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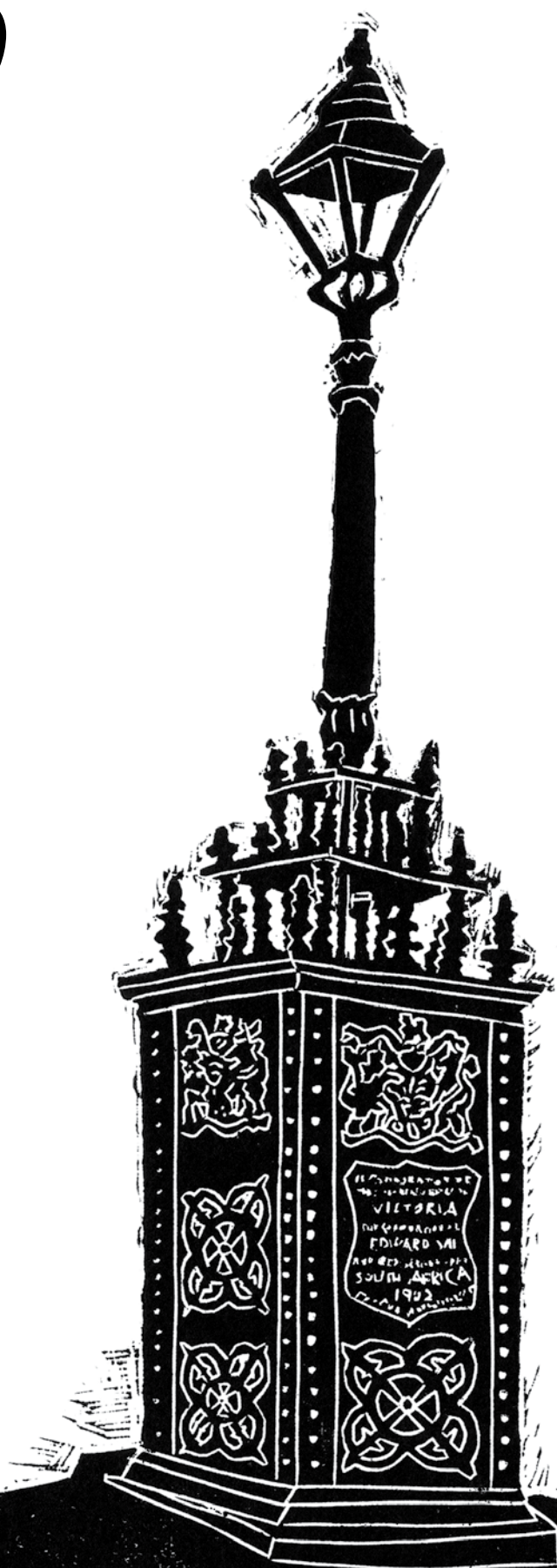
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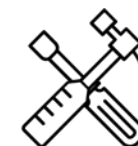
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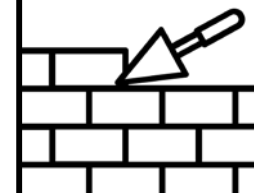
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Duke of Burgundy and Wood White butterflies, just some of the species your work would help conserve.
Image credits Peter Eeles, Butterfly Conservation.

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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Sunday 17 th August Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Mary’s church Hemyock 10.30am Benefice Communion St Mary’s Patronal Festival			
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‘Communities of faith, hospitality and inspiration; loving God and loving our neighbour’
Everyone is most welcome to services throughout the Mission Community
www.culmkirks.co.uk

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew, Clayhidon	All Saints, Culmstock	St Mary, Hemyock
Sunday 7th September 11 th Sunday after Trinity	9.00am Communion service (Traditional 1662)		10.00am Communion service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 14th September 12 th after Trinity		10.00am Morning Worship	10.00am Communion service 8.00pm Sung Compline <i>Andrew Trehwella and Ad Hoc Voices</i>	11.00am Communion service
Sunday 21st September 13 th after Trinity	6.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship
Friday 26th September	St Mary's church Hemyock 7.00pm Harvest service followed by Harvest supper			
Sunday 28th September 14 th after Trinity		10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Harvest Communion Service

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

All services are contemporary in style, unless designated 'Traditional'.

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

Parish Pump | No. 310 | August – September 2025



Your Prayers Would Be Welcome

The Church of England has come in for a lot of criticism in recent years, not least for its mishandling of cases where people with authority within the Church have abused their privileged position to the detriment of the wellbeing of vulnerable people, both children and adults. Despite these headline-grabbing occurrences, most ordinary members of the Church are simply doing their best to follow the teachings of Jesus, striving to love God and to love their neighbours, and we all share a sense of sadness when the good work that is done in communities up and down the land is eclipsed by such sensational and damaging revelations.

One of the prime purposes of the C of E is to offer a presence in every community in England. It is hard to miss the ancient Church buildings in Clayhidon, Culmstock and Hemyock, but the Church is more than the buildings. It is the body of people who come together regularly for worship and witness. That is particularly so when our Churches are, as at the present time, without a vicar (or more properly, a rector) – an ordained minister who provides leadership to the Christian community, and is available to support people within our parishes in times of crisis or difficulty, or to share in joyous occasions such as weddings and christenings.

It is now six months since our last Rector, Revd Becky, retired but, despite the absence of a clergyperson in Hemyock Rectory, the pattern of worship, pastoral care and spiritual development has been maintained by a group of amazing retired clergy and a host of lay members of our Church communities.

For anyone who is anxious that there should be a vicar to lead and sustain our Churches there is some good news. The vacant post has been advertised and, God willing, we hope to be in a position to appoint a new incumbent before the end of August, although it is likely to be several more months before an appointee can be expected to take up the role.

At this critical time, I invite all people of goodwill to join with us in our prayers that someone will feel drawn to minister within these communities, and that those who are charged with selecting and appointing our next Rector are given the wisdom and discernment to choose the right person for the job. I hope that the next time this magazine is published we will be able to tell you who that person is!

Dr David Major, LLM

St Mary's Hemyock

In This Issue:

- Church Fete Report
- VJDay80
- Hemyock Memories of WWII
- Scouts off to Denmark



Church Fete

A bright and breezy afternoon saw crowds attend the annual parish church fete at Hemyock which was opened by well known resident Mary Hawkins. She spoke of her family's long association with St Mary's and thanked everyone who was involved with the upkeep and variety of services and events held there. The highly enjoyable afternoon raised £1, 295.

The Poppy Club hung a beautiful handcrafted Fall cascading from the church wall whilst around the churchyard was bunting and other various knitted and crocheted items including a couple sunbathing! Plants, water or wine, raffles, cakes and savouries along with new/ good quality secondhand items, books and a wide selection of jams and marmalades could be found amongst the various stalls whilst many visitors enjoyed a game of skittles.

Back at Nicks - a trio of musicians - provided music throughout the afternoon whilst displays of dancing was given by two groups of youngsters.

The long queue for cream teas and refreshments continued throughout the afternoon and was hugely popular.

The fete is a major fundraising event for the church and organisers David Bawler (Churchwarden) and Patricia Fuller thank everyone for their support.



VJDay80 Commemorations

The end of WW2 will be marked at Hemyock with the following. We hope this will give us time to reflect and remember those known as the "Forgotten Army"

Sunday 10 August 11am

St Mary's Church Hemyock

A special Service of Holy Communion and Commemoration for VJDay80

Friday 15th August 11am

Laying of Poppy Wreath at the War Memorial and lighting of the Peace Lamp

From 11am - 4pm there will be refreshments and a display in the Church

I hope we can look forward to your support for these important commemorations.

Please get in contact if you require more details or you have anything you would like to display.

David Bawler - 07773579809

bawler1952@hotmail.com

HEMYOCK DAY 2025 was a huge success!

- Everyone came with picnics, chairs, blankets and sun brollies
- Bar and food outlets were kept very busy
- Arts & Craft tent stirred some interest in local artists & makers
- Children were entertained – magician/balloon modeller, face-painting, dressing up, football kickabout and the Fancy Dress Parade was a triumph. Well done Hugo!
- Local organisations took part and raised awareness of their existence
- Most importantly the sun shone!

All this would not have been possible without the support of all those who wore the Pink Shirts on the Day – our marvellous Volunteers! They kept everyone safe, entertained and, in the case of the Bar, well-watered. Thanks to each and everyone of them. There were many others working behind the scenes to put on Hemyock Day. A particular mention for Graham Tottle, our Musical Director, who lined up some superb bands. Without his diligence the Day would have been very quiet!

My thanks to the Parish Council for allowing us to use the wonderful facility that is Longmead. And a Big Thank You to you all for coming along to the fund-raising Discos, Singing Group and Cafés, making Hemyock Day free to everyone! All the money raised through the fund-raisers and the Bar on Hemyock Day pays for the Bands and Children's entertainers.

So the next Hemyock Day will be **Saturday 13 June 2026** so as not to clash with Hemyock Market.

First fundraiser – Longmead café on **Wednesday 23 July 2025**

Thank you Hemyock! ❤️ WHERE YOU LIVE ❤️

Coffee Morning Thanks

Maureen would like to thank everyone who attended the Alzheimer's coffee morning on June 14th. A fantastic sum of £445 was raised - thanks to everyone for their support.

HELP!

Is anyone able to give advice regarding installing a contactless card reader at All Saints Church, Culmstock?

If you think you can help, please email ucvmission@gmail.com

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.

 **Coffee Morning** 
Fundraiser
In support of Mind Charity

Join us for a warm drink, tasty treats and a great cause!
Help me raise funds for my 2026 London Marathon run in support of Mind.



 30th August 2025
 10am - 12pm
 Hemyock Parish Hall, Collumpton, EX15 3QW





 Fresh Coffee & Tea  Homemade cakes & treats
 Raffle Prizes  Crafts stalls
 Bottle tombola  Lego table

Event sponsored by 

All proceeds go to Mind - supporting better mental health for everyone.

Calves, Churns & Communities

Discover Hemyock 100 years ago:

The first Calf Club

The Milk Factory

The Recreation Ground and Hall

The War Memorial

and more

Saturday 20th September

The Garages 12noon – 5pm

Cream teas



Blackdown Hills
National Landscape

Festival of Devon in the 1920s
DHS | DEVON HISTORY SOCIETY

COME & CREATE

with Hemyock Craft Group

Wednesday evenings 7-9pm (term time)

Forbes Lounge, Hemyock. £6 per person

Try your hand at a variety of crafts such as: painting, needle-felting, crochet, card making, flower arranging, wet-felting, jewellery making, iris paper folding, Dorset Buttons, pottery and many more wonderful crafts.....

Our club is all about socialising and having fun while doing a craft. If you have a craft/skill to share, please feel free to lead a sessions

Contact Linda to book your place: lindacleaves@aol.com

Or Tel: 07929 902163

or find us on Facebook @comeandcreate

MESSY CHURCH@HBC



FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER
4.00 pm

Come along & try Messy Church!
It's for primary age school children, siblings & their parents! No need to book. Enjoy a variety of crafts and activities, songs, stories and a cooked tea.

£1 entry per person

Poets Corner

BIRDS FLY

Birds fly slicing through hot summer sky,
Swooping swallows and others of the swallow kind
Trawling for their insect catch;
Swifts are never off the wing,
'cept to lay and rear their brood
They scream for joy as their family chase,
Through air moist by shower of evening
summer rain,
Another moment the World turns again;
Through summer days and summer's storms,
When light fades and new songs are sung,
And birds are flying;
Some flying home,
And some flying far, far away;
To other homes, in other lands.
The people watch and sometimes
See the birds fly.

David Palmer

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](#)

It is said of Mark Twain that, at the age of 18, he considered his father to be a complete idiot. By the time he reached 21, he was amazed at how much the old man had learnt in three years! As another academic year concludes, I'm reminded that those turbulent, growing years are often a vital time for change. Opinions are formed, attitudes are shaped and directions for life are set.

A group of students chose to spend a gap year working in a Third World country. The purpose of their time abroad was not sightseeing or lazing on a beach in the sun. These British students had chosen to work with a development team based in a large slum in an Asian city. They were teaching in a makeshift school, manning a creche, assisting in developing cottage industries and helping to build a safe house for children who would otherwise live rough on the streets. They earned no wage for their efforts. On the contrary, they had needed to raise money to cover their fares and living costs from friends and family here at home. They were asked what they had gained from the learning experience thus far. "Getting a new set of values," said one. "Realizing how much you get back when you give," said another. "The sense of belonging in a team," said a third.

It wasn't all plain sailing for them. Homesickness, adjusting to the inevitable culture shock and learning some hard truths through living in close proximity to others were just a few of the tough lessons they had. But none regretted the decision to spend time abroad; they recognized that the experience would live with them for years to come. You couldn't meet a livelier crowd, full of noise and laughter. In a few years they will be bankers, teachers, engineers and nurses, with a growing family and a mortgage. But for now, some vital learning years are being invested in building character and responsibility. They will never be the same again. At least, I sincerely hope not.

All this reminded me of the parable of the good Samaritan - how loving our neighbour means looking beyond the colour of people's skin and their social status. Jesus concluded the famous parable with the words, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). It's both refreshing and humbling to realise that to this day, some people are doing exactly that.









Pastor Steve Williams

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2025

- Sunday 3rd 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 10th 10:30 am MorningService, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 17th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 24th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 31st 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

- Sunday 7th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 14th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 21st 10:30 Communion Service, Young Church & Coffee
- **Sunday 28th 10:00 am KING's BREAKFAST Family Fun Service**

<div>MONDAYS</div> <div></div> <div>TODDLER TIME</div> <div>◆OPEN IN SCHOOL TERMS◆</div> <div>9.00 - 11.30 am</div> <div>Open to under 5's, toys, activities & drinks. £1 per session</div>	<div>WEDNESDAYS</div> <div></div> <div>CHAPEL CAFE</div> <div>9.00 - 11.30 am</div> <div>◆◆CLOSED IN AUGUST◆◆</div> <div>Open to everyone - join us for tea, coffee, snacks & chat.</div>	<div>THURSDAYS</div> <div></div> <div>30 MINUTES WITH GOD</div> <div>10.00 - 10.30 am</div> <div>Silent prayer, rest & reflection; with our prayer team on hand to pray with you if you wish.</div>	<div>HOUSE & PRAYER GROUPS</div> <div></div> <div>7.30 pm</div> <div>★TUESDAYS</div> <div>with Anne (680057)</div> <div>★THURSDAYS</div> <div>with Vivien (680952)</div> <div>★SATURDAY PRAYERS</div> <div>8-8.45 am please contact Anne</div>
<div>HEMYOCK HOLIDAY CLUB</div> <div></div> <div>19th-21st AUGUST</div> <div>Open to all Primary Age</div> <div>Contact Maureen 680111</div> <div>or Whatsapp Steve 07379009325</div>	<div>FILM NIGHT SUNDAY</div> <div>14th SEPTEMBER</div> <div>7.00 pm</div> <div>An inspiring family friendly film, open to all. Come along early for a coffee. See noticeboard for more information.</div> <div></div>	<div>MESSY CHURCH FRIDAY</div> <div>19th SEPTEMBER</div> <div>4.00 pm</div> <div>A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for children & their adults.</div> <div></div> <div>£1 entry per person</div>	<div>KING'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY</div> <div>28th SEPTEMBER</div> <div>10.00 am</div> <div>Our fun family service with a Cuppa and Bacon/ Sausage Sandwich. Songs, Crafts & Stories. Informal cafe style service.</div> <div></div> <div>ALL WELCOME!</div>

Hemyock Parish Council update

Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on 14th May at Longmead, it was great to see a good turnout of residents and local organisations and groups. Our Chair, Paul Doble gave an update on what the Council has achieved in the past year such as starting the extension of the cemetery, the flood cameras installed at Culmbridge and on the footbridge by the old milk factory. He also outlined projects which we aim to support over the coming months, such as the new Primary school playground, extending the carpark at Longmead, continuing to support the Community Larder, as well as outlining our long term goals such as protecting our assets for example the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre and Longmead. Councillor Doble then made presentations to the following residents on behalf of the Council:

Ian Pike for his work maintaining the village and the cemetery, Andy Brooke for his work on the Longmead Committee and refurbishing the pavilion, Peta Dayus-Jones for her work at the Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre and Penny Lawrence for her outstanding service as a member of the Parish Council for many years, her wealth of knowledge of both parish council matters and the history of the village will be sorely missed. Each received a voucher for the Catherine Wheel which supports local businesses.

We were grateful to Councillor Natasha Bradshaw who addressed our meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity Net Gain within the Mid Devon area and the plans for the future, with Mid Devon District Council aiming to be at net zero by 2030. Councillor Bradshaw outlined the Council's strategies over the next few years to include Land space, Renewable energy, Carbon footprint, how MDDC is contributing to climate change, what actions could be taken to mitigate that contribution and how MDDC can adapt to climate change and become more resilient. Councillor Bradshaw's presentation is available on the Parish Council website.

We were also addressed by some of the groups and organisations of the Parish, such as Hemyock Primary School PFTA, Hemyock Tennis Club, the Youth Football Club, Longmead Environmental Area and the Community Speedwatch Group.

The minutes of the meeting which contains all the reports are available on the Parish Council website.

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 considered:
25/00723/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a roof over existing silage clamp
Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 313198 111098 Collard Hill Farm Blackborough
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313165 / 111092
Parish: Hemyock 26
25/00610/OUT

Proposal: Outline for the erection of 1 dwelling to include allotment, double garage and access with all other matters reserved
Location: Land and Building at NGR 313818 113501 Hollingarth Way Hemyock
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313818 / 113501
Parish: Hemyock 26

Community Speedwatch

The Group are in need of volunteers to join them to help reduce speeding in the Village. There is no set time of day to help with this so if you are able to contribute some time to help, however short, please contact our Clerk. Speeding has increased in recent months, and with the lack of pavement and suitable lighting in some parts of the Village this is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians. Some interesting information on traffic through the Village has been provided by the Speedwatch Group from 1st January-31st March and is shown below:

Analysis of records for 01/01/2025 to 31/03/2025

No. of Speeders in 20mph limits 128
Excessive Speeders Recorded (> 1.5*Limit) 8
Max Speeder in 20mph limits 34mph 170%
Average Speeder in 20mph limits 26mph 130%
No. of Sessions in 20mph limits 13
Avg no. of Speeders per Session 9
Total number of Vehicles Passing 1611
Avg Vehicles Passing per Session 123
Avg % Speeders/Session 7%
Session time at roadside 12.5Hours
Avg Offenders per hour 10.2
Vehicles without MOT 3
Vehicles without TAX 2
Vehicles on SORN 1

Community

A wonderful day was had on 21st June as the Village celebrated Hemyock Day. It was a massive turnout with various stalls, food stations and a bar. We are sure that the whole Village would like to join with us to say a big THANK YOU to Sue Scantlebury and her team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make the day a great success. Not only in the preparations for the day itself, but in fund raising throughout the year. The entertainment was outstanding and there was something for everyone young and old. Dare we ask if there is to be a Hemyock Day 2026?

The Parish Council has been happy to support the PTFA at Hemyock Primary School to develop and resurface the playground which we hope will take place over the Summer holidays and will be ready to welcome students at the beginning of the Autumn term. We look forward to seeing the results.

The Community Larder goes from strength to strength, thank you to Peta and her team who collect the food and keep the doors open for us to use this vital facility. The team regularly have pop up opening times so keep a look out on their Facebook page for information on times.

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.



BLACKDOWN
HEALTHY LIVING &
ACTIVITY CENTRE



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

Riverside Club	Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 9.30am – 3pm. Day of activities, entertainment and lunch for older residents of the Blackdown Hills. Contact Lynn Pulman (01823) 680687		
Community Shed	Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays most weeks of the year, 10am – 1pm. The Shed is a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending in a social setting. Contact Peta Dayus-Jones (01823) 680687		
Stay & Play Hub	Wednesdays term-time 9.30am – 11am, a drop-in stay & play session for babies and pre-school children. Art & craft, messy & sensory play, music & stories.		
Parkinson's Café	Monthly support café for those affected by Parkinson's Disease. Last Saturday of each month. 10.30am – 12pm. Different speaker each month, plus tea, coffee, biscuits and chat!		
Monday	Pilates (3 classes)	9am, 10.15am & 11.30am	Louise Lyus www.connectedpilates.com
	Yoga	6.30pm	Julia Baldock (07708 469745)
Tuesday	Yoga	9.30am	Sharon (07928 953134)
	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs (07791234319)
Wednesday	Pilates	6.30pm	Harriet Tubbs
Thursday	Sound Baths	7pm (monthly)	Emma Dee www.emmadeesoundtherapy.com
Friday	Pilates (2 classes)	9.30am & 10.45am	Sarah Grey www.pilatessouthwest.co.uk
Therapies	Chiropractor – Sue Moore 07534 222031 Massage – Rachel Ridler 07854 973276 Osteopathy – Martha Price 07734 431624 Massage – Ruth Bell 07892 896895 Hypnotherapist – Helen Morris www.innerfreedomhypnotherapy.co.uk Betonica Herbal Medicine Clinics – www.betonica.co.uk/herbal-clinic		

You can find the BHLAC at Riverside, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH
www.bhlac.org.uk or call 01823 680687

The Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre – AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre will take place on Monday 1st September 2025 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Riverside, Hemyock EX15 3SH.

All are welcome, but to vote and have a say in the running of the BHLAC it is necessary to be a Friend of the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre. Becoming a Friend is very simple so please consider becoming a Friend to show your support and entitle you to vote at our AGM. Forms are available at the Centre or you can request a form by emailing centre@bhlac.org.uk

Business to be conducted at the AGM will include presentation of the annual accounts, the Chairman's report and election of trustees, followed by wine & cheese to celebrate our 15th anniversary.

Please call 01823 680687 or email centre@bhlac.org.uk if you have any questions.



Fun-filled day for
older people



Take Part, Laugh,
Enjoy & Live Life



Mondays & Thursdays
9.30am – 3pm

Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock
Ring 01823 680687 for further info.



Two-course
lunch



Squish



Join our Facebook
Group Stay & Play
Hub Hemyock



Scoop

Squelch

Blackdown
Stay & Play

Spray

Spin

Hub

Sensory Sessions

Shake

Squeeze

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

Splash

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS



Blackdown Support Groups

BIG BASH!

party and promises auction

**Saturday 27th September**

**Hemyock Village Hall**

**From 7pm**

**£25 per person**

**Includes Conrad's delicious paella and a range of desserts**

**Fully stocked bar**

**Plus a live auction and raffle**

**LIVE MUSIC FROM: BIRD DOGS**

**BLACKDOWN ACAPELLA**

A night of great food, fantastic music, and fun – all in support of a great cause!

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!

EMAIL: Ticketsbsg@gmail.com to book!



OPENING TIMES

MONDAY - 10AM - 1PM

TUESDAY - 10AM - 1PM

WEDNESDAY - 10AM - 1PM

THURSDAY - 10AM - 1PM

FRIDAY - 10AM - 1PM

SATURDAY - CLOSED

SUNDAY - CLOSED



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!

If you have some spare time and are able to volunteer to drive for an hour, once or twice a week please get in touch. centre@bhlac.org.uk or 01823 680687



"Hemyock Memories of World War Two"

New Paperback & Kindle versions are now available from Amazon. All royalties go to Hemyock's Blackdown Support Group Charity.

A few, special price review copies are available at Hemyock Castle's next two Open Days:

- August Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2025, 2-5pm (Special Display to mark the "Forgotten Army's" Burma Campaign & VJDay80)
- Heritage Open Day, Sunday 14th September 2025, 2-5pm (Special Free Entry coordinated with St Mary's Church, Theme "Architecture.")

This complete WWII edition includes all previous volumes: Over 75 eyewitness accounts by residents of Hemyock - in their own words, collected in 1995 for VEDay50 - about their lives during WWII 1939-45; at home & overseas; on land, sea and air; from the freezing Arctic, throughout UK, Europe & North Africa, to the steamy jungles of Burma and on to the Far East, until Japanese surrender & beyond.

Note. These accounts are mostly about living through those times, rather than about actual fighting.

The original photos are in four HD slideshows, on YouTube.

See: www.hemyockcastle.uk/ww2/



Parkinson's Support Café!

A free monthly café for people affected by Parkinson's Disease.

Whether you live with PD or a loved one does, our pop-up support café is for you.

A warm welcome awaits you, plus a guest speaker each month, free refreshments and plenty of time to chat.

Upcoming Dates:

July 26th

Aug 30th

Sept 27th

Oct 25th

10.30am - 12pm


Blackdown Healthy Living Centre

Hemyock, EX15 3SH

Contact: PositivelyParkinsonsCafe@gmail.com

Supported by

PARKINSON'S^{UK}



CARDIO - TENNIS



COST PER SESSION:

Members £6.00

Non-Members £8.00

CASH ON THE DAY

You only pay for the sessions you attend

Thursday Mornings

9.00 – 10.00am

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY TENNIS

It's just a fun way to have some exercise

If you would like to take part please contact Jo - 07836287423

Valley Arts



Five of us went to the NODA awards dinner on the 24th May, we were nominated along with 9 other small groups for the best panto 2024, we didn't win but had a lovely evening and enjoyed getting dressed up and had delicious dinner with other NODA members.

Committee for 2025/2026

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

Our first meeting was on the 20th May, we set budgets and discussed how lucky Valley Arts are to have Zelda on board as musical director, Stuart as producer, Miki as Choreographer and this year we would like to welcome John Gray as technical director. We are hoping that John will ease the pressure on Stuart, he is very experienced with the technical side of the music industry and has been involved with stage and set building over the last few years, he also is enthusiastic to try some special effects!

The read throughs and auditions will start on Tuesday 16th September 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. After casting rehearsals will be in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays until Xmas, then Tuesdays and Fridays until the show. There will be dance rehearsals at weekends one per month in October, November and January TBA.

The pantomime will run from the 4th-7th Feb 2026. If you are interested get in touch with one of the contacts below or come to the BBQ on 7th Sept, or just come to the read through on Sept 16th. We are hoping to get a group of us together to go to the Blackdown Support Groups BIG BASH on 27th September, promises to be a good evening.

16 members went to see Moulin Rouge at the Hippodrome on the 1st July with a pre-show dinner, the show and the meal were both excellent, we all had a brilliant time. Busy researching for next year's trip now!

There will be a family BBQ on September 7th Longmead, to get together, socialise and distribute scripts for our 2025 pantomime Aladdin, ready for auditions in September, everyone welcome. There will be an Xmas meal at the Catherine Wheel on Sat 20th 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)

Opening Times

Hemyock Surgery:
01823 680206



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 on the second Wednesday of the month. We invite interesting speakers to talk knowledgeably about their particular speciality – roses, primroses, even compost! Our meetings take place at Hemyock Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Membership is £10 per year. Visitors to our meetings are most welcome. £1 on the door which includes refreshments.

Our recent Weekend Away to the Cotswolds was perfect with beautiful gardens to explore and some stunning houses to look round. However it was very hot! Despite the heat, the gardens were gorgeous and a visit to the Garden Centre at Almondsbury finished the weekend off perfectly with members scooping up the bargains at this lovely independent garden centre.

There is no meeting in August as we travel in car convoy to visit Tintinhull. Please keep your eyes open on Facebook for details or give me a call as there may be spaces available.

Our next big occasion is the Autumn Show which takes place on Saturday, 6 September in the Parish Hall with the usual flowers and produce, ploughman's lunches and afternoon teas. Viewing and lunches from 12 noon. There will be a raffle and plant sale.

Our speaker at the meeting on Wednesday 10 September is Richard Horswood who will be telling us all about Alpines in troughs.

Susan Scantlebury – 07976 611238/01823 681393
Facebook : Hemyock Gardeners' Association

Singing for Fun – a Hemyock Day 2026 fundraiser

Since starting we have sung over 500 songs – ranging from folk, christmas carols, pop, even a little opera (just the once!). And a lot of show tunes.

As it's Summer Holidays, we're taking a break til Monday 15 September when we'll be warming up our vocal chords to sing again.

Do come and join us! We're a friendly group who just like to sing. No need to book, just turn up. Song sheets provided and recorded music to sing along to.

Just £2 per person to cover hall hire. Any surplus funds go towards Hemyock Day 2026.

Monday evenings in Hemyock Baptist Church (next to the Post Office) singing along to popular songs we all know - 7.30pm-8.45pm £2 pp to cover hall hire. Surplus funds go to Hemyock Day 2026.

HEMYOCK LIGHTS 2025

At the AGM on 1 July, there were a number of resignations from the Committee. After ten years of dedication to the Lights in Hemyock, Lantern-making, the Parade and Spring Dance, for some, it was time to hang up the secateurs and masking tape and step back. Hemyock should be so happy and thankful for these lovely dedicated people who poured all their hard work and enthusiasm into the last ten years. Our immense thanks to Liz Carman, Tim Martin, Pete Williams, Richard Carman, Richard Court, Duncan Macfarland, Mich Downing and Vikki Daley and everyone who has been on the Committee in the past. You will be a hard act to follow!

The New Lights Committee are: **James Earl, Chris Berkeley, Trudi Smith, Anne Johnson, Chris Murray and Susan Scantlebury.** Where does this leave Hemyock? Will there be Lights? Will there be Lanterns? Will there be a Parade? What about the Spring Dance?

It's all down to you, Hemyock! Without assistance the New Lights Committee will struggle to do all of this. What's important to you? We are seeking your thoughts and opinions. Do get in touch if you think you can help – in any capacity!

Susan Scantlebury 07976 611238/01823 681393
Facebook: The Lights Brigade



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

Around Hemyock

As I write we are in the middle of another heatwave or as someone said ‘it’s simply summertime’ Each season brings its own joy or concerns but we Brits are just not used to such extreme conditions so we need to adapt accordingly and enjoy. Thankfully the recent fire in the Rectory garden on an extremely hot day was quickly dealt with the attending Fire Brigade.

The weather of course can upset the best laid plans which is what happened with the school fete which saw the event moved to the parish hall to be undercover. Of course it remained a very popular and profitable afternoon and perhaps brought in a few folk who, for whatever reason, would not usually attend. Hopefully enough money was raised to carry out the planned work at our village school.

St Marys church fete was more fortunate with the weather and thankfully it was another success raising almost £1,300 which is badly much needed for the day to day running of the church. It was a joy that villager Mary Hawkins agreed to open it speaking about her families long association with the church as she thanked all involved with present day services and events.

Hemyock Day - another roaring success for the parish and greatly enjoyed by so many both young and not to young We are lucky that within a few weeks we are a village able to support and enjoy three different occasions offering a wide variety of things for all ages.

Culm Valley Young Farmers Club members continue to be hugely successful in the various competitions they take part in from dancing and public speaking to more rural and farming events. They recently ran a half marathon raising funds in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Mentioning the YFC brings thoughts around to September when we celebrate Harvest Festival and we give thanks not only for all the ‘good gifts around us’ but for the work done by and the difficulties faced by, our farming community.

September of course sees the beginning of a new academic year - our youngest begin pre school and primary school with others moving into secondary education, universities, apprenticeship and the workforce.

Uffculme School and Rosemary Alford go hand in hand. Rosemary, who was a pupil at Hemyock Primary, has recently retired after almost 50 years as a secretary/first aider /friend to students and numerous families at our local secondary school. Many are grateful for the part she played in their life and she is wished a happy, healthy and long retirement.

Within the church year Trinity Sunday is also recognised as Music Sunday and St Marys was delighted to be joined once again by Ad Hoc Voices for a sung Eucharist. You may remember a article in the April/May issue of the Pump when Andrew Trehwella, Director, spoke how the group was formed following a suggestion by Rev Becky Totterdell and they now sing regularly at an evening service at All Saints, Culmstock.

For many years Hemyock had groups of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts. Sadly, mainly due to lack of leaders, we now only have a Scout Group - but what a tremendously successful group it has grown to be! There will be hundreds who have benefitted from all they have gained through belonging to 1st Hemyock and of these one of the most enduring will be the friendship with a Danish Group from Tonder.

There can be few local folk who will be unaware of this summers trip by around 30 young people and leaders to their scouting counterparts. Our daughter learned to canoe (even though she dreaded it!) whilst on a visit to Denmark, various youngsters we have fostered have enjoyed regular meetings and camps in both countries and all have made friends. Ricki keeps us up to date with his regular column in the Pump whilst leaders, parents and supporters do a wonderful job to ensure the young people have amazing experiences. So from us all a huge THANK YOU for all you do.

If you a new resident and this is your first time of reading the Parish Pump you will quickly see there are many activities and events held locally. In early August a Topsy Tea Party at the Church Room organised by the Friends of St Marys and early September the Gardeners Show held at the Parish Hall are just two. Do pop along and see what gifted groups they are and enjoy some delicious refreshments

Many will remember the VEDay80 celebrations events here. VJDay80 in August will nationally be a more commemorative event. Do look out for further details.

Hugh, a trustee of the charity crzee, has sent reports following his recent trips to Eastern Europe. Your support for the people living in Ukraine and Moldova is appreciated with each passing day. Recently we have taken bikes, beds, bedding and prams amongst the huge range of humanitarian aid we transport to the depot- thank you.

We send all good wishes, love and prayers to all who are unwell, have moved to a care home, have lost a loved one or are going through a very difficult time.

The parish churches in the upper Culm Valley have been fortunate to have retired clergy and Lay people to ensure regular services continue to take place whilst they awaiting the appointment of a new Rector. Sunday 31st August will see them welcome Bishop Moira Astin recently appointed Bishop of Crediton for a morning service to which all are welcome.

It’s always a joy to hear of any news you would like to share in the Pump with others so do get in touch.

Take care everyone and enjoy the weather - whatever it is!

Janice
Jbawler1947@hotmail.co.uk

HEMYOCK PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE (HPHMC)
NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2025 HPHMC Annual General Meeting will take place this year on 15th September in the Forbes Lounge at 7.45 pm Regular users (groups, associations, clubs, etc) are cordially invited, as indeed is anyone interested in what the committee have done in the last 12 months, and what plans we may have for the future of the asset that is the parish hall and recreation HPHMC - Registered Charity No. 1002692.

Hemyock Gardeners’ Association

Autumn Show 2025



Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 6th September

Viewing and Ploughmans lunches
from noon

Afternoon teas, Plant sales, Raffle



FRIENDS OF ST MARY’S





TIPSY TEA



3 PM SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST - CHURCH ROOMS



WELCOME PIMMS ON ARRIVAL

(OR SOFT DRINK, FRUIT JUICE, AVAILABLE AS ALTERNATIVE)



TRADITIONAL ‘TEA’ WITH SANDWICHES, CAKES,

SCONES, ETC AND TEA FROM A PROPER TEA SERVICE



20 QUESTION PRIZE QUIZ



RAFFLE WITH 3 VERY NICE PRIZES



TICKETS £10

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bob.hawkes18@btinternet.com

All proceeds go towards helping fund repairs and improvements of St Mary’s

Absurd Bird still does not have a name!

The mascot for Hemyock Day needs you!

Come along to the Hemyock Day Café at Longmead
And enter the Competition! Prize for the Best Name!



Starting-Wednesday 23 July
Then every Wednesday til 20 August
2-4pm – Teas, Coffees, Cakes, Treats, Ices
All profits to fund Hemyock Day 2026

HEMYOCK SCOUTS GO INTERNATIONAL AGAIN

Hemyock Scouts met up on last Saturday afternoon (19th July) for a “Send Off Afternoon “ in the Parish Hall. This year will see 34 young people and leaders set off for Denmark for the 21st camp with the scouts of Tonder since first meeting at a Jamboree in Watcombe, Torquay in 1972. The friendship has continued to this day with visits to each others countries every two or three years.

This year will see them leave from Hemyock at 5.00am on 25th July, coach to Heathrow, fly to Copenhagen, camp at Aebleskoven, Southern Denmark, stay in Tonder with their scout friends, coach to Hamburg, fly to Heathrow, coach to Hemyock arriving back 8th August, no doubt tired but happy with memories that will last a lifetime.

The Send Off afternoon included thanks to donors who have kindly helped sponsor the trip, cream teas for villagers who came along to see the fun the scouts were looking forward to, a grand raffle draw with prizes donated by local businesses and scouts preparing crafts to take as presents for the Danish scouts.

Old Rikki (a member of the group since 1960, but now much older) wandered around the Hall chatting to the scouts, leaders and interested visitors and can add these observations. Scout comments: looking forward to meeting new people from another country, seeing new landscapes, flying, visiting Copenhagen and having fun. Good to see young people making craft items. Past members of the group were present and took great delight in watching the old films of previous get togethers over the years since the early seventies. I saw a copy of the programme with the Danish leaders offering a warm welcome to us and saying how pleased they are that are friendship continues. The programme includes, water and camp activities, trip to the town of Vejle, hike to Germany and a day exploring Tonder, a beautiful town.

In the years since 1972 over 1,000 scouts from Hemyock and the surrounding areas have taken part in the visits to Tonder and return visits here. Quite an achievement for a rural scout group in Mid Devon. Well done and long may it continue.

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 History Group

We had a successful year of interesting speakers at our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month up until June. We start again on Thursday 11th September with speakers each month which represents our 18th year of regular activity protecting the heritage of the Blackdown Hills.

The meeting in June was a very informative presentation by Mr Bill Bennett of Milford and Dormor on the new situation with regard to Lasting Power of Attorney and the changing situation on Inheritance Tax and Care Home costs. A very friendly atmosphere was generated by discussing the situation, since we are all faced with the same problems. Laura Wishart of Milford and Dormor comes to their Hemyock office once a week to discuss these issues with potential clients. Perhaps this is the appropriate time to mention that our heritage does need local people more conversant with the latest technology, who are interested in our Heritage to become involved in protecting the material we have digitised, catalogued and stored in our two desktop PC's. The Heritage Centre in Exeter linked with the Centre in Taunton have a huge amount of material covering 22% of England's total area that one can study by visiting these 2 centres. The material we have available in Hemyock to be searched for research projects is on the total area of the Blackdown Hills crossing both Counties.

The material we have includes many Books, journals, pamphlets, maps, newspapers as well as historic images.

- The meetings we have planned for the new year program include:
- Blackdown Archives demo with guest on September 11th
 - Bill Horner the County Archaeologist on October 9th
 - David Pugsley, the County Legal Historian on November 13th.
 - Our Christmas meeting on December 11th.

We look forward to welcoming our interested members at these meetings.

CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW
Saturday 20th September

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.

Kids can drive trains on our SOLDOR model railway layout. The little blue engine and his friends will be driven around the tracks by children (& adults) at our 15th Model Railway Show on SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL. It is open as usual from 10am until 4.00pm. The cost is £6.00 for adults and only £1.00 for children & all visitors will be issued with an old-time card rail ticket franked by a genuine 100 year old railway ticket machine. There is of course free parking and wheelchair access to most of the hall.

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

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

For the enthusiasts Exhibition Manager, Malc Trump, has assembled 15 top quality layouts, most of which have never been seen in Mid Devon before. They cover different gauges, styles and eras.

Harvey's Hobbies are again sponsoring the show and will have a superb collection of top-quality second-hand models for sale at bargain prices.

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

We hope to see you there on the 20th as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out.

For further information about our show or the club visit our webpage www.cvmrc.weebly.com or phone Malc Trump on 07716699140 or myself, Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at cvmrc83c@gmail.com.

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)

Mary Waldron Trust

Left Uffculme School?
Continuing your Education?

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

Hemyock Primary School
Uffculme School

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

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

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

Email sallycartledge@hotmail.co.uk



1st Hemyock Scout Group

Hello, last time I wrote what a lovely Spring we were having. Now I must repeat what a lovely Summer. Just like the ones we remember when we was young!

Anyway, we are now at the end of another school/scout year with the future to look forward to. But before that we must enjoy the peak of the scout year which of course is summer camp. Another special one. It will be the twentieth time that we have camped with our friends in Tonder Denmark since 1972. Something that we can be proud of as a scout group. As you know, Rikki is a bit of a hoarder of scout data and I have just totted up the numbers from our group that have enjoyed the experience of International camping. Well over 1000 scouts. What an experience for all of them. Something that I am sure none of them will ever forget. I know that I don’t. Our contingent will be off to Denmark at the end of July, returning early August. So I will relate to you what they got up to and the fun they had in the next Pump.

Info from HQ.

Safety and safeguarding takes centre stage, rightly so. Our Group lead volunteer, Julie is chasing all of our leaders to ensure that they complete the necessary on line training this month, as required by HQ. I know that Julie is very, very busy as she is also in charge of the Tiverton District, hence looking after the training of all groups in the District. The HQ newsletter includes the importance of safety including: hot weather, care with fires, walking in the countryside, nights away. This shows how seriously our organisation treats looking after the young people in our care. Something that 1st Hemyock has always considered important. Other things they tell us: we have an outdoors adventure fund to help groups enjoy the great outdoors. (Think that may be directed more at urban scouting as we have for ever been an outdoor group.) They also announce”60 Days of Summer Challenge”, with this years bucket list with 60 new activities mentioning FUN. I think you know that Rikki is in total agreement with this! A new money skills badge is being introduced which Old Rikki, as a retired Accountant agrees with. HSBC is assisting with this badge which is designed to help young people with confidence and understanding of money through creative fun and hands on activities. The next World Jamboree gets a mention which will be the 26th and will be in Poland.

On a more local level our Devon County lead Volunteer, Steve Donohue tells us: the latest scout census shows another year of growth in scouting in Devon. Great news. We had a successful stand at Devon County Show with lots of volunteers helping with wall climbing and soft archery. Apparently lots of people at the show wanted to have a go. The County team is also at the Honiton Show which is on 7th August. Steve asks that groups share the FUN stuff on Facebook. I am sure that will happen sometime soon from from 1st H, after the return from Denmark. Another new badge, Recycle Devon. Local Authorities recognise that young people can help schools, homes and communities with recycling. All sections can be involved.

So, as you can see, scouting is going well and continuing into the future on a positive note of looking after our planet for future generations.

And finally. Another funny from Witheridge Parish magazine. One of our Reverend gentlemen has a tongue in cheek letter every month from a old experienced Vicar, Uncle Eustace to his young nephew who has just been ordained. Here is a short taste, this

one concerning people who complain and how to ignore them. My dear nephew Darren, So, you have just received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc at the reception. The letter continues in similar vein but too long to relate here.

Must finally end on scouting. Just looked back through some of the history of the Tonder/Hemyock friendship. 1986, Hemyock scouts and guides numbering 81travelled to the island of Fyn. Skip Lowman who was in charge back in those days wrote: the camp site has no equal for beauty and peace. The sun shone throughout and we all enjoyed the visit to Copenhagen (this years visit also includes a visit to the capital of Denmark). A warm welcome in Tonder followed the camp. Skip was right, it was hot and sunny Rikki got a fine tan!

More next time

Old Rikki

Rosemary Lane

Toddlers

Every Friday

during term time

9:30 – 11:30 am

For parents / carers with babies

& children of preschool age

£1 donation per family

back on the 12th September



SCAN ME

Hemyock Bus Timetables

Seaton to Taunton via Colyton, Honiton and Wellington

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From 05 January 2025

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Hemyock Castle Park		0735	0735	1014	1314	1604	1604	1818		0735	1014	1314	1604	1818
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Taunton to Seaton via Wellington, Honiton and Colyton

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St Andrew’s Clayhidon

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St. Andrew’s Church News

The congregations from all the churches of Clayhidon, Hemyock and Culmstock will be delighted that the advertisement for a new rector/preacher is now public. The interview will take place in August and so we pray for God’s guidance in bringing to us someone with whom we can share all our religious beliefs and happiness and also moments of sadness.

We have been most grateful to Rev John Stone and David Major for all the organisation that they have been doing and continue to do without a resident rector and very thankful for several priests who have taken services for us. We are helped by so many willing people who have shown their love and care.

Very recently, St Andrew’s family service was led by dear Helen Stone who was joined by Piers and Liz Langdon on the topic of ‘the good Samaritan’. They conducted such a beautiful service which included such an in-depth study of that scriptural passage, for which we were so grateful. It was followed by refreshments and coffee provided by the churchwarden in an atmosphere of happiness and friendship that was such a delight for everyone.

For many years St Mary’s church and to a lesser extent, St Andrew’s church have donated and contributed to the Potters’ Village project in Kisoro, SW Uganda. They care for babies and young children who are in need of foster parents. Recently there has been an increased number of babies abandoned and needing foster parents but some are resettled back with their family.

Children resettled in the community and cared for do thrive. But prayer is needed for all these little children and their parents who are in great need.

Our children will soon be starting their school holidays and perhaps going touring and visiting exciting places not seen before. Long ago, St Paul visited many places where perhaps you may be visiting: Rome, Malta, Athens.

Wherever you go this summer we wish everyone a safe journey with good health and happiness. We send everyone very best wishes and look forward to everyone’s safe return.

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Sat 2 Aug - 10am to 2pm. Free event.

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HONITON COMMUNITY THEATRE COMPANY

Thu 7 Aug - Sat 9 Aug at 7pm. Tickets £12

Honiton Community Theatre Company will be presenting Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced'. Immerse yourselves in another excellent production by Honiton's top class Theatre Company. Visit our website for more information about the performance!

FAMILY CINEMA: LILO & STITCH (U)

PLUS FREE CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Tue 12 Aug - Film at 2.30pm. Workshop from 1pm.

Tickets: Adult £8, U16's £7. Family of 4 £26

The wildly funny and touching story of a lonely Hawaiian girl and the fugitive alien who helps to mend her broken family.

There will be a free creative workshop on offer for families before the movie from 1pm! The café will also be open for lunch and refreshments. Come along and enjoy the workshop with a drink and perhaps a delicious slice of cake before the show!

AN EVENING WITH PSYCHIC SALLY (16)

Thu 14 Aug - 7.30pm. Tickets: £28

The nation's favourite psychic is back on tour! Sally has been wowing theatre audiences young and old around the world for over 12 years. Her show will have you on the edge of your seat, as she continues to bring mediumship into the 21st century.

FOREVER QUEEN

Fri 15 Aug - 7.30pm. Tickets: £20

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Sat 16 Aug - 7.30pm. Tickets: Adult £8, U16's £7

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FAMILY CINEMA: ELIO. + FREE CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Tue 19 Aug. Film at 2.30pm. Workshop from 1pm.

Adult £8, U16's £7. Family of four - £26

Elio, a space fanatic with an active imagination, finds himself on a cosmic misadventure where he must form new bonds with alien lifeforms, navigate a crisis of intergalactic proportions and somehow discover who he is truly meant to be.

There will be a free creative workshop on offer for families before the movie from 1pm! Come along and enjoy the workshop with a drink and slice of cake from our café.

THE ACOUSTIC SUMMER SHOWCASE

Thu 21 Aug. Time: TBC. Free entry.

The Beehive presents: The Acoustic Summer Showcase. Everyone is welcome to this summertime community event, come along have a beer & listen to all styles of music. Performing artists to be announced... stay tuned and check our website for the latest information closer to the date of this event.

SUPERMAN

Fri 22 Aug at 2pm & 7.30pm. Tickets: £8, U16's £7. Lunch + £6

Superman must reconcile his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent. As the embodiment of truth, justice and the human way he soon finds himself in a world that views these as old-fashioned.

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.

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Reflections From Rosemary Lane Chapel

Have you ever had one of those days? The ones when you had hoped for so much and yet come the end of it all, you felt that tinge of disappointment. With a weekend of wonderful weather in store we had grand plans to enjoy some time together as a family, but as the temperatures crept ever higher, we decided to stay put. Our weekend promised so much, and yet all we were left with was a living room that looked like a stampede of wildebeest had made their way through. We love them immensely, but four kids will do that. No great trials filled the day, and yet, come the end of it all, ‘singing to God’ as the Bible invites us to do, felt a bit beyond us.

But then, as the day drew to a close I opened my Bible and read Psalm 68:4-6, it felt like that much longed for refreshing cool breeze at the end of a hot day. And it starts with this glorious invitation to sing to God:

“Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds—His name is the Lord—and rejoice before Him.”

What an image we are presented with! This will stir the heart and the soul! God rides on the clouds! It’s not God stuck in a dusty church hall, or even just sitting patiently on a throne. This is God on the move, dynamic, majestic, untamed. I remember once, after a long and tiring drive up to Scotland in scorching temperatures, we reached the Kintyre Peninsular where the weather suddenly and dramatically changed. Thick dark clouds gathered quickly and rain soon belted down against the car windscreen. But then, just as suddenly as the clouds appeared, they parted and a great shaft of light shone through upon the mountains. Sky and scenery, in one moment, spoke in unison. It was awesome. And for a split second, I didn’t just think about God’s majesty, I felt it. A tiny, unbidden moment of praise escaped our lips, not because we were trying to be spiritual, but because something in us just knew that the God who painted that sky was utterly beyond our weariness.

Just when you’re ready to bow down in wonder, Psalm 68 pivots, beautifully and tenderly and gives us a another captivating picture of God:

“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.”

This isn’t just the God of cosmic power; this is the God who notices the unnoticed, who cares for the forgotten and the frustrated.

And then this, listen to these words of King David in Psalm 68:

“God sets the lonely in families, He leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.”

This is the God of belonging. The God who knows that our deepest human need, after air and water, is community. We each know seasons of profound loneliness, even surrounded by people. It’s a strange, aching kind of isolation. But it is God’s deepest heart for us, in our loneliness and isolation, to “set us in families” – not just biological ones, but spiritual ones. Moving to the Blackdown Hills as a teenager felt like a move into loneliness, but then, first at Newhouse and then at Rosemary Lane Chapel, God set me in a family. His family. A place of belonging. Community.

Then, David tells us that this tender-hearted God who sets the lonely in families leads out the prisoners with singing. This isn’t just about literal jail cells. This is about the prisons of addiction, despair, comparison, fear, failure. Many times over I have heard the testimony of people who were utterly bound, trapped in cycles of self-destruction, suddenly find freedom. And when they do, it’s not a quiet, dignified exit. It’s a burst of joy, a song, a celebration. The alternative, the “sun-scorched land” of rebellion, is just that – a dry, desolate place where self-reliance ultimately leaves you parched.

So, this Psalm that I read at the end of a day that had left me feeling weary and worn, is an invitation to remember that the God who rides on the clouds, the majestic, untamed Creator, is also the tender Father, the defender of the vulnerable, the one who longs to set you in a family and lead you out of whatever prison holds you captive. And for that, even on the wildebeest-stampede days, we can surely find a song.

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extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.
A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
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PSALM 68:4-6

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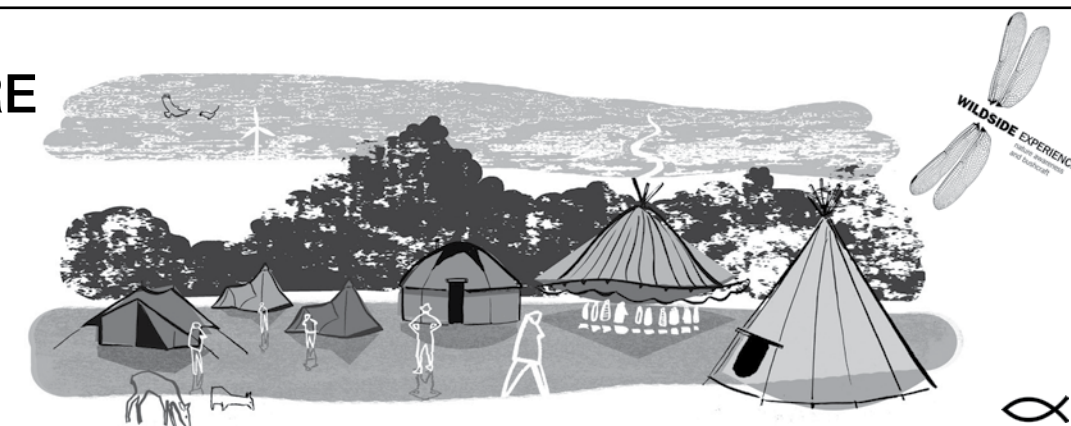
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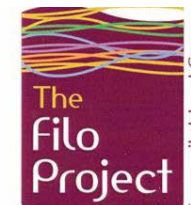
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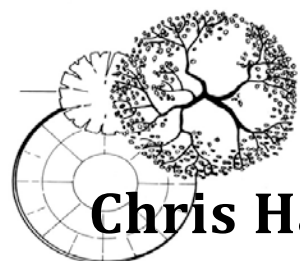
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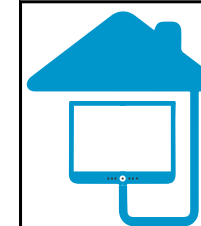
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