the whole authority to support these pressures continues to ensure the whole organisation is focused on achieving a break-even position for the end of the year.

Pressures continue to be felt within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) around demand for Special Educational Needs services both locally and nationally. As part of the Chancellor’s Budget on 30th October, the Government has recognised these pressures and has allocated an additional £1 billion to support Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

More than 1,600 primary school children from across Devon got ‘Farmwise’ this month and saw for themselves where our food comes from and how it’s made.

We invited Key Stage 2 primary school children from 40 primary schools and they rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into a range of activities.

It’s the 11th time this annual event has been held and teachers and children tell us it’s the absolute highlight of their year.

The event is a collaboration between South West Norse, Devon County Agricultural Association, Mole Valley Farmers and us and takes place at Westpoint.

This year it was attended by our Leader, Councillor James McInnes, Chair of the Council, John Hart and members of our Strategic Leadership Team; Maria Price and Maria Chakraborty.

The Council’s Revenue Budget for 2024/25 was £743 million, which was 6.3% higher than the previous year (£699 million) and made provision for £48.5 million or inflation and national living wage (NLW), £44.8 million for growth and other pressures and included savings, alternative funding or additional income of £49.5 million.

- For the Children and Young People’s Futures Directorate, the Budget was set at £227.7 million, an increase of 10.4%. This excludes the Dedicated Schools Grant which is allocated directly to schools.
- The Council receives funding for its services in a variety of ways. This includes general funding through local taxation including council tax and a share of business rates; general grants from Government through the annual finance settlement for example revenue support grant, rural services delivery grant, social care grant; and other grant funding specific to services such as the Dedicated Schools Grant. The Council also receives income directly from service users in some cases, for example in contributions towards social care.

- The additional £21.5 million investment in Children’s Services was made up from £30.6 million in inflation, national living wage and other pressures, £8.5 million in savings and £564,000 in alternative sources of funding and additional income.

In 2023-24, the average recycling rate (N192) for Devon’s WCAs was 50.1%, an increase of 1.3% on the previous year. For authorities signed up to the mutually beneficial ‘Shared Savings Scheme’ (SSS), the average rate last year was 54.3%, with founding SSS member East Devon returning to 60%+ performance which it first achieved in 2019-20. During 2023-24, East Devon (60.1%), Mid Devon (57.9%), Teignbridge (54.2%), West Devon (53.7%), and Torridge (53.5%) all achieved recycling rates over 50% which places these authorities in the top 20% of English WCAs. With the exception of West Devon (- 0.2%), all DASWC authorities increased their recycling performance. Devon’s rate, as Torbay, also includes Recycling Centres, and achieved a recycling rate of 54.5% (+0.5%) following consecutive reductions in performance since its peak performance (56.6%) achieved in 2019-20. Torbay also showed a welcome return to performance growth at 40.1%, but this is 4.6% lower than its highest rate achieved in 2012-13 (44.7%)

Homes England: Mid Devon District Council has recently announced securing £34m towards the Cullompton Eastern Relief Road, which will relieve congestion in the town and open up opportunities for improved walking, cycling and more reliable bus routes. Devon County Council has been a key partner in securing these funds, being the lead on the planning, design and will likely be responsible for delivering the scheme.

It is that time of year again, soon comes around, for me to wish you all a happy Xmas and a healthy and happy new year. As always I am here to help if I can.

Regards,
Ray

Ray Radford
Devon County Councillor
Willand & Uffculme Division
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Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Our First Repair Cafe event in 2025 will be held on the Saturday 25th January in the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1pm.

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

Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe Events for the whole of 2025, all at Hemyock Parish Hall on the following Saturdays. January 25th, March 22nd, May 24th, July 26th, September 27th, November 22nd

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

History Group Report

Following on from the wonderful display in St Mary’s around Remembrance Day and the coffee morning in aid of the Church and The British Legion we had a good group of members who turned up to our meeting on a cold winters evening to discuss the 2 books published by our community on the two world wars. We also played several videos of local residents talking about their experiences living in Hemyock during WW2 with AI generated images of typical scenes in the area with typical country folk.

We also had pages from our Great War book shown on a smart TV using a memory stick so that we could step through the very moving stories of our residents who served in the military during that terrible conflict. The main battleground was the Western Front but our people also served in Turkey, Gaza, Palestine, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Sinai, Persia and India (much larger pre partition). The book and memory stick show these locations with their stories written up due to the support we received from their families and the research of the team back in 2014. We were supported by the Heritage Lottery and organised by the SW Heritage Trust. In addition to the Book we produced a booklet of resource for local schools and groups. We also arranged an exhibition with dramatic monologues played by our members of some of the most remarkable stories. We have a film recorded at the time of these monologues. The discussion at the meeting on the 14th November mentioned a series of monologues staged in Hemyock Village Hall at the centenary of the Great War in 2014. These monologues were filmed at the time and the DVD of the Hemyock people presenting the dramatized stories include Tim Barton with the story of his grandfather Reg Barton, Paddy O’Boyle with the story of Clifford John Sanders, Mo Anderson with the story of Mary Corner, plus filmed interviews with Brian Clist, Barbara Lowman, Barbara Bowden and Joan Cooper interviewed by Marion Churchill.

The groups who produced both the WW1 book and the WW2 book are proud of capturing the stories in these documents and protecting the stories on memory sticks that can now be made available to interested parties. It would be wonderful if the new generation of families in the area could become involved in protecting this heritage. This area of the country has an amazing history that luckily has been protected over the years and safely stored in document and electronic archives by the History Group and the Castle owners. History teaching in the country is not as prolific as it has been in the past due to various sensitivities but the material we have saved will allow for much research by whoever would like to become involved in a controlled way through the normal channels. Perhaps we should plan to show the DVD of the exhibition and monologues and interviews from 2014 on the 2nd Thursday of December at the Church Rooms at 7.30pm with some wine punch and mince pies. There will also be a meeting on Thursday 9th January when Alasdair Morrison will be talking about Military Organisation.

Hemyock Castle own the rights on the WW2 YouTube videos and the Kindle WW2 book and they can be accessed via the Castle web site with the following link www.hemyockcastle.uk/hem/ plus other stories including the late Bill Granger from Churchills and Eastlands building the platform on which the Japanese Generals offered Japan’s surrender in Singapore in 1945. All proceeds from the sales of the Kindle WW2 book go to the Blackdown Support Group. And also Youtubechannel@richardsheppard1. If anyone has any memories or documents related to the end of WW2, both VE day and VJ day for the 80th anniversary next year, could they provide some of these memories to the History Group or to Hemyock Castle who are coordinating the anniversary next year.

FROM THE MID DEVON MESSENGER
FOR PEOPLE YOU MAY KNOW WITH PRINT
DISABILITY

Seeing AI is a free app that tells you about the world around you. harnesses the power to open the visual world by describing nearby people, text and objects.

The app is available on iPhone and iPad. Both Android and iOS versions include updated features like photo descriptions with more details and an option to ask questions about a document you’ve scanned, such as what’s on a menu or the price of an item on a receipt. You can also ask it to summarize an article.

Seeing AI uses the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to describe everything from printed text to photos, and to identify money, nearby people, and things in your cupboard. It’s a free app created by Microsoft for iPhones, iPads, and Android devices. Available from the Apple Store.

Seeing AI is a free app that narrates the world available to all but a great help for blind and low vision people, on a mobile device to hand. Check out tutorials with this YouTube playlist: <http://aka.ms/SeeingAIPplaylist>.

Also helpful:

TIVERTON SUPPORT/ACTIVITY GROUPS FOR BLIND AND WITH PRINT DISABILITY					
EVENT/SERVICE	WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COST	CONTACT
Calibre audio books				free	Yvonne 07721065008
Somerset Sight mobile advisory service	1 st Tue of month	10:30-3:30	Tesco car park	free	Helen 07834688838
Macular Support group	1 st Thurs. of month	10 to 12 noon	OHSCC	£ 3.00	Lil 07977668153
VI Friendship Group	3 rd Wed of month	1-3pm	Mid devon Mobility centre	£3.00	Hayley 01884 242099
VI Walking Group (with sighted guide)	To be advised	10 am	To be advised	free	Robin 07434032880
Indoor Bowling	Once/twice A month	2-4	MidDevon Bowling Club	free	Helen 07834688838
Listening Book Club	TBC 2 nd Wed	2-3pm	Tiverton Library	free	Helen 07834688838
RNIB living well with sight loss	Twice a week for 2 weeks	11:00am	At home	free	Trish 07843979975
RNIB tech support				free	Trish 07843979975
RNIB chat group	3 rd Mon of the month	12-2	Exeter Library Cafe	free	Trish 078443979975



Honiton’s Community & Arts Venue

December 2024

THE LYMPSTONE MILITARY WIVES CHOIR
Wed 4 Dec - 7pm. Tickets £10
The Lympstone Military Wives Choir at Christmas with the Ottery St Mary Silver Band. Sponsored by Co-op Funeral Care Honiton. Join us for a fabulous night of Christmas Songs and Festive Music, ending with much loved Christmas Carols for all to sing along to!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND SHOPPING FAYRE
Sat 7 Dec - 10am until 4pm. Free Entry!
Come and enjoy our Christmas shopping event. Shop till you drop and support your local businesses and crafters. Our cafe will be open serving hot drinks, festive bakes and light bites!

THE BEEHIVE’S CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT
Wed 11 Dec - 7pm. Tickets £5pp
The Beehive’s Fundraising Christmas Quiz Night. Ticket includes a glass of mulled cider or mulled wine and free mince pies. Teams of 4/6 maximum. To book, call us on 01404 384050.

MAD DOG MCREA SUPPORT ACT - BLACK FRIDAY
Thu 12 Dec - 7.30pm. Tickets £22(Standing gig, over 18’s only)
Mad Dog Mcrea blend a unique mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz, bluegrass and "shake your ass" music. From self penned songs of adventure drinking, love and life, to traditional songs of gypsies, fairies and legless pirates. Black Friday deliver their stomping, high energy home-brew of folk punk music to The Beehive!

ST AGNES FOUNTAIN
Fri 13 Dec - 7.30pm. Tickets £24
Christmas, as they say, starts with St Agnes Fountain..The trio keep the Christmas Aggie spirit alive and touring celebrating 23 years together with some new material and those old Aggie classics and a doff of the fedora to David.

ROYAL BALLET AND OPERA: CINDERELLA
Sat 14 Dec - 2pm. Adult £18, Student £12
This Christmas, be transported into an ethereal world where a sprinkling of fairy dust makes dreams come true. This enchanting ballet is a theatrical experience for all the family.
*All details correct at time of print. Please check website for updates. Ticket prices include a £1 admin fee.
The Beehive • Dowell Street • Honiton • EX14 1LZ
Box Office: 01404 384050 www.beehivehoniton.co.uk Charity 1162412





Honiton’s Community & Arts Venue

Dec /Jan 2024 - 25

ACOUSTIC SHOWCASE, LIVE MUSIC NIGHT
Thu 19 Dec - 7pm. Free entry!
Everyone is welcome to the Beehive’s Christmas community event, come along have a beer & listen to all styles of live music played by local bands and musicians! No booking needed, free to attend. Bar/Doors open from 6.30pm.

NOSTALGIC CINEMA: A Christmas Story (PG)
Thu 19 Dec - 2pm. Tickets: £5
This beloved holiday movie follows the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker, who spends most of his time dodging a bully (Zack Ward) and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift, a "Red Ryder air rifle."

THE SNOW QUEEN - Interactive Christmas show
Fri 20 Dec - 4pm Adult £11, Under 12's £8, Family of 4 £32
Follow Gerda on her adventures as she sets out to rescue her brother Kai from the evil Snow Queen who is holding him prisoner in her ice palace and meet the magical creatures who help her on her mission. After the show you will meet the puppets and make your very own puppet of a character from the interactive show!

ANDRÉ RIEU GOLD & SILVER CONCERT
Sat 21 Dec - 2pm. Adults £14, Under 16 £10
This magical event embodies the festive spirit of Christmas, bringing joy, warmth, and sparkle to the big screen. Get ready to be transported to the wondrous world of enchanting glamour that is André’s winter Christmas wonderland!

ROYAL BALLET & OPERA: THE NUTCRACKER
Sat 4 Jan - 2pm. Adult £18, Student £12
Discover the enchantment of ballet with this sparkling festive treat for the whole family. Join Clara at a delightful Christmas Eve party that becomes a magical adventure once everyone else is tucked up in bed.

Check out our website for all other events happening at the Beehive this month!

The Beehive • Dowell Street • Honiton • EX14 1LZ
Box Office: 01404 384050 www.beehivehoniton.co.uk Charity 1162412





Come and play cricket !!!

Hemyock Cricket Club would like to welcome new and old players of all standards and ages for the upcoming season. We are a friendly social club that plays Saturday afternoons in Division 3 of the West Somerset League, and some friendly matches.

For more information please contact :
John Hurley (Captain) 07972 744279 jchurley66@googlemail.com
Malcolm Steer (Secretary) 07456 690503 malcolm653@hotmail.co.uk



THANK YOU from the Hemyock Hikers!

We did it! 13 Tors over 14 miles in just under 7 hours for MARIE CURIE. Goodness wasn't the weather kind to us - glorious views across beautiful Dartmoor in the Widdacombe valley throughout the day.

Amazing how a worthy cause can make you forget aching feet and limbs toward the end but team spirits remained high - might have been something to do with the promise of a cream tea at the end - Devon, Cornwall or a bit of both, dollops of it devoured.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported us in encouragement and by donating to our link - to date we have raised a whopping £9,351, something we are all very proud of considering our original target was £3,000. It's not too late to donate if you want to fund more nursing care for people facing terminal cancer - <https://www.justgiving.com/team/hemyock-hikers>. On behalf of Marie Curie we thank you all.



A Message of Thanks

The family of the late Joan Palmer wish to express their sincere thanks to all those attending Joan's memorial service at Hemyock and for all the messages of support and condolence received.

Also to Richard and Stuart Pring, and Dees Flowers, for their professional help and expertise.

Jacky and Ian McCulloch

Opening Times

Hemyock Surgery:
01823 680206

The Blackdown Practice
Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Hemyock opening times:

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

Churchinford opening times:

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

Dunkeswell Surgery:

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

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

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Taunton - Hemyock - Honiton - Seaton

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

Mondays to Fridays										Saturdays									
Taunton, Castle Way (S-bound)	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715	—	—	0850	—	1115	—	1415	—	1715	—
Hockholier, 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	—

Seaton - Honiton - Hemyock - Taunton

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

Mondays to Fridays										Saturdays									
Seaton, Marine Place (Stop B)	—	0900	—	1200	—	1500	—	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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HEMYOCK - TIVERTON
Via Burlescombe, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham
Friday only (Except Public Holidays)

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

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St Andrew’s Clayhidon

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St. Andrew’s Church News

It was in October that several of us from all the churches, were in the magnificent Exeter Cathedral for the wonderful occasion when Liz and Piers Langdon were licensed as Lay Readers. The organ music was so beautiful which gave us even greater enjoyment of the splendid occasion.

Soon after this, it was time for our Harvest celebration. Our church was wonderfully decorated with fruit, vegetables and so much food for which we thank our Lord. Afterwards it was taken to the charity Open Door, in Taunton, from where it is distributed to many who are less fortunate than ourselves.

In November we held our War Memorial service both in church and then down at the War Memorial not just for the two minutes silence but also to remember the ones from Clayhidon who had been killed during World War I and II. Their names were read out with a brief summary of their life.

We have many events still to come which will bring great delight to all of you who would like to join us especially as a family. The end of November is the time to celebrate **St Andrew’s Day** so all the benefice of Clayhidon, Hemyock and Culmstock will join us for a special service at **10.30**. with refreshments to follow. This is also the first Sunday of Advent.

On 8th December at 4pm the children in particular will thoroughly enjoy the **Christingle service** which is always a delight to them.

18th December at 7pm is our special **Carols service** featuring Andrew Trehwella and the Ad Hoc Voices choir. How fortunate we are to be able to have them with us to enjoy this memorable evening. Refreshments will follow this most musical evening.

Another delight for the children will be the **Crib service at 4pm on Christmas Eve**. This is always enjoyed by the children and families as we remember the moving occasion of the birth of Jesus.

This is such a special time of year for us all. We wish everyone the very best of health through this time and especially our very best wishes for your happiness at such a wonderful time. We join together in sending our love to all our community and we remember God’s love for us all.

P.Reynolds. PCC



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Clayhidon Parish Council October meeting

In the absence of the chair and vice chair Lee Saunders and Richard Drew, the chair was taken by Alison Weekes. Items raised by the public at the start of the meeting included the large number of road signs left behind by contractors in the parish, footpath clearance and road flooding at Lilycombe on the road to Brimley.

The council resolved that it had no objection to a planning application for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building at Parklands, Battle Street. Clayhidon.

District Councillor Simon Clist advised that Mid Devon had more than 600 enforcement issues and currently only one enforcement officer. He undertook to ascertain the position about Poachers Rest. Payments approved included £795.00 to Chris Houghton, £852.55 to the clerk. She reminded councillors the importance of authorising online payments. The council were told that a new village sign from the county council locality budget was in position.

The clerk said she would be meeting with Devon Communities Together to discuss the Hemyock Emergency Plan and this information would help with preparation of a Clayhidon Emergency Plan. A talk is being arranged for several Mid Devon parishes to talk about formulating a neighbourhood plan.

The clerk raised public consultations on the Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan that sets out priorities to 2040. It was agreed Councillor Weekes should look at the information and comment at the next meeting.

Councillor Ray Radford’s report had been circulated which raised the above mentioned consultations, the possibility of bringing Highways maintenance in house from 2027, and that the largest spend in the county budget was on adult and childrens social care. The district council report from Councillor Clist said Home England providing the funding for the Cullompton Relief Road would open up the Culm Valley Garden village and 5500 homes.

He reported more social housing was coming online, and on the campaign to encourage eligible pensioners to apply for pension credit following the cut in winter fuel payments. Recycling rates

THE CLAYHIDON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

The Committee invites Candidates to apply for the position of Chairman of our Village Hall Charity.

Our outgoing Chairman retires in May 2025 when he reaches 80.

This is an exciting time for the Village Hall Committee as we continue with the next phase of our refurbishment and extension project for the Village Hall. The Clayhidon Village Hall is at the centre of the Clayhidon Community and our new Chairman will play a full part in leading the Committee into the years ahead.

Could interested applicants please call our Chairman - Neil Carter on 01823 680672 or our Treasurer - David Bearne on 07535032551.

had increased again and there was a public consultation on the Blackdown Hills National Landscape management plan.

The council agreed to make up any funding shortfall in the purchase of a whacker for use in highway repairs in the parish after Highways only paid for a tamper. County Councillor Radford said he would help.

Councillor Weekes asked the clerk to ask for a meeting with Devon Wildlife Trust to discuss the Clayhidon Turbary which they hold on a long lease. The clerk was also asked to send a letter to Taunton Vale hunt about using that land.

The chairman also asked the clerk to take up safety issues at the Ford Street crossing into Clayhidon. She said it gets ignored because it is the county and parish boundary.

Councillor King was concerned at the cost of broadband connection to Gigaclear given that all the lines were in place and that Airband also had lines in place.

The Clayhidon Charity

The Clayhidon Charity is looking for two volunteers to become trustees along with three parish councillors.

These three are Jamie Blackmore, Nick King and Richard Drew. Once the new trustees have come forward for the vacancies outlined in the constitution, an annual general meeting will be called which requires 21 days notice.

This charity goes back hundreds of years and Clayhidon Parish Council has been working hard to simplify and modernise its workings. If you are interested please contact the parish clerk at clerk@clayhidonparish.gov.uk.

Clayhidon Parish Council November meeting

Lucy Ball of the Blackdown Support Group told the council of plans to buy a bungalow in Hemyock to create a new home for the charity. She said between 50 and 70 Clayhidon residents used the regular services of the support group with 29 accessing transport and 19 the lunch club. Mrs Ball mentioned the planned closure of Dunkeswell and Churchinford surgeries during afternoons from December and the charity are looking to expand their services and is working with Devon Community Trust to produce a business plan. Councillors expressed their support for a grant of financial support at the December meeting from the Clayhidon Charity.

The council resolved to support a planning application for a self build rural workers’ dwelling on land at Higher Acre Ridge. An agent said the applicants had worked with MDDC to produce a modest dwelling that was sufficient for the needs of the agricultural smallholding. On another proposal for the erection of a reception/ welfare building, enlargement of the toilet block improvement of the internal access track, provision of parking areas and a bird hide by the John Griss Charity, the council decided it should not comment as the parish council is the sole trustee of the charity.

The council noted prior approval was given for an agricultural storage building on land at Dunsgreen.

On finance the council agreed to pay an increase to the clerk following NALC recommendations. A grant request was received from CHAT which will be considered at the December meeting. Figures were discussed for the next precept for the parish and the clerk had worked figures for a 41% rise or a 10% rise. Reworked figures will be presented to the next meeting.

The clerk reported that the planned rollout of broadband in Clayhidon under the Connecting Devon and Somerset programme is now not going ahead. The Blackdown Hills Parish Network is one of the bodies protesting at another failure by CDS.

The clerk said she had met with Devon Communities Together to discuss the Hemyock Emergency Plan and would start work on the Clayhidon version with a view to a public meeting in the New Year. A talk is also being arranged for a possible Neighbourhood Plan in the New Year s well.

Councillor Weekes had considered both the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan that sets out priorities up to 2040, and the Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and reported neither had anything in them for Clayhidon. It was agreed she should complete the consultation papers on behalf of the council.

The council has use of a thermal imaging camera to show parishioners the heat loss from their homes and needs a volunteer to undertake the minimal training needed to use this. Clayhidon’s parish lengthsman has purchased his own wacker to use in mending potholes. There was discussion on the lack of white lines at Clayhidon crossroads. The clerk was asked to find out if the parish council could paint lines or buy signs.

Councillor Radford had said the Neighbourhood Highways Officer would comment on how the situation at the Ford Street junction could be improved.

The council said it was happy with the proposed diversion of the FP8 at Smiths Farm.

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Reflections From Rosemary Lane Chapel

So here it is... Christmas approaches once more, laden as it is for many, with excitement and anticipation. In this regard, I am a big kid, which will be well testified to by my family. My wife’s eyes almost rolled out of her head when she discovered in early November that I had already tuned the car stereo to pick up the Christmas radio station. I promise you, as I promised her, it was just in preparation for the Christmas season, and I wouldn’t listen to it before December. In a season so rich with sounds, sights and smells, our anticipation is only heightened for the day itself. Reminders are all around us! Some of those reminders have been filling the shops since September. And yet, for many others, this season, so rich in anticipation, is actually a time of sadness, despair and maybe even dread! It can be a time that only serves to highlight the people we miss in our gathering. It can be a time that makes more confusing the depression we feel. It can be a time when we find ourselves, already struggling, with pressures piling up.

I hope you’ll forgive me. I’m not trying to sap the joy from this season of advent, far from it. But I am trying to acknowledge that amongst all the merry making, many people are struggling, both near and far.

Even those for whom this season remains rich in anticipation and excitement, there may still be a sense in which you know what it is to feel an emptiness, even a disappointment when the wrapping paper lies strewn on the floor and the celebrations are over. In truth, we realise that Christmas, and what we’ve made of it, doesn’t deliver what we really long

for: A hope that doesn’t diminish, even in the face of sadness, and a happiness, a joy that doesn’t end.

“And this is the point for all of us, whether rich in anticipation, or struggling in despair, Christmas points us to God and the hope, joy, peace and love he longs for us to know through Jesus His Son.”

Instead, and perhaps surprisingly, as the writer Jon Bloom reminds us, ‘this is how our Christmas celebrations might actually serve us best: as pointers to, not providers of, lasting Joy.’

It is here, even in despair or disappointment, that we discover what God really longs for each of us to know this Christmas. Make no mistake, the gifts can be enjoyed, the food can be savoured and the songs sung... but as with the gift, let’s not miss the point. The real treasure, the real joy, is not found in the gift but the giver of the gift. I remember one Christmas, many years ago, as a child, taking my pocket money into Argos with my big sister and using it to buy my dad a Helix Treasure Chest Money Box. I’m not entirely sure what made me determine this is what my dad needed, but even now, over 30 years later and looking slightly tatty, it is still sat on his bed side table. I’m going to make a suggestion that it is not because the present was precious to him, but rather the one who gave it. And this is the point for all of us, whether rich in anticipation, or struggling in despair, Christmas points us to God and the hope, joy, peace and love he longs for us to know through Jesus His Son.

When God sent his word to his people through the Prophet Isaiah, it was to a people struggling, a people who knew pain and distress and disappointment. It is a word of hope and peace and joy, and It is a word that finds all its fulfilment in Jesus Christ, the Messiah (Isaiah 9:2-3,6).

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest...
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

It is my prayer for each of us to see in Christmas, whatever that looks like for you, something that would point us to Jesus, to the One who would be to you Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace, to the One who has come to give lasting joy, even in the face of sorrow.

With our love and Christmas greetings,

Jonathan Hillman
On behalf of the fellowship at RML.



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All Age Service

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Carols by Candlelight

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NEW YEAR'S STEAM DAY - Celebrate the power of STEAM!
Monday 1st January 2024 10.30am – 4.30pm (Steam Engines will run until 3pm)
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Hoped For Peace


Who can hope for peace?
Amongst the carnage and strife that will not cease
Who can dance to the tune of hope?
When faced with ignorance and pride's near vertical slope.

Sit then, or stand, static and mute
Before the never-ending trail of humanities dispute
Yet listen, wait still, strain the ear of your heart
To hear the beat, the pulse that makes you a part

You, yes, you, loved and cherished, the beloved
Not condemned to hate, acquiescent to slaughter, but moved
Inspired to hope, radiant with light received
Living, whole, active, so that peace may be conceived

Bring to life then that fragile newborn hope
And in so doing reach beyond the impossible slope
To dance the dance of hoped for peace
Reconciled in hope eternal that will never cease.
Tony Lane (October 2024)

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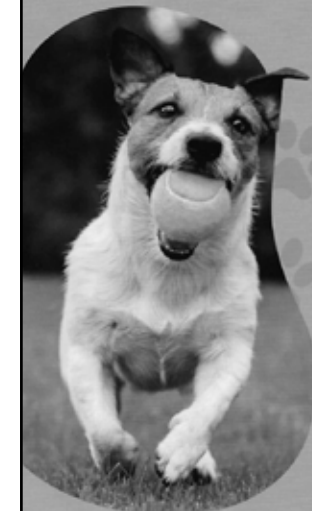
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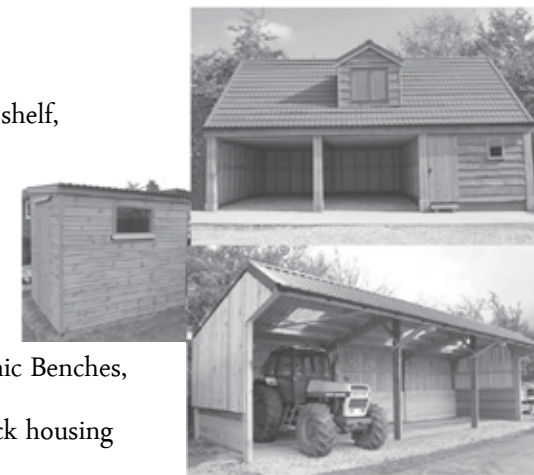
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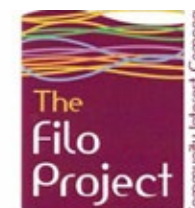
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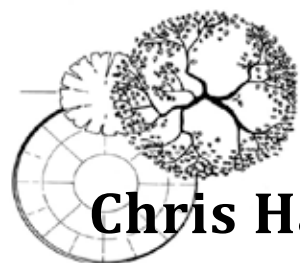
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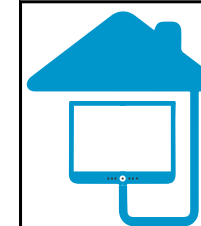
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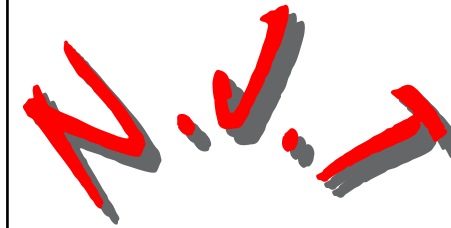
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