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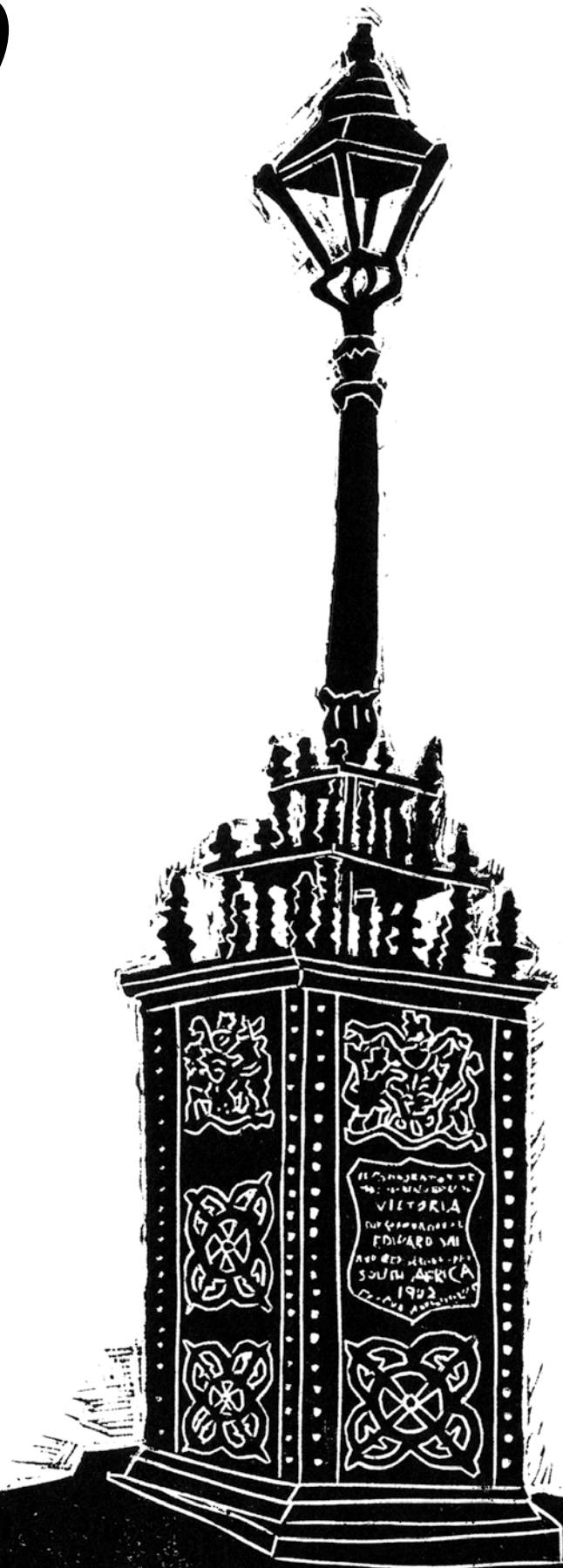
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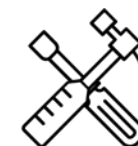
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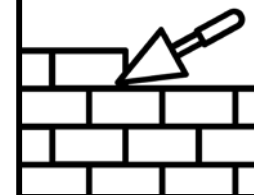
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Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve.
Image credits Peter Eeles, Butterfly Conservation.

What will the volunteer role involve?
The role will involve walking the stock fence twice a year during the spring and autumn in the grazing compartments to check for any rotten posts or damage to the wire, and reporting back to the Trust. There may also be opportunities to get involved in practical conservation work, for example clearing conifer re-growth to allow native flora to thrive.

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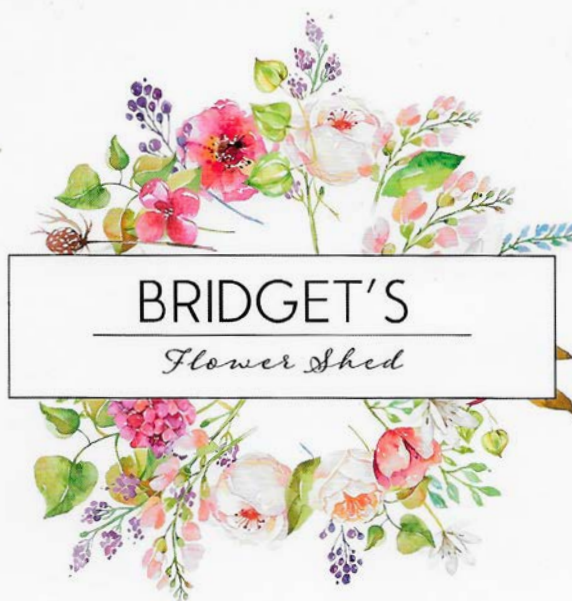


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Sunday 8th June Pentecost		10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion Service	11.00am Communion Service
Sunday 15th June Trinity	11.00am St Mary’s church, Hemyock Benefice Choral Eucharist			
Sunday 22nd June 1st after Trinity		10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion Service
Sunday 29th June 2 nd after Trinity	10.30am All Saints church, Culmstock Benefice Eucharist Service			

SERVICES FOR JULY 2025

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 6th July 3rd after Trinity	9.00am Communion Service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Café Church <i>In the Hemyock church rooms</i>
Sunday 13th July 4 th Sunday after Trinity Sea Sunday		10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion Service	11.00am Communion Service
Sunday 20th July 5 th Sunday after Trinity	6.30pm Evening prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 27th July 6 th Sunday after Trinity		10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion Service

In addition: A Traditional (1662 BCP) Morning Prayer Service is held each Tuesday morning at All Saints Culmstock at 10.00am.
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How Time Flies!

I think as I get older the years seem to go past more quickly, and I suspect that I am not alone in that. Certainly 2025 seems to be going past very quickly indeed. Here we are already at the mid-point of the year, which this year ushers in one of the great turning points of the church year, beginning with what I think of as the ‘Forgotten Festival.’ Sunday 8th June is the festival of Pentecost, when God sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles with what sounded like the roaring of a hurricane force wind, and the appearance of tongues of flame settling on the heads of each of the Apostles. When I was growing up Pentecost, or Whit Sunday as it was known, like Easter, had a Bank Holiday associated with it. In 1971 the government decided to replace that Bank Holiday with the Spring Bank Holiday which is always on the last Monday in May. So unless you are a churchgoer, Pentecost or Whit Sunday could pass you by completely unnoticed. Then the following Sunday, 15th June is Trinity Sunday, when we concentrate on the great mystery of God having revealed himself as three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet remaining one single God. These two Sundays taken together form a particular turning point in the church year.

For more or less the first half of the year, up until Trinity Sunday (which is always somewhere between 17th May and 20th June) the church is concentrating on the major events in Jesus’ life. We celebrate his birth in Bethlehem at Christmas, and his recognition as God’s son by all of humanity, represented by the three Wise Men at Epiphany. We commemorate his death on the cross on Good Friday and we have the great celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Then finally we celebrate the fulfilment of the promise that God would send the Holy Spirit to the apostles at Pentecost. After Trinity Sunday our worship changes course to concentrate on what happened during the course of Jesus’ preaching, teaching and healing ministry.

Each year we work our way through one of the first three gospels in turn. This year we are using St. Luke’s gospel, and we look in detail each week at some particular incident or piece of teaching in Jesus ministry. In July, for instance we shall be looking mostly at teaching, either through parables, through the way people reacted to Jesus, or by his answers to the questions he was asked. In this way between Trinity Sunday and All Saints’ day at the beginning of November we get a really comprehensive look at what Jesus did. The fact that each of the gospels we use was written for a different section of the society of the time, by evangelists who each had a different outlook on life, helps us to come to some understanding of how we might apply the lessons Jesus taught, in the situations we encounter in our 21st century society.

It could also be that the fact that we are in a vacancy is another of the factors which is making this year seem to disappear so rapidly - at least for me. A couple of days before I sat down to write this the Ministry Team were meeting with an agenda which included putting the names of musicians and service leaders into the blank slots in the August rota of services! We have to work well in advance because we rely mostly on retired clergy to take our communion services and their diaries fill up remarkably quickly. I have no doubt that by the time you are reading this we will have the September service rota well in hand. This year really does seem to be going past very quickly!

Reverend John Stone

St Mary’s Hemyock

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Lent Course at St Mary’s

Leading up to Easter this year, many of us from the Benefice met in Hemyock church rooms for supper and a bible study on Wednesday evenings. Numbers this year set a record! About thirty came the first evening on March 12th.

We met to discuss a Lent Course called Images of Grace. Based on the book by Amy Scott Robinson we discovered week by week key Christian concepts through biblical imagery. We all love a story and the first week we explored Jonah’s narrative in the context of Lent. How Jonah, like us, has a human tendency to resist divine direction! However, the fascinating ordeal he went through and the eventual compliance highlight a journey to repentance, showing that even Nineveh was forgiven, even Jonah was pursued and even we are not beyond grace.

We went on in subsequent weeks to explore images of cleansing, protection, forgiveness, atonement and restoration. We found the themes deeply relatable as we can all feel shame, regret, longing and hope. In our small group discussions, we made sure all our different voices and opinions were heard and understood.

The book does not shy away from human weakness and we could say that “we are not alone in this”. By the end of the four weeks, and ready for Holy week, we could see the gentleness and generosity of God’s grace and were reassured of His unconditional love. Sometimes, even many times, what seems like a complete mess in our lives, God can reach into the mess and begin His gentle work of cleansing, restoring and renewing.

Look out for “Summer walks” which we hope to arrange with a reflective theme and hopefully good weather!

Liz Langdon

Looking Back on Our Quiet Day – “My Story, Your Story”

On Saturday April 5th, a group across the benefice gathered at St Mary’s Church for a Quiet Day led by Rev. David Ison. The day’s theme – “My story, Your story” – invited us to reflect on our personal journeys of faith and how they connect with the stories of others in our church and community.

David brought a gentle, thoughtful presence and a wealth of wisdom drawn from many years of ministry. He served as Dean of St Paul’s Cathedral in London for ten years until his retirement, and continues to inspire others with his clear, compassionate teaching. David and his wife, Hilary now live in Devon. His reflections helped us to think about where we have seen God at work in our lives, and how our individual paths form part of a much bigger story – God’s story. There was space for silence, prayer, listening and personal contemplation. Over coffee and a delicious lunch (yes, there was soup!) we enjoyed conversation and companionship - an important part of the day’s quiet rhythm. We left feely uplifted and encouraged, with a deeper appreciation of both our own story and the shared journey we walk together as church.

Liz Langdon

Helen Mary Tarr 96

Caroline, Michael and families would like to thank friends, carers, gardeners, neighbours, the Blackdown Practice and Hummingbird Care Home for all the kindness and care that has been shown to our lovely Mum. She moved to Castle Park Hemyock ten and a half years ago, she was made to feel most welcome to the village by so many people and thoroughly enjoyed what Hemyock had to offer. Mary, with all her support crew managed to live on her own until she was 96, she loved her bungalow and garden and spent some of her happiest times there, she will be missed.

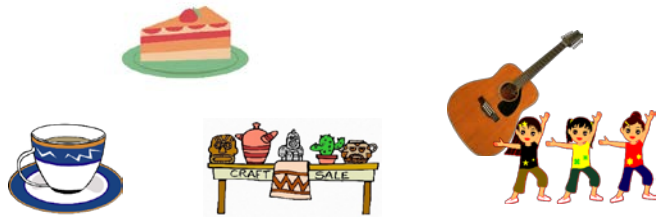
Caroline Pinder

St Mary’s Church Summer Fete

Saturday 5th July

2.30 - 4.30pm

At the Church and Churchyard



St George’s Day

St Mary’s church Hemyock saw the local Scout Group celebrate St George’s Day with a joyful service attended by family and friends taking numbers to 120

Ist Hemyock had paraded from the primary school to the church with colours fluttering in the breeze. The service was led by Becky Doble, a member of the local churches Lay Team. One More Step Along The Road I Go and I Vow To Thee My Country were just two of the well loved songs sung during the service. Julie Jennings, Acting Group Lead Volunteer, spoke briefly before young people renewed their Promises. A reading was given by a leader and prayers were written and read by group members.

A talk by Rikki (aka John Northam) caught everyone’s attention as he spoke of the history of St George and of Hemyock Scout Group. He told of pioneering and included an activity of rope lashing which is particularly popular with the Danish scouts who Hemyock group share a 50 year exchange partnership with this year. There was a period of wonderful “organised chaos “ as young & old rope lashed and then proudly walked around the church showing their Scouting handicraft skills

Awards were presented:
Chief Scout Bronze - Beavers: Nola, Oliver, Beren, Kaspas, Martha.
Chief Scout Silver - Cubs: Olivia
Chief Scout Gold -Scouts: Harry, William.

The retiring collection of £116 is to be donated to the Scouts chosen charity - Myanmar Disaster Fund

Anyone interest in helping the Group which provided Scouting to well over 100 young people in the 5 groups -Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers - either uniformed or non-uniformed - or even as an occasional helper - is invited to contactJulie on dktiverton@devonscouts.org.uk for more information.

VE Day80

I would like to thank all those involved with our village celebrations for the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May. St Mary’s and the Baptist Chapel held a joint service at the parish church on the preceding Sunday where Lt Col Tim Courtenay RM (Rtd) gave a reading. On VE Day80 the unique flag was hoisted at the church tower by David Bawler followed by Rear Admiral Tim Lowe (Rtd) laying a wreath at the War Memorial.

The Poppy Club and Community Shed once again put on an amazing display and artwork from the school along with memory boards from events here 30years ago and war time newspapers saw those who enjoyed the coffee morning and afternoon tea gatherings, run by the Friends of St Mary’s and the Poppy Club, recalling memories of past times. 12 noon saw those present stand for the national 2 minute silence.

Community singing and flag waving during the afternoon caused much laughter ,thanks to those who led it, whilst the Catherine Wheel kindly agreed to serve the great British national dish throughout the day - fish and chips!

Many will have heard the church bells as the Celebration of Peace rang out in the early evening and as darkness fell around 50 people gathered at the churchyard for a short ceremony. The Royal British Legion Tribute was read by Isabella Shaw, an Army Cadet and myself. The singing of I Vow to Thee My Country accompanied on keyboard by Lawrence Blyth followed the lighting of the Peace Lantern bringing a very special day to a close.

Thanks go to the Parish Council who sponsored the day and all those who took part in any way. Donations of £270.15p will be sent to the RBL. It is hoped to hold an event on Friday 15th August to commemorate VJ Day80 and the end of WW2.

David Bawler – RBL Poppy Collection Organiser UCV

HEMYOCK HOLIDAY



19th -21st AUGUST 2025

NEW HELPERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can spare some time to help set up, clear away or run the Club please get in touch.
Contact Maureen Aylwin on 680111 or whatsapp/call Steve Williams on 0737 900 9325.



CHANGING DAYS OF SPRING...
 Bursting buds and competing blooms,
 Fill the time to Summer days,
 But these are days of change of Spring,
 And differ all the years we know them,
 And so the more wonderful they've been;
 Trees, each year clothed in fresh green leaves,
 Lit gold by warming sun;
 We sit and hear the sound of morning light
 Filtered through garden leaves,
 Quivering in the morning breeze,
 See the movement of the air;
 Or maybe not this day,
 Maybe just hear the rain
 The hope that comes with promised blessing,
 Fruit to come and ripening harvest..

David Palmer



What was happening in Hemyock in the 1920s? This is your chance to come and find out! The Calves, Churns & Communities event at the Garages on Saturday 20th September will display research carried out in connection with Devon History Society's "Devon in the 1920s" project. In Hemyock, this decade saw the creation of the first Calf Club, the start of the Young Farmers movement in the UK. United Dairies' Milk Factory at Millhayes developed techniques for making milk powder. The Recreation Ground was purchased and Parish Hall created; Culmstock Rural District Council built South View.

If you would like to contribute to the event or have any items which could be displayed please contact Penny Lawrence 01823 680595 or plawrencehpc@gmail.com.

♥️ WHERE YOU LIVE ♥️

Hemyock Day was conceived after Hemyock's Jubilee and Coronation celebrations. Last year the village came together for the very first Hemyock Day and to enjoy a day of entertainment for all. This year will follow the same format. There is no admission charge. All the entertainment is free. You can just bring a picnic, a blanket or chairs and enjoy the day. There will be a fully-stocked bar and food outlets selling wraps, pizza, cakes & rolls, ice cream and burgers. The 'Absurd Bird' will be in attendance. There will be a prize-winning competition to name him/her!

Hemyock Day 25 is going ahead with the support of **Hemyock Parish Council** and funds raised from our 80's & 90's discos. Thanks to all those who came along and partied, danced and emptied the Bar!

There is a lively line-up of Bands. At noon, joining us on stage will be local talent, includes ***The Catherine Wheel Stringband***, ***Fickle Friends*** and ***The Misplaced Blazers***, talented young performers from Wellington School.

From 2pm, the professional bands take to the stage starting with **Sarah Yeo**, then **Everywhen** followed by **Lockyer Clan** and finishing with headliners **Footloose**

Our very own **DJ Sparrow** will entertain between sets.

Young people will be able to join in the fun from noon with face painting, football knock-about, Chill-out zone, Photo Booth. Fancy Dress (wear your own or raid our Dressing Up Box) with a prize for the best outfit. Back by popular request is our magician and balloon modeller to keep everyone entertained.

New this year is the **Arts & Crafts** marquee with local artists and makers who will be in residence throughout the day displaying their work.

Other local groups attending include Blackdown Support Group, Lights Brigade, Hemyock PTFA and Hemyock Parish Council.

Let's hope for good weather and the chance for us all to spend a nice day in the sunshine!



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

Church Secretary **Maureen 680111** Prayer Requests **Chenda 587238**  [Hemyock Baptist Church](#)

Did you ever walk into a room and wonder what you went in there for? I'm glad it's not just me! Maybe we could learn a thing or two from Jonathan Hancock. At age 16, Hancock set the world record for memorising six shuffled packs of cards (312 cards in total). He went on to break the world record for memorising cards in the fastest time at two minutes and five seconds; and has authored books offering ways in which lesser mortals like you and I can learn to store and retrieve information in that oldest and most reliable of all computers, the brain.

Sadly, memory damage for some goes far beyond the frustration of forgetting names or shopping lists. So many of us have nursed a friend or relative whose mind is damaged by disease, and we know how painful that experience can be; and we can only begin to imagine the depth of despair felt by the sufferers themselves.

Yet there is another type of memory loss that's not often considered. When human beings forget their creator, we exhibit selfishness of the worst kind. Consider these words from the famous US President, Abraham Lincoln. In 1863, a National Day of Prayer and Fasting was called and the President himself wrote the official proclamation announcing it:

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our heart, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

These words are surely just as relevant today, and serve as a timely reminder to us all... May we never be guilty of forgetting the things that truly matter. **Pastor Steve Williams**








SERVICES IN JUNE 2025

- Sunday 1st 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 8th 10:30 am MorningService, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 15th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 22nd 10.00 KING's BREAKFAST Family Fun Service
- Sunday 27th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee

SERVICES IN JULY 2025

- Sunday 6th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 13th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 20th 10:30 Communion Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 27th 10.00 am KING's BREAKFAST Family Fun Service

*****COME & SEE US AT HEMYOCK SCHOOL FETE - 7th JUNE 2025*****
for a Messy Church Experience!

<p>MONDAYS: TODDLER TIME</p>  <p>TERM TIME ONLY 9.00 - 11.30 am Open to under 5's, toys, activities & drinks. £1 per session</p>	<p>WEDNESDAYS: CHAPEL CAFE</p>  <p>9.00 - 11.30 am Open to everyone - join us for tea, coffee, snacks & chat.</p>	<p>THURSDAYS: 30 MINUTES</p>  <p>WITH GOD 10.00 - 10.30 am Silent prayer, rest & reflection; with our prayer team on hand to pray with you if you wish.</p>	<p>HOUSE & PRAYER GROUPS</p>  <p>7.30 pm TUESDAYS with Anne (680057) or THURSDAYS with Vivien (680952)</p> <p>SATURDAY PRAYERS 8-8.45 am please contact Anne</p>
<p>KING'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY's 22nd JUNE & 27th JULY</p>  <p>10.00 am Our fun family service with a Cuppa, Crafts & Bacon/Sausage Sandwich!</p>	<p>MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY 11th JULY</p>  <p>4.00 pm A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children & their adults. £1 entry per person</p>	<p>HEMYOCK HOLIDAY CLUB</p>  <p>19th-21st AUGUST NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact Maureen 680111 or Whatsapp Steve 07379009325</p>	<p>FILM NIGHT SUNDAY 1st JUNE</p>  <p>7.00 pm An inspiring family friendly film, open to all. Come along early for a coffee. See noticeboard for info.</p>

Hemyock Parish Council update

Spring seems to have finally arrived, hopefully the good weather will continue. However, heavy rainfall in the winter caused damage to the existing potholes in the roads. Please continue to report any that are still unrepaired and are causing problems either to the Clerk or direct on the Devon County Council website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

Our meeting on the 7th May saw Chairman, Paul Doble re-elected with both Kelly Talbot and Nick Moon voted on as Vice-Chairs. Recently Councillor Penny Lawrence has offered her resignation - we are very sorry to see her leave and we thank her for her hard work and support over the years.

Kim Atkinson has recently been co-opted onto the Council following Councillor Corinne Matthews resignation. We look forward to working with Kim over the coming months.

We will be posting details of a vacancy to replace Councillor Lawrence shortly. If you would like some information about joining the Council, please contact our Clerk, Sue, for further details by email hemyockpc@gmail.com.

The Annual Parish Meeting is upon us and, as this is written, we are hoping for a good turn out on 14th May at Longmead with Councillor Natasha Bradshaw addressing the meeting on Net Zero and reports from many local groups.

If you were unable to attend, a full report will be up on the website soon.

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/

Applications:
25/00409/TPO
Proposal: Application to reduce the crown of 1 Oak tree by 3m and reduce the limb of the second Oak by 3m protected by Tree Preservation Order 16/00004/TPO
Location: 8/9 Lower Greenfield Hemyock Cullompton

25/00439/FULL
Proposal: Retention of conversion of former piggery to residential (Use Class C3)
Location: Barn Waldrons Farm Hemyock
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 312438 / 113576
Parish: Hemyock 26

25/00044/HOUSE
Proposal: Installation of 4 velux windows to facilitate loft conversion
Location: 3 Hartley Drive Hemyock Cullompton
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313672 / 113277
Parish: Hemyock 26

Community
Recently Hemyock School PTFA have approached the Council to request help with raising funds to improve the playground which is becoming unsafe. Quotes have been received and the Council have voted to support the school and will be contributing to this project.

There has been on-going maintenance around the Village - Andy Brooke and some volunteers have been working on Longmead, and the fence between the Church and the stream has been replaced after vandals damaged the previous one.

The work around the War Memorial to repair the damage to the wall is still on-going and we hope that this will be completed shortly

The Community Larder continues to be very popular. There have been several additional openings at the weekend and later opening times during the week over the last few months due to the amount of food they have available. Please continue to support this important venture.

VE 80 Day celebrations took place on 8th May with a Coffee morning and Afternoon Tea served in the Church. There were WWII displays in the Church together with work by the school, Poppy club and the Community Shed. The Blackdown Support Group organised free lifts for anyone wishing to travel to the Church to take part in the day's celebrations. Many of the houses in the Village were decorated with bunting and Union Jacks for the day which looked wonderful.

We are all looking forward to Hemyock Day on 21 June - Sue Scantlebury and her team have been working very hard raising money for the event. There will be live music, entertainment for the children as well as a bar and food. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details nearer the time, and do come along on the day to enjoy all that is on offer.

Please note that from 19th May the route of Bus Service 20 will no longer serve Prowses and alternative bus stops are outside the Catherine Wheel or opposite the Blackdown Practice on Station Road. We are in discussions with the Bus Company to try an resolve the issues which this change has caused residents. Please see the poster below for details

Please remember that that the Council can be contacted via phone, e-mail or by Facebook if you wish to raise any issues or have any enquiries. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre. Do come along.

Singing for Fun

Singing for Fun came about as a result of a number of people wanting to just sing - not a choir or choral group, just a sing-along to tunes everybody knows. I have no musical background, can't read music but with the help of the internet I've found soundtracks to which we can sing along to. Lyrics are provided. We start at 7.30pm and sing around ten tunes ending between 8.45pm and 9pm.

The acoustics in Hemyock Baptist church are great! It doesn't matter if you can't sing in tune, whether you've a big booming voice or, like me, a little squeaky one, everyone sings and feels better for it at the end of the evening. Do come and join us, everyone welcome but U-16's must be accompanied by an adult. £2 pp to cover hall hire. Any profit goes to fund Hemyock Day. Sue 07976 611238.



Blackdown Support Groups

BIG BASH

party and promises auction

DINNER AND DANCING WITH FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC!

PERFORMANCES BY

BIRD DOGS & BLACKDOWN ACAPELLA

When: Saturday 27th September 7pm

Where: Hemyock Village Hall

£25pp – dinner included in your ticket price

Paella by Conrad plus a range of delicious desserts Fully stocked bar

Raffle and Auction of prizes and promises kindly donated by local sponsors.

01823 681036

d-icb.bsgadmin@nhs.net

SAVE THE DATE
Tickets available soon





HEMYOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNUAL SUMMER FETE

Saturday 7th June, 2025 at Hemyock Primary School

BBQ & Bar
Tea & Cakes
Bouncy Castle

Magician
Face Painter

Join us from 12-4pm

Raffles Games Stalls

For further info contact the PTFA

Email: hemyockptfa@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HemyockPTFA>





OPENING TIMES

MONDAY - 10AM - 1PM
TUESDAY - 10AM - 1PM
WEDNESDAY - 10AM - 1PM
THURSDAY - 10AM - 1PM
FRIDAY - 10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY - CLOSED
SUNDAY - CLOSED

FREEZE FOR Later

let's not waste food

Reduce FOOD WASTE



Thanks for help

I wanted to say thank you to those who came to my aid outside Hemyock Post Office on Friday 9th May.

I had a nasty fall on getting out of my car and a group of lovely people helped me, called 999 and got Dr Varda and the team from the surgery. There was one lovely person in particular, Josh (sorry I don't have any other details) who stayed by my side, helped me call my husband and generally kept everything calm and settled.

It is now a week later and I am recovering well, still battered and bruised with a small fracture to my wrist and lots of headaches but so grateful to the people of Hemyock who pulled together to help a stranger.

Former Tiverton School Staff Lunch Group Thriving

Members of staff of a former school in Tiverton are meeting each month for lunch in a different pub or restaurant for lunch - but there are still teachers and non-teaching colleagues that the group have been unable to contact. Can you help?

Tiverton School was created by the amalgamation of Tiverton Grammar School, Heathcoat Secondary School and Bampton Secondary Modern School in 1977 with an age-range of 13-18 (including a large sixth form). As Tiverton's first comprehensive school it operated as Tiverton's upper school in a three-tier system, being fed by pupils from five 9-13 middle schools; the youngest pupils attended first schools (5-9) until 1992, when the area changed from its three-tier, middle school system back to the current two-tier primary/secondary system and Tiverton School became Tiverton High School with its 11-16 age range.

The group, which includes non-teaching colleagues as well as teachers from Tiverton School and its predecessor schools, has almost forty members, mostly living locally but some travel greater distances to attend. The day the group meets rotates each month to enable everyone to attend whenever they can.

Most of the living former staff have been invited but the group, which includes teaching, support, administrative and premises staff, is still trying to locate these colleagues (and maybe others) if they are still alive:

Rupert Atherton, Karen Barker, Joe Barnet, Ann Bazley (Faulkner), Geoff Blythe, Bob Burt, Molly Clarke, Roger Clay, Peter Coates, Paul Crowther, Libby David, Chris Diamond, Chris Field, Chris Fox, Jill Greenslade, Alan Hayden, Mrs R Hudson, Chris Hunneyball, Sonia Kerrigan, Paul Layton, Colin Logan, Peter Matthews, Mrs C Morgan, Lynn Norman, Sara Osment, Alan Pearce, Jenny Raines, Sue Rumble, Nick Rumney, Chris Sherry, Graeme Slade, Sarah Smith, Roger Scrutton, Les Stevens, Sue Stodgell, Jeff Weldon, John Whitely, Pat Yeo.

If you, or anyone you know, especially former students, even those living elsewhere now, can help, please tell them about the group or pass the contact information on to Terry Payne, the group's co-ordinator directly or through the group's email address: tivstaff77@gmail.com

Valley Arts

We have had a lovely surprise! We have been nominated for the Noda South West AWARD for the Best Small Pantomime. It was for our 2024 production of ALICE in WONDERLAND. A group are looking forward to attending the Dinner and awards ceremony in May.

We enjoyed a viewing of this year's production Robinson Crusoe and a delicious bring and share supper, it was great to have a catch up and a good laugh, mainly at all the mistakes and Andy needing a SHIP!! A group of us are looking forward to going to the awards dinner on the 24th May; it is even more special, as last time we were nominated for (and won) an award for Sleeping Beauty, the awards ceremony was cancelled due to Covid.

The AGM and meal were well attended, Alison Robson and Hilary Moles stepped down from the committee, we will miss them and their valuable contributions, and also we are pleased to welcome Carla Lloyd who has joined the committee.

The Officers were voted in they are:

Lynn Pulman	Chairman
Andy Pulman	Vice Chair
Treasurer	Stuart Summers
Secretary	Caroline Pinder
Boking Secretary	Carla Lloyd & Sonia Moggford Abbot
Membership Secretary	Sally Cartledge
NODA Secretary	Gillian Hawkes
Social Media	Miki Hussey

Our first meeting is on the 20th May, we will be setting budgets, defining roles and choosing our next Pantomime.

A group of us are off to see Moulin Rouge at the Hippodrome on theist July with a pre show dinner and maybe a fun quiz.

There will be a family BBQ to get together socialise and collect scripts for our 2025 pantomime, ready for auditions in September Everyone welcome There will be an Xmas meal at the Catherine Wheel in December.

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

Caroline Pinder (Secretary)

SPS HAIR & BEAUTY HEMYOCK

NEW PHONE NUMBER

01823 215075

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Opening Times

Hemyock Surgery:
01823 680206

The Blackdown Practice
Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Hemyock Opening times:
Monday – Friday 8.00-18.30 (Telephones open 8.30-18.00)
Saturday 9.00-12.00 for pre-booked appointments only (phonelines closed)
Please note the dispensary is closed between 12.30pm and 2.30pm (Mon – Fri)

Churchinford Opening times:
Monday – Friday 8.30-12.30
Weekends – closed

Dunkeswell Opening times:
Monday – Friday 8.30-12.30
Weekends closed

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

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?

Hemyock Gardeners

Hemyock Gardeners’ Association meets every second Wednesday of the month. Membership is £10pp which entitles members to listen to interesting speakers at our meetings and visits to gardens near and far, as well as discount at a local Garden centre. Guests are always most welcome to come to any of our meetings in Hemyock Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Our members took part in the Spring Show enthusiastically and on a lovely April day. The hall was admired by those who came along in the afternoon to view the exhibits.

Spring Show 2025 Trophy Winners
Phyll Kallaway Rose Bowl - Kathy Jones (Class 5)
Awarded for the best exhibit in class 1-5 (One Bloom)

Val Wakeling Cup - Kathy Jones
Awarded for the most points in classes 1-31 inclusive

Webber Vase – Hazel Partridge (Class 19)
Awarded for the best exhibit of Cut Flowers

Carnival Cup – Brenda Calcraft (Class 17)
Awarded for the best exhibit of Pot/Bowl in growing bulbs

HGA Shield - June Sweetingham (Class 26)
Awarded for the best Pot Plant

HGA Cup – June Sweetingham (Class 28)
Awarded for the best exhibit of Flowering Shrubs

Percy and Olive Salter Memorial Trophy – Anne Todd (Class 46)
Awarded for the best exhibit in Hobbies and Handicrafts

HGA Rosebowl – Monica Smith (Class 41)
Awarded for the best exhibit in Floral Art Classes

Carnival Shield – Julie Oakley
Awarded for the most points gained in the Floral Arts classes

Hemyock W.I Shield – Trish Slater
Awarded for the most points gained in the Culinary Classes

The Butterwith Cup – Kathy Jones
Awarded to the exhibitor with the most points overall

The Calcraft Cup – Kathy Jones
Awarded to the winner of the Members Class 30

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our Trophy Winners.

In March we had a talk about peat free compost. It was most informative and interesting! April’s meeting was moved to the afternoon for the Plant Sale and Afternoon Tea. All the plants were snapped up in minutes! May’s meeting was well attended and rightly so! Caroline Anderson created five beautiful floral arrangements. Hopefully members will be inspired to enter the Autumn Show Floral Art classes having been inspired by Caroline’s creations and tips.

June sees the first of our garden visits to Haldon Grange near Exeter.

Our meeting in July brings Caroline Stone along to talk about Double Primroses. The Primrose is Devon’s county flower so this will prove to be a popular topic.

Our meetings are open to everyone. £1 admission with complimentary refreshments

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We Need You


Have you seen our fab new eshuttle?



We're looking for volunteers to drive it, and yes, it is a London Cab!

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Longmead Field
LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT 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

What’s On June 2025

Sun	1	Free Film night 7pm HBC
Mon	2	
Tue	3	Tiverton FM
Wed	4	BSG Lunch Club 12.30 BHLAC Come & Craft 6.30-9.30 FL
Thu	5	Taunton FM History Group 7.30 CR
Fri	6	
Sat	7	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Sun	8	
Mon	9	Young Farmers 7.30 FL
Tue	10	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR Tuesday Group FL
Wed	11	Gardeners, 7.30 PH
Thu	12	
Fri	13	
Sat	14	HEMYOCK MARKET 10 - 12pm PH Coffee Morning at 1 Pencross View 10 - 12 in aid of Alzheimers
Sun	15	
Mon	16	Parish Hall AGM 7.30 PH
Tue	17	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	18	
Thu	19	Poppy Group 10 - 12pm CR
Fri	20	
Sat	21	Hemyock Day 12pm Longmead
Sun	22	King’s Breakfast 10am HBC
Mon	23	
Tue	24	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	25	
Thu	26	
Fri	27	
Sat	28	Positively Parkinson’s Support Café 10.30-12pm BHLAC
Sun	29	
Mon	30	

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 Art Badminton Latin Dance Pilates Toddler’s Time Pilates Seated Pilates Yoga Riverside Club Sue’s Singing for Fun Community Shed	9.30-12.30pm 10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 6.30-7.30pm 9.00 - 10.00am 9.00 - 11.30am 10.15 - 11.15am 11.30 - 12.15pm 6.30 - 8pm 9.30 -3.00pm 7.30 - 9pm 10-1pm	PH FL PH PH BHLAC HBC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC HBC C Shed
Tue	Charity Coffee Shop Yoga Pilates	10-12Noon 9.30 - 11.00am 6.30 - 7.30pm	CR BHLAC BHLAC
Wed	Tai Chi Come & Craft Chapel Café Stay & Play Pilates Music Therapy	11-12noon 7-9pm 9-11am 9.30 - 11am 6.30 - 7.30pm 2.30 - 3.30pm	PH FL HBC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC
Thu	Devon Dance Riverside Club Community Shed 30 Minutes with God	6.45-8pm 9.30 - 3.00pm 10-1pm 10-10.30am	PH BHLAC C Shed HBC
Fri	Pilates Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am 11.15 - 12.15pm	BHLAC BHLAC

These WEEKLY activities happen regularly each week with occasional 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 July 2025

Tue	1	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	2	BSG Lunch Club 12.30 BHLAC Come & Craft 6.30-9.30 FL
Thu	3	
Fri	4	
Sat	5	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Sun	6	
Mon	7	
Tue	8	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	9	Gardeners, 7.30 PH
Thu	10	History Group 7.30 CR
Fri	11	Messy Church 4pm HBC
Sat	12	
Sun	13	
Mon	14	
Tue	15	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	16	
Thu	17	Poppy Group 10-12 CR
Fri	18	
Sat	19	Hemyock Market 10-12 PH Scouts Afternoon Tea &Grand Draw 2-4pm PH
Sun	20	
Mon	21	
Tue	22	Charity/Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	23	
Thu	24	
Fri	25	
Sat	26	Positively Parkinson’s Support Café 10.30 - 12 BHLAC
Sun	27	King’s Breakfast 10.30 HBC
Mon	28	
Tue	29	Charity/Coffee Shop 10-12 CR
Wed	30	
Thu	31	

Forthcoming Events 2025

September
20th Calves, Churns & Communities 12-5pm Garages
Part of Festival of Devon

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.

Markets:
Honiton - Tuesday & Saturday
Tiverton - Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
Taunton - Thursday

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

As I write this the VE Day80 celebrations have just concluded. Watching some of the TV programmes have been, at times, both exhilarating and emotional as the nation gave thanks for all those who gave their lives or lived through the WW2 years.

Once again the Poppy Club and Community Shed members displays at St Mary’s for the weekend were amazing and admired by both villagers and visitors. Thanks to all who were involved.

The Twinning Association welcomed their French friends over the weekend and hopefully some were able to view the handicraft work at the church. I remember attending meetings held to discuss the possibility of twinning and that of the first visit and it’s wonderful how successful the group has become.

It is of course in its infancy compared to our Scout Group now celebrating its 50th anniversary of exchange trips to Denmark. There will be those who not only visited Tonder but have seen their children and possibly grandchildren enjoy Danish hospitality as Danes have enjoyed in the UK. Long may both groups continue.

Members of the Scout Group along with family and friends filled the parish church for the annual St George’s Day service. Ricki (aka John Northam) spoke of the history of St George and the Hemyock Group and soon had both young and old rope lashing.

It was wonderful hearing of the various things the young people had achieved as awards were presented. To see a 4year old carrying a flag in the parade amongst teenagers brought a smile to many faces. Hopefully it won’t be many years before she will be preparing for a visit to Denmark or hosting a guest here.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Exmoor Challenge,10 Tors, London Marathon and the Flyer Cycling event.

Welcome to all those new to the area, we hope you will enjoy and support the various village events taking place over the coming months including the school fete and the one organised by and held at the parish church. The Charity & Coffee Shop held at the Church Room is well worth a visit and Hemyock Day is a time to celebrate all that is good here, a village that has grown in population over recent years.

We send all good wishes to all those unwell or recovering from operations.

Condolences and love are sent to all those who have recently seen the passing of a loved one including Christine Cavill (nee Salter) The following has been received from families -

Mavis Clist

Mavis was born in Plymouth on March 10th, 1932. Her father passed away when she was only 7 years old. When she was 11, after sheltering from a sustained German bombing raid, the family emerged from the air raid shelter, only to find that their house had been obliterated, but they found the family cat sitting on top of the rubble!

Mavis was then reallocated with her 2 brothers, sister and her mother and yes, the family cat as well to Saltash to stay with a friend. The family then had to move to Cullompton to stay with relatives. Mavis had to change schools as well. She attended Tiverton Grammar School and from there went to Bath teacher training school for 3 years.

After qualifying as a teacher, her first job was at Hemyock Primary School in 1952. For a while, she caught the bus from Cullompton to Hemyock, then found accommodation in Hemyock. The house was called Ingledale, Culmstock Road.

She met Brian through the Headmaster, Mr Jack Reed, who was conducting a farm project with her class. Mavis famously told him that she knew nothing of farming and Mr Reed’s reply was that he knew of a gentleman who did! Romance blossomed, and both got married in 1956. Their love lasted for 63 years until Brian’s death in 2019. They had 2 sons, Simon who was born in 1962 and then in 1964, Julian was born. Both sons got married and Brian and Mavis became grandparents, and Mavis became a great grandmother as Alex’s wife, Suzy, had a son called Arthur.

Mavis and Brian shared similar interests such as classical music, French holidays, second hand bookshops, antique shops and also quiz shows (which there was a lot of competition between them). After a short maternity break, Mavis went back as a supply teacher at Burlescombe, Culmstock, Broadhembury and Hemyock. She would give the children a good start with their education and also gave extra tuition, either in their homes or at Mountshayne, where she lived. Mavis made many friends through her teaching as well. Mavis would also teach on a Saturday morning at the Methodist Sunday school and was very popular with the children. She attended Church on a regular basis, first at the Methodist and when it closed at St Mary’s Church. Mavis was a member of the Friends of St Mary’s Church for many years and also on the Parochial Church Council. Mavis, for a while was in charge of decorating the Church with flowers and would do a display near the pulpit, this would keep her until late evening much to Brian’s dismay! She also crocheted some of the Church kneelers. Due to her occupation, she was also a Governor on the Primary School Council. Mavis and Brian were also regular visitors to France in the early days of the twinning.

In 2009, family noticed that Mavis was not keeping up with conversations and she was diagnosed with vascular dementia, a couple of years later. Unfortunately, she became worse, and on May 6th, 2025, after battling with this condition for 16 years Mavis eventually succumbed to this awful condition. Fortunately, Mavis was able to stay at home with her family around her and also with carers.

Footnote from 2 past pupils – “Miss Baker (as Mavis was then) taught me how to embroider. We had to cut out a shape and draw around it before sewing the pattern onto a cushion cover. Mine was a deep orange. I am now in my 70’s and only threw it away when downsizing in the past couple of years”

“ I remember being in a show when we were all dressed in historical clothing. I was a Victorian Mama dressed in black. My lines began –‘ I have just returned home from church with Papa and the children.’ The children were John Lawrence and Rosemary Hurd (Mrs Alford @ Uffculme School). The late Roy Perrott was dressed as the future – a spaceman. Mrs Clist was a wonderful teacher”

Christine Matthews

Christine May Mathews, neé Henson, was born on 25th December 1947 to Roy and Alice of Horwood Farm, Hemyock. Christine was the youngest of 4 – the only sister to her brothers Barrie, Derek and Paul.

She attended the old Hemyock Primary School and Uffculme School before doing a Secretarial course at Tiverton Technical College. She initially worked at Lloyd Maunders before moving to F&R Engineering in Wellington. Later in her career she worked at the Hydrographic Office in Taunton where she made lifelong friends.

In 1977 she married Paul Mathews, also of Hemyock, and they soon bought their house in Wellington in which she lived until her death. In 1981 Russell was born – now a carpenter and engineer living and working in France. In 2001 Taeia her granddaughter was born to Russell & Emma. Taeia now lives in Taunton with her partner Kieran.

Chris was keen on taking part in on & off-road rallies both in the UK and around the world – as a co-driver and a great navigator and was a member of Broadhembury Motor Club for many years. She also excelled at skittles and played for many years amassing several trophies. Another love of Chris’s was her garden – one she tended with care and enjoyed.

Christine passed away peacefully on Wednesday 2nd April, aged 77. Russell and Taeia, together with Chris’s good friend Barbara, were with her during her final days.

Her funeral took place at St Mary’s, Hemyock on 25th April with donations to The Stroke Association and she was buried with her parents in Hemyock Cemetery.

A much-loved mum, nan & sister. She will be missed by her friends and family.

Pete Williams (Pedro)

Pete died on Sunday 27th April. He was born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales. Served in the RAF as a Flying Officer, was well educated with two degrees, he became a teacher of physical education and computing among his chosen subjects, he was not only a rugby player but also a rugby coach. He moved to Hemyock in 2016.

He was a founder member of the Blackdown Community Shed which is a successful enterprise. He was a great woodworker, he used to say that he never made mistakes in wood but re design opportunities, his sence of humour was infectious, always there with a fast quip and with an opinion whether right or wrong.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He joined the Dominos group which played in the Cathrine Wheel on Wednesday evenings and often had us all in tears of laughter with his many stories and theories. Many may remember the quiz nights we used to have in the pub as he was quizmaster.

Dan, Maz and I, Jon Dagger, will miss him more than most as he was a true friend who doesn’t come along many times in one’s life. His sayings will long be remembered. ‘More beer and bigger women’ ‘Sack the juggler’ ‘Hello, engine room !’ ‘If a jobs worth doing, it’s worth paying someone else to do it for me’ Enough said.

Helen Mary Tarr

Mary was born on the 26th of November 1928, in The Globe Inn, Appley, to Bertha and Charles Enticott, who ran the local pub. Life in those early years was very different from today—there was no electricity, indoor plumbing, or modern conveniences. The family relied on oil lamps, candles, and outside toilets. By the time she was 10, Mary had two sisters, Jean and Peggy, and a brother, Gilbert. She attended Stawley School and was an active member of the

Baptist Sunday School, where she excelled and received many awards for her efforts.

In her teenage years, Mary’s family grew with the addition of two more brothers, John and Tim. She was an avid reader, often escaping the hubbub to lose herself in a book. She was also passionate about puzzles and quizzes, and loved learning poetry—her favourite being The Brook. A bright student, she passed the 11+ exam and earned a place at Bishop Fox’s Grammar School in Taunton. Since there was no public transport from Appley, she lodged with a butcher in Rockwell Green, though she hated it and was homesick. This experience led her to give up the opportunity and instead attend Courtland Road School in Wellington, where she thrived and became Head Girl.

When she was 14, Mary had secured a teaching position at a local primary school, but this had to be put on hold when her mother needed a major operation. Mary stepped in to help care for her younger brothers, and her sister Jean, who was just a year younger, took on the teaching role. Despite the challenges, Mary found time to enjoy socializing, singing, and acting at the local youth club. She also loved dancing, particularly jitterbugging, and cycled to many of these events. She made lots of friends when she served in the pub – local customers, paying guests, refugees, and even American soldiers stationed nearby.

At the age of 16, Mary joined the Women’s Institute, where she was chosen to represent the Appley group at the Albert Hall. This experience was a magical time for her, as she stayed with family friends in London, visiting the famous sights and experiencing the excitement of the city.

During Mary’s teenage years she fell for Gerald, who she had known all of her life, although, she hadn’t been keen on him at school. Mary’s Mum definitely did not approve and according to her auntie Beat he was “too good looking for his own good”! Gerald, keen to fight for his country, enlisted to fight in World War II. During his absence Mary nearly lost her life to an eye infection that turned into sepsis. Without antibiotics, her treatment consisted of bed rest and hot poultices, but she recovered, much to the relief of her family. When Gerald returned from the war, they cemented their love and married in May 1947 at Stawley Church. Mary made her own wedding blouse using a parachute that Gerald had brought home from the war. The community came together, contributing their rations for the wedding cake. Mary finished serving behind the bar, then went off to be married and enjoyed a reception at Stawley School; and in November their pride and joy, Mike was born!

In the early years of their marriage, life was a struggle, but through hard work and perseverance, they were able to improve their circumstances. Gerald changed jobs, they moved house and became more established, even manging to invest in a motor Bike and sidecar, Mike as a young boy used to ride pillion whilst Mary was in the sidecar.

In 1956, they had a lovely surprise when Mary had a little girl – Caroline. Caroline was thoroughly spoilt by everyone even her uncle Gilbert who worked with Gerald and came in for his lunch every day.

As the family grew, Mary and Gerald moved into a council house at Appley Cross, now with indoor plumbing and electricity and upgraded to an Austin Ruby car. Gerald changed jobs again and started to earn more money. Life was good, with Mary cleaning

and sewing while Gerald provided lots of homegrown veg, to accompany the rabbits, pheasants and trout that he caught. Mary was still a keen member of the WI; she liked making cakes, jams, and pickles. She was a very good seamstress, loved knitting and even covered a 3-piece suite.

Mary was an extraordinary mother who made birthdays and holidays special for her children. Mike's birthday always coincided with Bonfire Night celebrations and Christmas was always filled with magic, with an unforgettable large family gathering at The Globe Inn.

In 1960, the family purchased their first black-and-white television, and Mary enjoyed watching The Forsythe Saga. Mary worked hard, even taking on additional jobs at Cothay Manor, so that Caroline could attend St Joseph's Convent to ensure she passed her 11+ exams. At this time Michael joined an engineering firm as an accomplished draftsman, where he met Susan, and they later went on to marry in 1969.

Mary always helped her Mum in the pub, cleaning every Tuesday until Caroline started school when Mary became the School Secretary which she did for 15 years. Mary passed her driving test, and the family invested in a new car from Stan 'Happy' Doble in Hemyock, a mini! Which then allowed them to take the children on family holidays to Cornwall.

All Mary and Gerald's hard work paid off in 1970 when their dream came true, they could afford a mortgage on a bungalow next to the Globe, it had a beautiful garden, storage heating and a telephone! In 1977, Caroline married George, and Mary poured her heart into making their wedding day special, including sewing the beautiful bridesmaids' dresses with care.

Mary's 50s were a happy and fulfilling time, she found her ideal job as a practice manager at Wiveliscombe Surgery. She enjoyed being part of the team, interacting with the patients and was very interested in the pharmacy, an interest and curiosity that continued with her own medications for the rest of her life.

She liked socialising, dressing up and going to hunt balls with friends and dancing the last waltz with Gerald to Englebert Humperdink.

Mary and Gerald had some good holidays with John and Kathy and Jean and Judy, often in Bournemouth.

Four grandchildren came along, Michael and Susan had Joanna and Luke and Caroline and George had Andy and Ross. Mary was absolutely delighted with this, as she loved cuddling babies and playing with children.

In 1990 Caroline had Lorna, by this time Mary and Gerald had retired; they loved looking after them all.

They went on family holidays to the Isle of Wight, where Mary, much to the grand children's delight, won the glamorous Granny competition at the holiday club. Mary and Gerald had never been on an aeroplane, so Caroline and George took them to Portugal, they had a lovely time and really enjoyed the adventure.

In 1997 Mary and Gerald celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, with a family get together and meal at Churchills and they were lucky enough to be chosen to go to a garden party at

Buckingham Palace hosted by the Queen and Pince Phillip, who also had been married 50 years.

Mary and Gerald moved to a bungalow in Rockwell Green, it was adjoining Jean and Judy's, they spent some lovely times together, but Gerald's health started to fail, and he passed away in 2006, Mary had looked after him and was devoted throughout. In 2008 there was another tragedy when Mary lost her lovely Lorna.

However, Mary summoned up strength and fought for her independence. She bought her own little automatic car to drive into Wellington were she started volunteering for the Red Cross.

Mary enjoyed a roast every Sunday at Churchills with Gran Pinder also joining in on some Sundays; they liked to chat about old times and the grandchildren. Gran Pinder lived in Hemyock and was always telling Mary about all the excellent things on offer and eventually, at 86, Mary decided to buy a bungalow in Castle Park.

She loved her bungalow, and had some very happy times in Hemyock, she went to the luncheon clubs, tea clubs, the Brightside, the Acorns and loved seeing Caroline in the annual pantomime after she helped her to learn her lines, right up until she was 95! She enjoyed meals out with Peggy, Margaret and Caroline often calling in on Jean and Judy.

At 88, Mary fell in the garden and broke her hip, she recovered, but her mobility was never quite the same. She bought a smart television and an ipad and went to IT classes. Mary cherished the time spent with her great-grandchildren, Luke and Sophie were blessed with Alfie and Arthur and Ross and Kirsty with Harry and Martha. Mary was delighted to have her bungalow filled with children's laughter and more baby cuddles.

Now in her 90s, Mary was most comfortable at home in her bungalow. Kirsty and Ross had another little boy, Rupert and Rach and Andy were blessed to have Orla and Rory, all bringing Mary much joy at another tragic time as her beloved Jo passed away. To outlive both of her beautiful, talented and clever granddaughters was one of the saddest things in her life. But Mary was truly grateful for all her blessings especially her devoted family, she thought she was so lucky to have a lovely home, carers, gardeners, friends and neighbours. She spent her last few weeks at the Hummingbird care home, where she was very well looked after and pampered, made a few more friends and even took her ipad to face time and message Caroline!

Mary was a remarkable woman seeing so many changes in her lifetime. She had a strong determination, a lovely smile and a wicked sense of humour; she was a devoted, wife, mother, granny and great granny. She loved a sherry and would always try to persuade visitors to join her, so "cheers" Mary you will be greatly missed!

On a personal note - many thanks to all those who continue to donate goods to cr2ee. The charity continues to take humanitarian aid to Ukraine and Moldova. Hugh, a trustee, who many may remember has recently made another visit to both countries to ensue all we send is exactly what the people need.

If you have any news or items of interest you would like to share, please forward to jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

Enjoy the summer months, Janice

Hemyock History Group

Our speaker at our April meeting, which is always the second Thursday of the month, was Alasdair Morrison who has lived at Culm Davy for many years while travelling the world on the King's business providing legal advice to the King's representatives in a variety of troublespots.

Some of us may remember Blackadder's court martial for the shooting of General Melchett's pet pigeon "speckled Jim" or Rumpole of the Bailey appearing for the defence in a court martial in Germany, but very few would have been aware of what Alasdair got up to out in Hong Kong when Thatcher handed over one of our Empire's gems to the Chinese. Luckily she had none of the negotiating skills of a certain Mr Trump. That was handled by a certain Major Morrison. The journey to these illustrious heights started when he found himself very much a junior graduate apprentice in a rural solicitor's office in Scotland when the attraction of travelling the world on important secret missions in far flung corners of the Empire had its allure. In those days the USA was a close ally and so one of the training establishments he attended was Charlottesville, Virginia followed quickly by the centre of Nato activities at Bielefeld in Germany, a place whispered about in military circles. As a new member of the Army Legal Corps Alasdair had to direct hot headed Commanding Officers in the intricacies of Military Law with a General influencing matters every step of the way. When the people you are dealing with appear at meetings with rifles slung over their shoulders things can get quite scary. Think of the troubles in Northern Ireland and serving one's country in Afghanistan, protected by a little card stating the Rules of Engagement. A solitary soldier, who has no idea how many guns are pointing at him from the bush will, you can be assured, always check that little yellow card before he takes action. And if any gun is fired someone from the ALC will hotfoot it from HQ to be at the side of the soldier as he is being interviewed by the civilian police or the local Taliban. Of course more mundane legal matters were handled by the Divorces for the Forces group.

Conversations with Alasdair can be fascinating since he is restricted in stating the facts of a case he has been involved with, so one has to imagine a scenario that we have all read about and add suitable names and places that fits his story.

Robert Garrett was the speaker at our May meeting when he brought a number of historic pottery pieces on which he gave a wonderful talk about the different types of pot style with a variety of decoration. As we all know, the pottery industry, which has always been very strong in this area, is under great pressure nationally. We have had large scale pottery production from mediaeval times right through to the present with Honiton pottery, on which Robert gave many examples. Emma Bridgewater, queen of pottery is publicly warning about the plight of this industry at present with companies ceasing operations and laying off staff. Robert also warned about the future of such production companies.

We have recently been involved in the VE celebrations during which we had displays of WW2 memorabilia at Hemyock Castle and St Mary's on Bank Holiday Monday plus on VE day itself, the Thursday 8th May. We have in our collection the photocopied A4 booklet entitled Recollections of 1939 to 1945 produced by Margaret and Richard Shepard some time ago. To coincide with this year's 80th celebration of VE day Richard and Margaret have produced, under Amazon auspices, a glossy version of their book with added stories of those war years, from local Upper Culm Valley families. This book is available as a Kindle Version, normally £3.99 and the new paperback Version at £11.99 with a web site offer at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B071783LLK>.

Or contact Hemyock Castle at <https://hemyockcastle.uk>. All royalties go to Hemyock's Blackdown Support Group charity.

The next speaker on Thursday 12th June will be Mr Bill Bennett of Milford & Dormor who will update our elderly members with details of important legal changes brought in by the Government about personal finance and inheritance tax. We have a celebratory guest to start our new season of speakers on Thursday 11th September. If anyone would like to be involved in our research of our local history please come along to one of our meetings.

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:

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TONDER 2025 UPDATE



1ST HEMYOCK SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISING

APPEAL £10,000 ACHIEVED!!

We’re now focusing on getting as close as possible to our £20,000 target, so please continue to support us if you can. 1st Hemyock Scouts launched a fundraising appeal in October last year to support our historic 50-year exchange partnership with Scouts from Tønder in Denmark. A group of young people from Hemyock will be visiting Tønder in Summer 2025, and the Leaders, parents and Scouts are fundraising hard to support this unique trip.

Huge thanks to all our donors, sponsors and everyone who has supported our events or given their time as volunteers — we have now hit the £10,000 mark with 2 months to go, which is a fantastic achievement!

Upcoming highlights include:

-  **BURGER NIGHT – Thursday 5th June**
-  **BIG CREAM TEA & GRAND PRIZE DRAW – Saturday 19th July, Hemyock Parish Hall**

Save the date!

GO FUND ME PAGE

You can now make a donation, however big or small, via Go Fund Me. Every little helps! Donate at: <https://gofund.me/9o31f4d6>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE & HUGE THANK YOU

We’ve had an amazing few months of fundraising, and it’s all thanks to you – our supporters, volunteers, donors and local businesses. Here’s what we’ve achieved together:

- Table Top Sale – Over £1100 raised in March from stallholders, shoppers and our amazing team of helpers.
- Cash for Clothes – Brought in another £56 from the donated clothing left after our successful Pre-Loved Clothing sale
- World of Books – Raised a further £50 from the leftover books sold after the table top sale.
- Blackdown Cycle Event – Thanks to our volunteers who kept cyclists fed and hydrated during the Taunton Flyer event in April. Sportiva Events donated £250 in appreciation.
- Hemwyock Charity Shop – A generous donation of £500. Thank you so much!
- Thursday Takeaways – Thanks to all our chefs and customers who supported our takeaway nights in March, April and May. Don’t miss the final Burger Night on Thursday 5th June!

Your ongoing support is helping us reach for our next big goal – £20,000. With just 2 months to go, every pound counts, and we’re so grateful for all your help.

SPONSOR LIST – Thank you to our generous local businesses:

- Aspirations Support
- Monument Fuels
- ActivInsights

- Mount Vets
- Creature Comforts
- West Country Fencing Supplies
- Tilhill Forestry

If you know of a local business who might be interested in supporting this project, please get in touch — we’re still welcoming sponsors!

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Can you...

- Sponsor a Scout? A Scout will write to you personally to explain why this trip matters to them.
- Sponsor the trip? Are you involved with a local business that could match fund or contribute in exchange for advertising?
- Offer a Scout an odd job? Scouts (aged 10.5–14) and Explorers (aged 14–18) are available to help in exchange for donations.
- Support our events – bring your friends and enjoy a great time while helping a good cause.

Scouting gives young people skills for life.

It develops their social, practical and outdoor skills and instils a strong sense of community and personal responsibility. Please help us maintain this historic friendship and support our young people in their fundraising efforts.

Contact: anne.1sthemyscouts@outlook.com
Follow our progress: Facebook – Friends of Hemyock Scout Group. Thank you, 1st Hemyock Scout Group

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: youthclubloonies@icloud.com
FB: [youth@thegarages](https://www.facebook.com/youth@thegarages)

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



LEAP News

The year is marching on and the Longmead environmental area is lush with grass. The trees are almost in full leaf, some are in flower including the eating and cooking apples which promise a good crop come the autumn. In the raised beds there are broad beans, onions and beetroot, and we recently planted chard and black kale for later in the year. There will be a great crop of black currants for the jam makers, and a few strawberries for picking as they ripen. Rhubarb can be harvested until July and there are plenty of herbs ready now.

Over the last few months we have been fortunate to have volunteers who have continued to look after and improve the area. A great show of donated spring bulbs cheered up the drab days of February and March. A second dry hedge has been created to take prunings from the fruiting hedges, coppiced willow and established trees. Hopefully, the dry hedges will become wildlife habitats - we have already seen our first wren’s nest within the dry branches.The pond was overflowing with flood water in January, and then full of frogspawn in March. It survived despite the cold weather that froze the pond water to a depth. Now we have had drought over the last six weeks, and the pond is looking grassy- it will not fill again until we have a flood when St Margaret’s Brook will burst its banks.

The vagaries of our current climate make all growing very uncertain. Pity the poor farmers who must make a living from it, and the wildlife that has no option but to cope with it.

You may be a little disconcerted by the swathes of nettles in the area, but nettles are good for wildlife. Stinging nettles are great wildlife attractors: caterpillars of the small tortoiseshell and peacock butterflies use them as foodplants; ladybirds feast on the aphids that shelter among them; and seed-eating birds enjoy their autumn spoils. During WW2, nettles were collected to be used as natural dark green dye to camouflage cloth, and the long stalks can be ‘retted’ and used to make a fibrous string that can be plaited or spun to make twine and cloth. Nettles are a good source of vitamin C and B and make a nutritious tea. Let’s hear it for the humble nettle!

Unfortunately the area has been subjected to increased littering and some vandalism. This has resulted in us needing to repair the compost bin and the insect house, and remove the corrugated iron that was used to provide an habitat for slow worms. Thanks goes to our great volunteers who helped to tidy up and repair the damage.

On a brighter note, many people donated plants such as sedums and stonecrops to make a living roof for the insect house. They are becoming established, and the good news is that we have a few insect residents, including some red tailed bumble bees. They made their presence felt when we tried to repair the side of the roof. They didn’t like being disturbed and we had to make a sharp retreat.

We are always looking for extra volunteers and if you feel that you would like to take part, or even lead the project, it would be great to have your input. The area has great potential to be a sanctuary, to enhance the local wildlife and give pleasure to the locals who visit it to get a breath of fresh air, picnic or walk the dog.

Trish Slater





1st Hemyock Scout Group

H ello again, what a lovely Spring we are having. Just right for being outside, which we scouts thoroughly enjoy, as I am sure you all do as well.

First, we have just had our St Georges Day Parade and Service with you in St Marys. As usual we had a fine turn out from members of all our group sections. Slight change this year with our Parade starting from the School due to a cycle event passing through the Village. Our young people paraded with our flags to the Church and splendid to see so many people in attendance. Thank you to Becky Doble for being in charge and making sure that Rikki didn’t cause too much havoc. Well sort of! After a short talk, we all got involved with some scouting. Pioneering. We practised sheer, square and diagonal lashings, with an excellent square one from a member of the congregation. Warden David did comment “you do manage to cause havoc, Rikki” But I think he meant it nicely as we all had fun. A fine Service, with the collection in aid of Myanmar Disaster Fund.

Back at the end of March, we had a Bring and Buy Sale to help raise funds for this years Danish trip. It was successful and I managed to chat to some of our excellent leaders. A quick resume of what they told me. Scouts and Explorers have been enjoying fencing, perhaps we have a potential Olympic contender in our group! Operation Snowdrift took place this year at Hartsmoor, with some real snow. Snowdrift started way back in the sixties and real snow was not such a rarity back then. Must be climate change. We also had a Starlight camp. Also having a monthly Take Out Night at the Healthy Living Centre. Scouts have been tree planting and enjoying archery and swimming. Explorers had a Valentines night hike. Must have been in February! I was also told about DK25, our trip to see our friends in Tonder. They are flying over and will spend a day in Copenhagen, staying at a youth hostel. Then moving on to camp with the Danes. That pioneering practice that we had on St Georges Day will come in handy. The Danes love building things at camp. Then back to Tonder for home hospitality with the Danish scouts, then back home. It will be a wonderful experience with memories that will last a lifetime. I know, even at my old age I remember the fun we had. I eventually spoke with the Explorers and was told that they have been involved with outdoor cooking, fund raising and scuba diving. They now have 24 members, which is fantastic as a lot of groups loose members after the scout section. We must be getting something right.

At St George Service I had a word with Julie our Group Chief. I smiled when she told me that our new digital system had logged her out. She enquired of HQ who stated that she did not exist! Oh good she thought I can do what I like. Perhaps not. She does exist and has been reinstated. (I expect to be called to the Tower of London the day after this Pump is issued!) Julie gave me more info on DK25, they leave on 25th July for two weeks with 28 members and 5 leaders. She said all sections were doing well and that the young squirrels and beavers were off to camp in May. So you can see that we have a very active group having great fun. Thank you leaders for all your time and effort. Couldn’t happen without you.

Some news from HQ and Devon scouting. Woodlands camp for the scout section will be 12/14th September at Blackawton, Totnes. Scoutex is 19/20th July at Bicton College for scouts and explorers. Paignton Zoo is offering a free day out for scout groups on 18/19th October. Just arrive in uniform for free entry. Apparently they have a climbing wall there for you to have fun on. Programme news from HQ. Chuck a glider, make one and see how far it goes. Make campfire bread. Leaders have the recipe! HQ is planning for our future beyond 2025 with a skills for life strategy. Good news. And a

final bit of news from Devon HQ in Barnstaple. They are organising a trip to an International Jamboree in Europe for the Explorer section. Guess where it is being held? You are right-- Denmark. It will be held at Hedeland Nature Reserve near Copenhagen. They will go to Legoland , Tivoli Gardens and Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, camping and pioneering (I think I said earlier that the Danes like pioneering!) They say “A Scouting Adventure of a Lifetime” It certainly will be as 1st Hemyock has been twinned with Tonder for 53 years. I hope that some of our Explorers will manage to join the trip.

That’s about it for this time but--

Finally. I am sure that many of you know that Rikki now lives in Witheridge, the other side of Tiverton, which is the Parish of St John. The Parish magazine here sometimes has some amusing quips that I have shared with you in the past. Here is another.

The Taxi

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up the pavement and stopped inches from a shop window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said “Look mate, don’t ever do that again. You scared me half to death.” The passenger apologied and said he had not realised that a little tap would scare him so much. The driver replied “You are right, I’m sorry. It’s not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I’ve been driving a hearse for 25 years.”

I hope that Hemyock humour is similar to Witheridge.

Chat with you next time.

Old Rikki

Rusty rackets tennis coaching at Longmead, Hemyock.



Fancy getting back into playing tennis?

Tennis coach, Dan Sizer, runs adult coaching sessions on Friday mornings from 10-11 am at the Hemyock courts, Longmead.

These sessions are suitable for anyone who has played a bit in the past and would like to get back into playing again.

Sessions are run on a pay-as-you-go basis and you don't have to be a member of the tennis club to come along

Please contact Julie Steed (steedjulie52@gmail.com, 01823 680787) for more information

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Seaton to Taunton via Colyton, Honiton and Wellington

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From 05 January 2025

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays						
COL			NCOL			
Seaton Marine Place			0900	1200	1450	1710
Seaton Townsend House Surgery			0904	1204	1454	1714
Colyford, The Elms			0908	1208	1458	1718
Colyton, The Square			0913	1213	1503	1722
Shute House			0920	1220	1510	1728
Wilmington White Hart Inn			0929	1229	1519	1736
Honiton Waterleat Avenue			0935	1235	1525	1741
Tesco Superstore	0701	0701	0938	1238	1528	1745
Honiton Lace Walk	Arr	0705	0705	0942	1242	1532 1749
Honiton Lace Walk	Dep	0705	0705	0944	1244	1534 1750
Combe Raleigh Turn		0712	0712	0951	1251	1541 1756
Dunkerswell, Louis Way		0719	0719	0958	1258	1548 1803
Dunkerswell, Royal Oak		0722	0722	1001	1301	1551 1805
Sheldon Turn		0725	0725	1004	1304	1554 1808
Hemyock Square		0733	0733	1012	1312	1602 1816
Hemyock Castle Park		0735	0735	1014	1314	1604 1818
Hemyock Prowses		0738	0738	1017	1317	1607 1821
Culmstock, All Saints Church		0748	0748	1027	1327	1617 1830
Nicholashayne, Post Box		0753	0753	1032	1332	1622 1830
Sampford Moor, Vine Cottage		0757	0757	1036	1336	1626 1830
Middle Green, Swains Lane		0802	0802	1041	1341	1631 1830
Wellington, Post Office		0806	0806	1045	1345	1635 1830
Heatherton Grange Inn		0813	0813	1052	1352	1642 1830
Taunton, Castle Way		0831	0831	1105	1405	1655 1830
Richard Huish College		0838				1702

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Taunton to Seaton via Wellington, Honiton and Colyton

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From 05 January 2025

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Sampford Moor, Blue Ball Inn			0920	0920	1215	1445 1745 1745
Nicholashayne, Post Box			0924	0924	1219	1449 1749 1749
Culmstock, All Saints Church	0729	0930	0930	1225	1455	1755 1755
Hemyock, Castle Park	0738	0939	0939	1234	1504	1804 1804
Hemyock, Prowses	0741	0942	0942	1237	1507	1807 1807
Hemyock, Catherine Wheel	0743	0944	0944	1239	1509	1809 1809
Sheldon Turn	0749	0950	0950	1245	1515	1815 1815
Dunkeswell, Royal Oak	0753	0954	0954	1249	1519	1819 1819
Dunkeswell, Louis Way	0756	0957	0957	1252	1522	1822 1822
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Wilmington White Hart Inn		0830	1030	1030	1325	1555 1555
Shute House		0839	1039	1039	1334	1604 1604
Colyton, The Square		0846	1046	1046	1341	1611 1611
Colyford, The Elms		0850	1050	1050	1345	1615 1615
Seaton Health Centre		0853	1053	1053	1348	1618 1618
Seaton, Marine Place		0858	1058	1058	1353	1623 1623

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

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Honiton's Community & Arts Venue

June 2025

National Theatre Live: A Streetcar named desire
Fri 6 June - 7pm. Adult £17. Student £14
Gillian Anderson (Sex Education), Vanessa Kirby (The Crown), and Ben Foster (Lone Survivor) lead the cast in Tennessee Williams' timeless masterpiece, returning to cinemas.

THE BEEHIVE QUIZ NIGHT!
Wed 11 June - 7pm. Tickets £5pp
The Beehive's fundraising quiz night! Price includes nibbles. Teams maximum of 4. Doors open at 6.30pm. Start at 7pm.

OCEAN
Fri 13 June -2pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £8, U16's £7.
Ocean with David Attenborough takes viewers on a breath taking journey showing there is nowhere more vital for our survival, more full of life, wonder, or surprise, than the ocean.

Mrs. Churchill: My life with Winston. Theatre show
Sat 14 June - 7.30pm. Tickets £17.
The idea that behind every great man, there is a great woman, was never more true in the case of Clementine Churchill. Winston said, "my most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me."

THE BEEHIVE'S ACOUSTIC NIGHT
Wed 18 June - 7.30pm. Free entry
Doors open at 7:15pm Open Mic Night in the café at The Beehive Honiton. Everyone is welcome, whether it is to come along, have a beer and listen or to play and sing. All styles of music.

MICHELANGELO: LOVE & DEATH
Thu 19 June - 7pm. Tickets: £13
The spectacular sculptures and paintings of Michelangelo seem so familiar to us, but what do we really know about this Renaissance giant? Michelangelo's genius is evident in everything he touched.

*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

June 2025

Barry Steele's Roy Orbison Story
Fri 20 June - 7.30pm. Tickets £30
Direct from the West Ends Adelphi theatre and celebrating 21 years in the business, Barry Steele's Roy Orbison story will take you on a fantastic musical journey celebrating the rock n roll hall of fame and 6-time Grammy

JOHN HACKETT BAND
Sat 21 June - 7.30pm. Tickets £18
The John Hackett Band embodies the spirit of progressive rock. From John's pastoral flute textures, through the funky interplay between drummer Duncan Parsons and bassist Jeremy Richardson to the intricacies of Nick Fletcher's lead guitar the group embrace pop, rock, jazz, classical, funk and all stops in-between, from the tenderest of ballads to hair-raising instrumental workouts! Hannah Findlay joins the band on the night too with her beautiful vocals!

THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND
Fri 27 June - 2pm & 7.30pm. Adult £8, U16's £7.
Charles, an eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favourite musicians to perform at his home. As tempers flare and old tensions resurface, the stormy weather traps them all on the island and Charles desperately looks for a way to salvage his dream gig.

SKYESMARTIN - FOLK NIGHT
Sat 28 June - 7.30pm. Tickets £18
SykesMartin is the exciting new collaboration from two of British folk's finest voices. Miranda Sykes (Show of Hands) and Hannah Martin (Edgelarks, Gigspanner Big Band) join forces to present a set of songs that take them back to their shared roots.

**Check out our website :
Beehivehoniton.co.uk for more events happening at
The Beehive this month!**

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Home of the unique Working Wool Museum!
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Grist Mill Café Bar: 10:30am – 2:30pm
Museum & Shop: 11am – 4pm (last admission to Museum 3pm)

To book tickets go to: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/visit-us/ or phone 01884 840960

Join the Friends of Coldharbour Mill and get FREE entry for a year! For more info & to join: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/become-a-member or ask at the Cafe or Shop.

Visits by groups and schools can be booked for any day – email visitorservices@coldharbourmill.org.uk or phone 01884 840960

FORTHCOMING EVENTS at the Mill
Saturday & Sunday June 7th & 8th - The Great British Fibre Festival 10am – 4.30pm
For more info, and to book tickets, visit: www.thegreatbritishfibrefestival.co.uk/
Celebrate the world of fibre arts with a weekend full of workshops, demonstrations, and exhibitions.

Sunday June 29th - Summer Fayre 11am - 4pm
Suggested £2 Entry Donation. Join us for a vibrant celebration of creativity and community! Discover local talent, enjoy live entertainment, and take home something truly special.



Advance notice: August 20-23 & 25-30 - Heritage Craft Festival

CRAFT WORKSHOPS at the MILL
All materials supplied, refreshments available. Places are limited so do book soon! For more info and to book, visit the 'What's On' page of the Mill website, or phone 01884 840960.

Rag Bag Making Wednesday 4th June: 11am – 2pm
Willow Woven Noticeboard Workshop Friday 6th June: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Willow Bird Feeder Workshop Friday 4th July: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Willow Flower Workshop - Youth Session Friday 1st August: 10:30am – 12:30pm
Suitable for ages 8 and above, accompanied by an adult.

VOLUNTEERING
If you have some spare time, why not join one of the volunteer teams at this unique heritage site? Please contact us by phone or email (see below) for more info and an informal chat, and to arrange a taster session.

Visit www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/volunteer/ to see the wide range of volunteer teams.

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July events 2025

NOSTALGIC CINEMA: LASSIE COME HOME (1943) (U)
Thu 24 Jul - 2pm. Tickets: £5 - Includes tea/coffee & biscuits.
Starring Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp and May Whitty. After her destitute family is forced to sell her, a collie named Lassie escapes from her new owner and begins the long trek from Scotland to her Yorkshire home.

CINEMA SCREENING
Fri 25 Jul - Lunch and evening showtimes. A film is scheduled for this date. The screening is yet to be confirmed. Please visit our website for the latest information closer to the time.

The Beehive Lunch Deal
Optional lunch with our 2pm screening. Lunch will be served at 12:45pm. To find out more and to see the lunch menu head to our website closer to the time.

THE SALTS
Sat 26 Jul - 7.30pm. Tickets: £18
The Salts perform sea shanties, songs from the sea, celebrating maritime classics that we all know and love, including Bound for South Australia, Blow the Man Down, Drunken Sailor and many more, alongside well crafted original tunes. The band feature five seasoned musicians collectively performing a mixture of instruments as well as great harmonies, creating what is becoming one of the most exciting and energetic folk concepts of recent times all guaranteed to get the crowd singing and dancing along.

ART EXHIBITION: SENSE OF COLOUR BY SENSE OTTERHAYES
Wed 30 Jul - Tue 5 Aug. Free entry.
Sense Otterhayes - 'Our vibrant use of colour is used to highlight the magical world in which we live and want to celebrate. Plants, landscape and animals are a few of the paintings we will be sharing.'

CINEMA SCREENING
Thu 31 Jul - A film is scheduled for this date. The screening is yet to be confirmed. Please visit our website for the latest information closer to the time.

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July events 2025

CINEMA SCREENING
Thu 3 Jul - A film is scheduled for this date. The screening is yet to be confirmed. Please visit our website for the latest information closer to the time.

MURDER AT THE SPEAKEASY (18)
Fri 4 Jul - 7pm. Tickets: £34 Includes Supper & Free Drink
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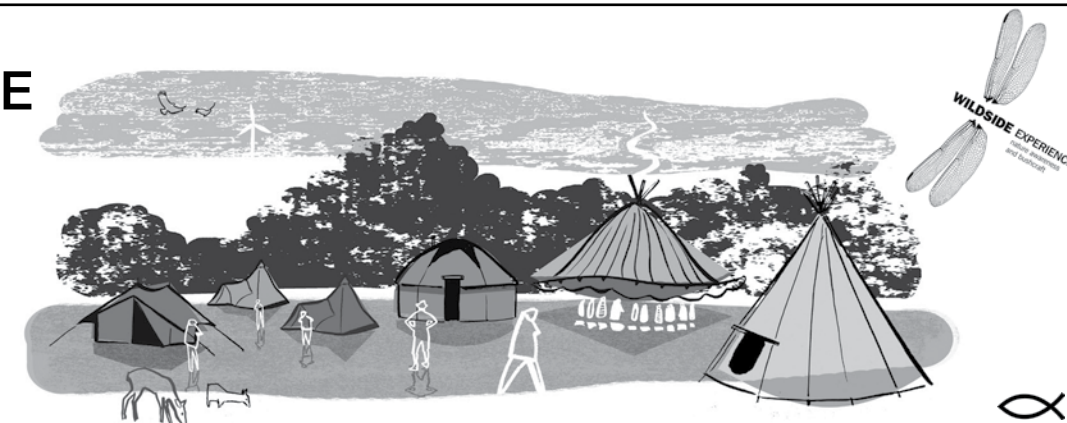
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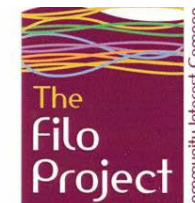
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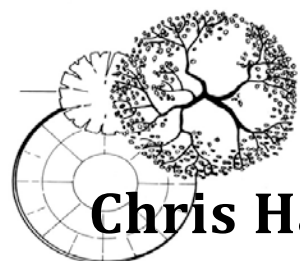
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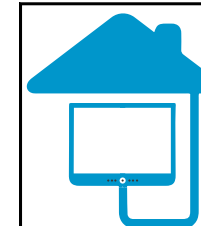
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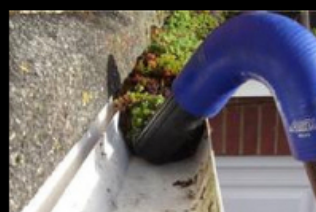
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