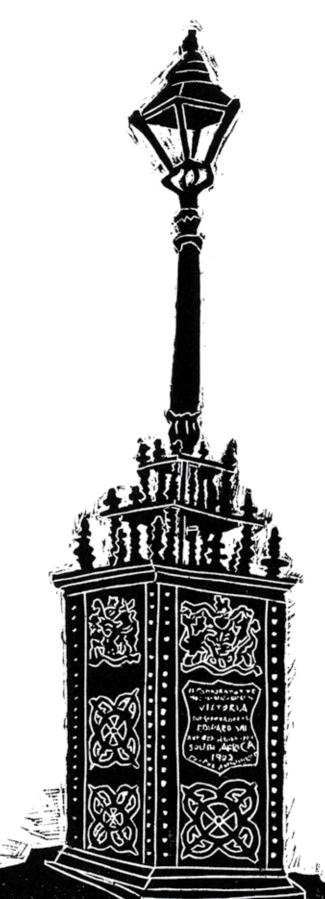
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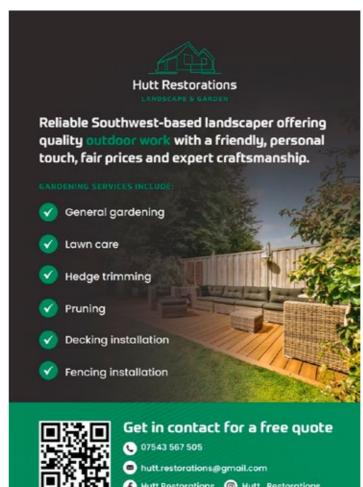
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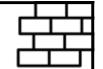
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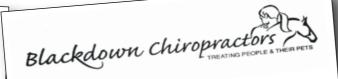




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Sunday 12th October 16 th after Trinity		10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving	10.00am Communion service 6.00pm Sung Compline With Andrew Trehwela and Ad Hoc Voices	11.00am Communion service		
Sunday 19 th October 17 th after Trinity	10.00am St Andrew's Church, Clayhidon St Luke's Tide communion service 3.00pm St Mary's church, Hemyock Service of thanksgiving for health and care services					
Sunday 26 th October Last Sunday after Trinity		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion service		

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

	Culm Davy	St Andrew,	All Saints,	St Mary,		
	Chapel	Clayhidon	Culmstock	Hemyock		
Sunday 2 nd November All Souls/All Saints		10. All Saint Benefice Communion: 6.0 All Saints Festal				
Sunday 9 th November 3 rd Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday		10.15am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	10.15am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 6.00pm Sung Compline	10.15am Remembrance Service + Act of Remembrance at War Memorial		
Tuesday 11 th November Armistice Day			10.50am Act of Remembrance	10.50am Act of Remembrance		
Sunday 16 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	3.30 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship		
Sunday 23 rd November Festival of Christ the King		10.00am Communion service	10.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion service		
Sunday 30th November St Andrew / Advent Sunday	10.30 am St Andrew's Clayhidon Benefice Eucharist / Patronal Festival					

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.

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An Answer to Prayer

In the last edition of Culmstock News I invited your prayers for the process surrounding the selection and appointment of a new Rector for the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community. You will be delighted to know that the Revd Vanessa Cole has been offered and accepted the position. Vanessa comes to us from Hampshire.

A date has been announced for her licensing to our Mission Community, Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Church of St Mary, Hemyock. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join in welcoming our new Rector and pledging our support as she begins her Ministry among us. This means

Reverend Vanessa Cole

The Bishop, Patrons, and
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accepted an offer for the post
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Clayhidon and Culmstock.

Reverend Vanessa's
licensing will take place on
Wednesday 26th November
at 7.30pm at St Mary's
church, Hemyock.

Everyone is warmly
invited.

that she will be able to join us for many of our Christmas services, providing an opportunity for many more of you to meet her.

Before that, I am pleased to report that the Bishop of Exeter, Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, is coming to our Mission Community on the afternoon of Sunday 19th October. He will be leading a service of thanksgiving for, and recognition of the contribution of all who offer care, whether in the health or social care sectors, and whether professionally, voluntarily or privately. Bishop Mike is very engaging and entertaining and has been involved in many aspects of healing ministry over the years. The service will take place in St Mary's Church, Hemyock at 3 pm and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet the Bishop.

Our Churches wish to offer personal invitations to as many people engaged in care as possible over the next few weeks. But you don't have to be invited personally to be most welcome at this celebratory event.

We thank God that he has heard and responded to our prayers for a new leader. Let us continue to pray for Vanessa and her family as they prepare for the next phase of our common journey of faith, and for our communities that they may be ready to welcome her as she comes to serve among us.

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Dr David Major, LLM



Upper Culm Valley Mission Community is now on Facebook!

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St Mary's Hemyock

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Pet Service

espite the weather forecast the morning stayed dry for the Pet service held in the churchyard of St Marys Hemyock. Along with 45 people there were a large number of dogs, a chicken and 2 guinea pigs as well a number of cuddly toys.

During August a paper quiz competition had been held for children asking them to find the answers in and around the church and churchyard and during the service every competitor was presented with a prize.

The service was taken by Liz & Piers Langdon (Lay Ministers) assisted by Hazel Partridge.

During the service it was announced that the Rev Vanessa Cole had accepted the post of Rector of the United Benefice of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock. This is a half time post and it is hoped the licensing of Rev Cole will take place during November.



Bishop Visit

he parish churches of Hemyock with Culm Davy Chapel, Clayhidon and Culmstock were delighted to welcome the Bishop l of Crediton, the Venerable Moira Astin to a joint service of Holy Communion.

Held at St Mary's Hemyock she was assisted by Dr David Major a Lay Minister

Following the service a bring and share finger food buffet was held at the Parish Hall when the Bishop took the opportunity to chat to those present.

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L - R David Bawler (Churchwarden) Bishop Moira, David Major, Piers Langdon (Churchwarden).

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TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 10.50 AM

SHORT ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR **MEMORIAL**

EVERYONE WELCOME



We are recruiting new Bell Ringers!

The bells are part of our village life and for centuries have sounded, calling people to worship, in celebration of special occasions, in remembrance and to mark special



The English style of bell ringing is often called full circle ringing, with the bell connected to a wheel that allows it to rotate 360

Ringing the bells is a team activity that stimulates the brain and helps keep you fit... it also makes a glorious sound! Many consider ringing to be their contribution to church life, others do it for the pure pleasure it brings.

To find out more, please contact: Peter Fisher on 07850 638905, eMail: littlefishy1@l

St Mary's Charity & Coffee Shop

TUESDAYS

Church Rooms. Castle Hill

10.00 am to 12noon

Also on the first Saturday of each month

BAKE AND BOOK COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

CAKE STALL, BOOK STALL, RAFFLE

All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's

The Parish Pump Hemyock

Working at Iona Abbey summer 2025 – community, worship and island beauty

his is my sixth year of working in the Abbey Kitchen as part of the Community's resident team on Iona – I've really caught the bug!

Each time has been memorable for being part of a team of folk from all over the world with the 'common demanding task' of welcoming a new group of visitors every week. Together we co-create community focussing on how our gifts can meet the needs of the world through working for peace and justice in our local situations and on the global stage.

Working in any of the departments can be quite demanding – the shop, sacristy, maintenance, housekeeping, kitchen – you're on your feet for much of the day. But the camaraderie of other volunteers is wonderfully supportive and the work is purposeful. The gratitude of the guests is genuine.

Being part of the Abbey team involves a lot of hard work and a great deal of fun. Mixed age groups challenge the assumption that there is a generation gap when we find tasks which engage us and activities that are enjoyable for everyone. This year I spent some of my free time on learning to draw Celtic knots, rehearing the story of Jeremiah, several 'wee sings', ocean swims and a bonfire on the beach, preparing worship, eating homemade bagels in the peace garden and sewing a ribbon of hope for an art installation. This is an edited list ... I could go on!

Of course all this is against the backdrop of being in a stunningly beautiful place – the island of Iona, an island off an island. With white sandy beaches, turquoise sea, blue skies (sometimes!) and views of Mull, it makes my heart sing. And to see baby swallows fledging in the Pend, hearing the larks and the elusive corncrakes at the North End, learning about the wild flowers near the Hermit's Cell – all these add to a sense of being part of God's Big Book of Creation.

The Iona Community welcomes all sorts of different people to volunteer – there is a selection process to ensure that it's 'right' for everyone. Full training is given and public transport is paid from within the UK. I would highly recommend it as an experience for young and old alike.

If you fancy giving it a go – or you know someone who might be looking for a volunteer experience in a Christian community – please get in touch with Dot Stewart who coordinates the volunteer team by e-mail volunteerapplications@iona.org.uk or call +44 1681 700 404.

You can find more information on the Iona Community website: https://iona.org.uk/about/volunteer/

Likewise, I am happy to have a chat with anyone who would like to know more about it on an informal basis.

Clare Sibley 07967 051182

Pump Distributors October 2025

Many thanks to our volunteer distributors who ensure that a copy of the Parish Pump reaches all the households in the area.

Eastlands Patsy Preston South View David Bawler Redwoods Close Pam Grinham Prowses/Churchills/Eastmead Avril Webb Churchills Rise June Lock Prowses/Higher Mead Trish Slater The Square/High Street Mike Travers Lower Castle Hill Ruth Tartaglia Upper Castle Hill Tracy Gay Parklands Linda Holway Logan Way Kathy Jones Helen Williams Lemons Hill Clyst Way Claire Dryden Culmstock Road Deb Gallacher Westown/Tedburrow Karen Berkley

Culm Davey James and Anthea Edwards
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Symonsburrow Helen Williams

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Lower Millhayes Mirijke Voet

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You can also pick up a copy of the Pump from the Post Office, Spar and St Mary's Church.

Judith Ward

If you know of someone in the parish who doesn't receive a copy of the Parish Pump, or if you have any other queries about distribution, please contact Sharon Hunt on 680302 or Sharon@huntfamily.me

Many thanks to Mary Beard, Lucy Ball and Mike Travers who have hung up their pump distribution bags. We are grateful for your help with delivering the pumps.

[™]Singing for Fun [™]

We start back in September with some smashing tunes. We're working our way hrough the alphabet of songs – A=ABBA, B=Beatles, C=Carpenters and so on.

We meet every Monday at 7.30pm in Hemyock Baptist Church (next to the Post Office) and sing along to backing tracks once we've done a normally hilarious vocal warm up!

The cost is just £2 per person to cover hall hire costs. Any surplus cash goes forward to fund HEMYOCK DAY 2026.

No need to book, just drop in. Music & lyrics supplied by the Group. Voice supplied by you!

Susan Scantlebury 01823 681393



Hemyock Holiday Club 2025

Te are so thankful for a brilliant Holiday Club, as both volunteers and the children enjoyed every moment! Our theme this year was based on Scripture Union's excellent re-telling of Luke's Gospel, "Diary of a Disciple". Day one saw us celebrate Christmas in mid-summer(!) as we looked at 'Who is Jesus?' On day two we considered 'What did Jesus do?' and re-created the moment when a paralysed man was lowered through the roof to be healed by Jesus – with Bert, our new puppet star, being so desperate to get into Holiday Club he was lowered from the upper window on a stretcher! Finally on day three we saw 'What happened to Jesus?' and considered the events of the very first Easter and what that means for us today.

Across the three days we hosted 59 different children with 43 of them coming for all 3 days; averaging just under 50 attendees each day. Thirteen adults and ten young leaders led the children through each day from fun / colouring sheets on arrival, through lively action songs, stories, crafts, games, face painting (48 painted!) and of course the quizzes and team challenges which generated much hilarity as some of our young leaders had their faces painted too - with chocolate mousse! The children were also encouraged to put items including jokes, pictures and requests for prayer into the "Hot News" box and were awarded points for them.

Cr2ee CHRISTMAS APPEAL

OCTOBER 10th is the cut off date for anyone wishing to send a box of Christmas gifts to a child or adult in Ukraine through Christian Response to Eastern Europe.

NOVEMBER 14th is the last date for those intended for Moldova.

Wrapped boxes - all sizes - to be left (bottom of the Recreation Field) in the back porch if no reply.

Many thanks to all who support this appeal

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As in previous years, parents, friends and carers joined us for a time of celebration as we showcased some of the activities and presented the trophy to the victorious team. Our grateful thanks go to all those who helped in any way to make this another really joyous and successful Holiday Club. Thanks too to everyone who supported us in prayer – we were all blessed to be part of it... now onward to 2026!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

at

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HEMYOCK

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER (10.30a.m. to 6.00p.m.)

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER (10.30a.m. to 5.00p.m.)

Concert by Blackdown Acapella (7.00p.m. with refreshments)

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

(12.30p.m. to 5.00p.m.)

Tea/Coffee and Cakes available throughout the day

All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's

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

Church Secretary Maureen 680111 Prayer Requests Chenda 587238 17 Hemyock Baptist Church

As I write this month, I've just read an article shared on Facebook which encouraged parents to speak to their children prior to the start of the new academic year. It wasn't so much to motivate them to perform well in their studies; rather it was to encourage them to simply be kind to others – notably those who might otherwise feel excluded. It reminded me of the story of Mary Ann Bird...

If you were born with a cleft palate, misshapen lips, a crooked nose, lop-sided teeth and garbled speech, you could be forgiven for feeling self-conscious. Mary Ann Bird knows how it feels, and grew up believing that no one outside her family could love her. She told other children she was injured in a dreadful accident rather than admit she had been born disfigured.

One person stood out in her childhood; a much-loved schoolteacher called Mrs Leonard; a round, happy, sparkling lady. Mary recalls an incident that healed her damaged self-image: "Annually we had a hearing test. Mrs Leonard gave the test to everyone in the class and finally it was my turn. I knew from past years that, as we stood against the door and covered one ear, the teacher sitting at her desk would whisper something and we would repeat it back, things like 'The sky is blue'; or; 'Do you have new shoes?'; I waited for those words that God must have put into her mouth those seven words that changed my life. Mrs Leonard said in her whisper, 'I wish you were my little girl'." Words can hurt and heal Mary Ann Bird heard the healing sort; and they transformed her.

We each have the opportunity to be there for others and simply show that we care in whatever way is appropriate in the circumstances. I am certain that even as we help other people, we are blessed in doing so – a reflection that this is pleasing to God. Sometimes we might even get the sense that the things we do or the words we speak might even have been prompted by God and that we really are acting in accordance with his will. God places no limitations on how and when he speaks. Thankfully, he has never been confined to church services on a Sunday morning! Whether in a classroom or a theatre, or out and about on the street, God is still in the business of bringing words that help and heal.. and he can use any of us to deliver them. Pastor Steve Williams

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2025

- Sunday 5th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 12th 10:30 am MorningService, Young Church & Coffee • Sunday 19th 10:30 am Harvest Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 26th 10:00 am KING's BREAKFAST Family Service

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2025

MESSY CHURCH

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER 4.00 pm

A cooked tea, crafts, activities, songs and games for

primary age children &their adults.

£1 entry per person

- Sunday 2nd Sunday 9th
- 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Join with St Mary's Village Remembrance Sunday 10:30 Communion Service, Young Church & Coffee
- Sunday 23rd 10:00 am KING's BREAKFAST Family Service
- Sunday 30th 10:30 am Morning Service, Young Church & Coffee

MONDAYS



TODDLER TIME ♦ OPEN IN SCHOOL TERM ♦ 9:00 - 11:30 am Open to under 5's, toys, activities

& drinks. £1 per session FILM NIGHT

SUNDAY 19th Oct & 7th Dec

7:00 pm

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



WEDNESDAYS



CHAPEL CAFE 9.00 - 11.30 am

Open to everyone - join us for tea, coffee, snacks & chat.

THURSDAYS



30 MINUTES WITH GOD 10.00 - 10.30 am

Silent prayer, rest & reflection; with our prayer team on hand to pray with you if you wish.

HOUSE & PRAYER GROUPS



7.30 pm ★TUESDAYS Anne (680057)

★THURSDAYS Vivien (680952)

★SATURDAY PRAYERS 8-8.45 am Anne

KING'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY 26th OCT, 23rd NOV

Our fun family service with a Cuppa and Bacon/ Sausage Sandwich.

10:00 am

Songs, Crafts & Stories. Informal cafe style service. ALL WELCOME!

Hemyock Parish Council update

As Autumn arrives hedges and bushes are becoming overgrown and are overhanging paths, pavements and roads, making some difficult to pass and potentially dangerous. The Parish Council would like to remind owners of hedges and bushes to cut them back please and ensure that any overhang is removed. This is particularly important where bushes are overhanging the roads and are blocking visibility.

Mid Devon District Council began a three month trial of recycling pots and pans in February this year around Willand, Uffculme and the surrounding area. The trial has been a great success and the MDDC have decided to make the collection of pots and pans a permanent recycling fixture. Collection of unusable items will begin from Monday 15th September with further details being released shortly.

The Parish Council have been pleased to support the Hemyock Netball Club and have provided a grant to enable them to purchase their own kit. We hope to see their success grow over the coming years.

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-searchand-comment-on-planning-applications/

Applications considered:

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Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved, other than the point of access for the erection of up to 9 self or custom-build dwellings

Location: Land at NGR 313524 113461 Culmstock Road Hemyock Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313521 / 113463

Parish: Hemyock 26

25/00900/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of extensions following demolition of detached single garage and extensions

Location: 5 Redwood Close Hemyock Cullompton Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313740 / 113219

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.

Community

The Parish Council has been happy to support the PTFA at Hemyock Primary School to develop and resurface the playground during the summer, the grand opening took place on 4th September. We hope that the students enjoy their new facilities.

Work has continued in the Cemetery, trees have been cut down and a telegraph pole has been removed. We have noticed that deer have been accessing the cemetery and have been feeding on some of the floral tributes. We are looking at solutions for securing the

area. The old railings have also been removed and new fencing has

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.

Longmead

The planned works at Longmead pavilion are almost complete.

At its meeting on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, the Parish Council made the decision, following consultation with the Longmead Management Committee to restructure the management of Longmead with immediate effect.

Longmead is a valuable asset to the community and the recent improvements to the pavilion carried out by a team of volunteers led by Andy Brooke has made it a very desirable location. It supports over 100 children playing football, a vibrant men's team and a growing band of young netball players.

Following in depth discussions with the Longmead Management Committee, the football clubs and netball clubs, the Parish Council also took the decision to resurface the MUGA with a new 2G multisport surface. The surface chosen is suitable for football and netball together with a number of other popular sports including hockey, volleyball and bowls. It is hoped that the new surface will be in place ready for this season's winter training at the end of October.

An online booking system will be put in place so that as many sports enthusiasts as possible can make use of the MUGA all year round.

Due to existing contracts in place, the football teams and netball teams will be given first priority to make bookings.

These are exciting times and the Parish Council looks forward to working with the Longmead Advisory Committee and the community to make Longmead a vibrant hub of the community so that all its facilities are fully utilised.

Further announcements will be made over the coming weeks.

Please remember that that the Parish 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.

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

Club Community

Riverside

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

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!

Pilates (3 classes) 9am, 10.15am & 11.30am Louise Lyus www.connectedpilates.com Julia Baldock (07708 469745) Yoga 6.30pm

Sharon (07928 953134) 9.30am Tuesday Yoga Pilates 6.30pm Harriet Tubbs (07791234319)

Wednesday Thursday Friday

Monday

Pilates 6.30pm Harriet Tubbs Emma Dee www.emmadeesoundtherapy.com Sound Baths 7pm (monthly)

Pilates (2 classes) 9.30am & 10.45am Sarah Grey www.pilatessouthwest.co.uk

Chiropractor - Sue Moore 07534 222031 Massage - Rachel Ridler 07854 973276 Therapies

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

Join our Facebook Group Stay & Play Hub Hemyock

Blackdown

Stay & Play

Hub

Sensory Sessions

Term time

Wednesdays 9.30am - 11am

Healthy Living Centre £2 per family

TODDLERS BABIES PARENTS GRANDPARENTS NEW MUMS & DADS



Take Part, Laugh, **Enjoy & Live Life**





Fun-filled day for older people

Two-course lunch

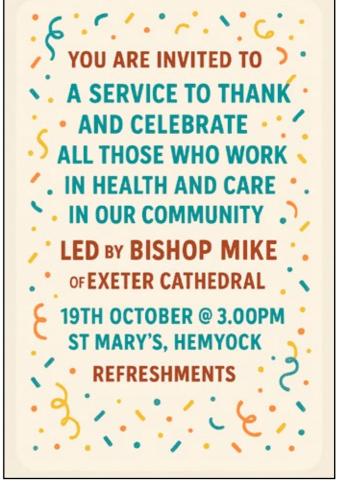


Mondays & Thursdays 9.30am - 3pm

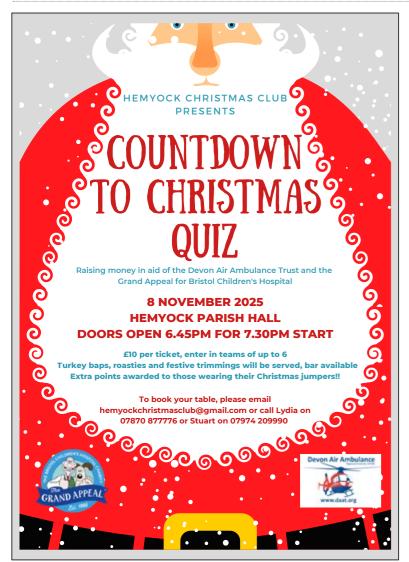
Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock Ring 01823 680687 for further info.







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Hemyock Netball Club

Netball Club, a fun and friendly youth club for children aged 5–11 right here in our village. Our aim is to make sport accessible, inclusive and empowering for every child. We believe no child should miss out on the joy, friendship and life skills that team sport provides. At Hemyock Netball, children will learn new skills, gain confidence, and enjoy being part of a supportive team.

Thanks to support from The Parish Council and our sponsors, The Cabin at Tedburrow and ST Electrical, we have been able to get up and running as a Club and we are so grateful.

Our new girls team will start training on 10 October 2025 at the MUGA in Longmead and we will meet alternate Fridays between 5-6pm. If you are interested in signing your child up, please contact us on hemyocknetball@gmail.com, or find us on facebook

Sessions will be single-sex only to ensure children feel comfortable, supported and able to enjoy the game at their own pace, but if we get enough interest we will arrange a boys session.

We look forward to starting training and welcoming you along!

Hemyock Gardeners' Association

emyock Gardeners' Association meet in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm from September til May on the second Wednesday of the month.

Admission is £1 and non-members and guests are welcome to attend. Membership is £10pp. Your membership entitles you to attend evening meetings with interesting speakers, the opportunity to visit gardens near and far and exclusive discount at local garden centres when buying plants.

There are two meetings coming up:

Wednesday 8 October – POTTINGER CUP – A horticulturalthemed Quiz with teams from local gardening clubs taking part. Audience can also join in answering questions – but no coaching the teams! A buffet is served after five rounds. A chance for Hemyock to continue their winning streak!

Wednesday 12 November – AGM – An opportunity to hear how the Gardeners' Association is faring. No admission fee. A selection of wines and cheese will be served.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our meetings! Sue Scantlebury 01823 681393





New Book - Devoted to Devon

ur latest book together is devoted to Devon. And that's its title: "Devoted to Devon". The hardback edition, beautifully printed by Short Run Press Exeter, is available now from us in person or by post, as well as in bookshops in north, south, west and east Devon.

The book presents our view of the county where we've been based for the last fifty years and where I was born and brought up. Over 150 paintings by Peter illustrate my text. In pictures and words, we describe our present and past explorations of Devon's stunning coasts, moors, farmland, woods and rivers. We hope that people who know the county will see old favourites and find new ones, while those who don't know Devon will be inspired to discover for themselves its hidden ways, people and places. This book can be an "open sesame".

Please contact me Susie.barrett@btinternet.com. https://www.susanbarrettwriter.com (Peter has a section on the website).

ON SALE NOW FROM THE BARRETTS PERSONALLY £25 for collection or £30 inclusive of post and packing (UK only).

Valley Arts

fter a good summer break, we enjoyed a lovely well supported family BBQ on September 7th at Longmead, it was



great to get together, socialise again and catch up with the old faces and a few

The food was delicious the company good and we distributed scripts for our 2025 pantomime *Aladdin* ready for throughs auditions starting on Tuesday 16th September.

There will be a Christmas 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)

Join in Hemyock Lights Parade on Saturday 6 December

Free Lantern Making Workshops 9am start – 5pm finish

Saturday 18 October Sunday 19 October

The Garages, Millhayes, Hemyock (opposite the Healthy Living Centre)

Everything you need to construct simple Lanterns will be provided!

Willow, Paper, Glue and Lights Full assistance with your Lantern build.

Call 07867 243107 to book or for more information Book early as this is the only weekend of Workshops!

Hemyock Lights 2025

There will be a Parade through Hemyock on Saturday 6 December.

This year it's all about the children! Children will make lanterns, carry them throughout the Parade and assemble in St Mary's Churchyard to switch on the Star atop the Tower. If you have a lantern from previous years and would like to carry it in the Parade, do get in touch. If you made a lantern and you still have the battery lights, please return them to the Garages on the weekend of 18-19 October so they can be reused.

Dates for your Diary:

- Lantern Workshops SATURDAY 18 & SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 9.00am-5pm There will be only one weekend for building Lanterns so book soon if you wish to take part. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. See the poster elsewhere in the Pump.
 - **Hemyock** will have lights throughout the village. Can you help?
 - The Parade Saturday 6 December, starting at 6pm. Roads will be closed.
 - Lighting the Star at the end of the Parade
 - Food outlets will be serving at the end of the Parade by the Pump
 - The Catherine Wheel will have entertainment after the lighting of the Star
 - Spring Dance Saturday 2 May with live music

The New Lights Brigade will endeavour to bring light and joy to Hemyock on Saturday 6 December BUT we can't do this without your help! Check the Lights Brigade Facebook page for updates!

If you would like to get involved, please, please do. Call: 07867 243107

What's On November 2025

October – November 2025

Wed 1	BSG Lunch BHLAC		
Thu 2			
Fri 3			
	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR	Scout Bake off 10-12PH	
Sun 5			
Mon 6			
	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR		
Wed 8			
	History Group 7.30 CR		
Fri 10			
Sat 11	Café 10-12 Clayhidon Village Hall		
Sun 12			
	Young Farmers 7-9.30 FL		
Tue 14		Tuesday Group 7.30-9.30pm FL	
Wed 15			
Thu 16			
	Atkins Aution Valuation Day 9-12 PH	Football quiz 7.30PH	
Sat 18	Hemyock Market 10-12 PH	Lantern Workshop 9-5pm	
Sun 19		Lantern Workshop 9-5pm	Film night 7pm HBC
Mon 20			
Tue 21	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR		
Wed 22			
Thu 23			
Fri 24			
Sat 25			
Sun 26	Kings Breakfast 10am HBC		
Mon 27	Young Farmers 7-9.30 FL		
Tue 28	Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR		
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	putting them into a Forthcoming Events column, please
be	notify Gillian Hawkes at gillian.parishpump@gmail.
be	com by the Parish Pump deadline date.

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Oct 25th
-Nov 11th

RBL Poppy Appeal

Sat 1 Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR Autumn Show PH

Lantern Parade 6th Dec 7th Dec Film night HBC 7pm

31st Dec New Year's Eve Party 8pm

Markets:

Honiton - Tuesday & Saturday

Tiverton - Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

Taunton - Thursday

Sun 2 Mon 3 Tue 4 Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR Wed 5 BSG Lunch BHLAC Thu 6 Fri 7 Sat 8 Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR Christmas Quiz 7.30PH Sun 9 RBL Remembrance Service 10.15 St. Mary's Church Mon 10 Young farmers 8-10pm FL Tue 11 Armistice Day 10.50 War Memorial Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR Tuesday Group 7.30-9.30 FL Wed 12 Gardeners, 7.30 PH Thu 13 History Group 7.30 CR Fri 14 Sat 15 Hemyock Market 10-12 PH Sun 16 Mon 17 Tue 18 Charity Coffee Shop 10-12 CR Wed 19 Thu 20 Poppy Group 10-12 CR Fri 21 The Almost Christmas Party 7.30 PH Sat 22 Repair Café 10-1pm PH Sun 23 Kings Breakfast 10am HBC Mon 24 Young farmers 8-10pm FL Tue 25 Wed **26** Thu 27 Fri 28 Sat 29 Sun **30**

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LM-Longmead

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CR - Church Rooms

BC - Baptist Church SM - St Mary's

ASC – All Saint's Church CPH – Clayhidon Parish Hall

Editor: James Winrow - pump@lickham.co.uk

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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 10-12n00n 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 - TERM TIME ONLY BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC C Shed
Tue	Charity Coffee Shop	10-12Noon	CR
	Yoga	9.30 - 11.00am	BHLAC
	Pilates	6.30 - 7.30pm	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 - TERM TIME ONLY BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC BHLAC - TERM TIME ONLY
Thu	Devon Dance	6.45-8pm	PH
	Riverside Club	9.30 - 3.00pm	BHLAC
	Community Shed	10-1pm	C Shed
	30 Minutes with God	10-10.30am	HBC
Fri	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am	BHLAC
	Pilates	11.15 - 12.15pm	BHLAC

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

What's On October 2025

These WEE 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

Distribution: Sharon Hunt - Sharon@huntfamily.me

The Parish Pum

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

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.

Hemyock Churchinford Dunkeswell

Weekends closed

The Violet Chapman Trust

This Charity was set up and registered by a local parishioner, Mrs Violet Chapman in 1996. Its aims are 'to pay towards any charitable purposes connected with the physical or mental health of the residents of all ages who live in the Blackdown Hills and surrounding area (the extent of which the Trustees will decide) for which provision is not made from Public funds or resources'.

The Trust makes grants for medical treatment and support for people who are registered patients of The Blackdown Practice and their families, who are either at home or in hospital. It can also help support the cost of a variety of treatments, to help both physical and mental wellbeing and the cost of equipment that benefits patients in their own environment.

For example, the Trust have given grants which in the past have helped people to purchase electric buggies, wheelchairs and other items that make life easier. The Trust also supports numerous applications for counselling courses to improve mental health and general wellbeing.

The Charity, when giving grants, normally expect the recipients to contribute to the cost in order that the Charity can help more people by allocating limited funds to as many applicants as possible.

Registered Charity No: 299996

Many referrals to the Trust are made by the Doctors, Nurses and Health professionals of the Blackdown Practice. We also receive referrals from the Blackdown Support Group, churches, chapels and schools, including playschools, where we have supported early learning initiatives.

All applications to the Trust are treated in the strictest confidence.

The Trust is always grateful for legacies and donations which help us continue the valuable work we do in supporting our local residents.

If you require further details regarding the Trust or you would like to chat about making an application, please contact Judy Barton, the secretary, at the contact details below.

Founding Trustee: The Late Dr Jonathan Meads Current Trustees: Mr Stephen Walker - Solicitor, Mrs Shirley Wyatt - Chairman, Dr Sue Brocklesby (ret'd), Mrs Penny Browning.

Secretary Mrs Judy Barton, 1 Logan Way, Hemyock. Email j.h.barton@hotmail.com. Tel: 01823 680975.

Hemyock Gardeners Autumn Show Results



William Pike Cup Awarded for the most points in classes 1-58 inclusive **Kathy Jones**

St Ivel 'Gold Cup' Awarded for the most points in Vegetable classes

John Kingston & Kathy Jones

HGA Shield Awarded for the best exhibit of Perennials Classes 43/44 Pat Jenkins

G & P Pring Rosebowl Awarded for the best exhibit in Rose Classes Gillian Hawkes

Carnival Salver Awarded for the best exhibit in Dahlia Classes Jane Smith

William Griffiths Cup Awarded for the best Pot Plant **Kathy Jones**

Clayhidon W.I. Trophy Awarded for the most points in the Culinary Classes **Cindy Jefferson**

Eden Cup Awarded for the most points gained in the Floral Arts classes

Caroline Anderson

Gwen Lowman Cup Awarded for the best exhibit in the Floral Arts Classes

Caroline Anderson

Tony Spiller Trophy Awarded for the Best Vegetable in Show Phil Lewenz

The Calcraft Trophy Awarded for the winner of members class 58 Fuchsia 'Garden News'

Bob Hawkes



The Parish Pump Hemyock

Around Hemyock

That a glorious, if hot, summer we have enjoyed although we know our farmers and gardeners have been so grateful for the rain. The long dry spell has been an enormous concern for those whose livelihood depends on crops but by the comments made at the Gardener's Show the weather has not caused many problems to members as the classes were well supported with many visitors feeling it was the most successful for quite some time. Congratulations to all the competitors.

I'm sure there will be various reports elsewhere in the Pump telling us of the variety of events which have taken place since the last issue. One which proved to be a great adventure for the Scouts was their visit to Denmark. Like Rikki I must be getting on a bit as I remember the first exchange! - plus other camps attended by amongst others our daughter and foster children. Each one holding special memories of the friendships made and activities enjoyed. Thanks must go to all those who were involved with organising the latest visit and all those who supported the groups fund raising appeal.

Memories were also recalled as we joined together to commemorate VJDay 80. There will be others here like Patricia and I who had family serving in the Far East but we were fortunate that our father returned home safely.

The charity Help for Heroes have benefitted by almost £143 thanks to the supporters of Stuart Webb. Stuart's determination saw him walked 170miles in July. The song 'These boots were made for Walking' springs to mind.

The Friends of St Mary's are frequently behind the refreshments on offer at various functions, so their reputation is well known but a Tipsy Afternoon Tea was something new and proved to be a roaring success. Drinks in the Church Room garden enjoyed in glorious weather followed by delicious food served on vintage china in the room itself saw many hoping this was a fundraiser which will be repeated.

John Churchill is an extremely well-known parishioner, and many were shocked to hear he is in hospital. We send him and all those known to us who are unwell our love and prayers remembering Val, Chris, Andrew, Brian, Sarah and Richard.

One youngster began the school holiday with an accident which saw him break his leg, whilst being discharged from outpatients was a joy for another.

Condolences are sent to those who have recently lost a loved one remembering in particular the family of Jan Mulliner following her sudden death. Jan was involved with various village activities and will be much missed.

With the parish church holding a special service for everyone in the caring profession and being attended by the Bishop of Exeter in October it seems an appropriate time to say "Thank you" to all those at the Blackdown Practice, BHLAC and others who provide care within our community. Hearing of problems in a nearby town shows us how lucky we are to have the support available here,

By the time the Pump is distributed Harvest Festival will have been held in our churches - a time to celebrate 'all good gifts around us ' - and appreciate all our local communities do. The Community Larder goes from strength to strength and is a huge asset for local folk.

November will see the village gather for Remembrance Sunday with the Scout Group leading the parade to the church from the Parish Hall. On Tuesday 11th there is the usual short service at the War Memorial just before 11am to which all are welcome.

The month will also see the United Benefice of Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock welcome our new Rector, Rev Vanessa Cole. We look forward to getting to know her and her family.

Hemyock is a friendly, caring village with numerous activities and events which are well supported. If you have moved here recently - welcome - please do join us in anything which interests you - or perhaps try something new.

Take care and enjoy the glorious colours of autumn.

Janice

Jbawler 1947@hotmail.co.uk – for any news you would like included in the next issue.

Hemyock Day

EMYOCK DAY 2026 will take place on Saturday 13
June 2026 at Longmead with all the entertainment and
fun expected of this wonderful village event. In order
to offer a great day free of charge to everyone, we need to raise
funds. Here's how you can help and enjoy yourselves at the
same time!

Fundraiser coming up: NOVEMBER 22nd 2025

As the Autumn days turn slowly to winter the spectacle of a fund-raising Disco in Hemyock Parish Hall is very welcome.

- Presenting: "The Almost Christmas Party" on Saturday 22 November at 7.30pm in Hemyock Parish Hall. As usual Fancy Dress is encouraged and there will be winter-themed décor in the Hall.
- Tickets will cost £7.50. Check out the posters around the village or Facebook pages which will give you a QR code to purchase tickets.

Tickets will also be available from the Post Office and on the door.

Fundraiser coming up: DECEMBER 31st 2025

What are you doing New Year's Eve? Hemyock Day presents a night to celebrate the passing of 2025 and welcoming in 2026. You will be able to wine and dine the night away, after which Bar None will play til midnight and then carry on til the wee small hours.

 Look out for posters throughout the village or check the Facebook pages for Hemyock Community Events and Hemyock Community Group. Tickets will be available soon.

Sue Scantlebury 01823 681393

The Tuesday Club

The Hemyock Tuesday Club is a well-established club dating back to the 1960s, originally the Hemyock Young Wives Club, meeting at the Rectory. As the club grew we transferred to the Church Rooms, meeting as before on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm. With parking becoming difficult it was decided the Forbes Lounge would be more appropriate for the club and its members. The usual format of each meeting is a speaker for the first hour followed by a cup of coffee or tea, chatter and a short quiz to test our brains. We currently have about 25 lady members and are looking to recruit a few more. We have our Annual General Meeting on 14 October and would love to welcome you. There is always someone who could assist with a lift if necessary.



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. ${\tt 01823681034}$

kazapinder@hotmail.com

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

Mid Devon Singers news – October/November 2025

We returned for the Autumn term on 5th September with a special themed evening where we sang various songs from the musicals – notably Les Misérables, Lion King, Oliver, Grease and others – we had a great time! It was such a success, we've decided to do another in place of our last regular rehearsal of the term – so, on Friday 19th December we'll be having a "Beatles week" with a fantastic line up of songs by the Fab 4. Non-members are more than welcome to join us for a one-off fee of £5.00 - no music required and song lyrics will be provided – just let us know by email (see below) if you want to come along and have a fun singalong.

With the speed that this year is vanishing, we're also finalising our plans for Christmas performances – so far, we'll be singing at:

- Tiverton lights switch-on (Saturday 22nd November)
- Dulverton by Starlight (Sunday 7th December), and
- The Waterloo Cross, Uffculme (Saturday 13th December)

It'd be great to see you at one or more of these performances, please see our socials (below) for more updates nearer the time. In the meantime, our regular Friday evening term-time rehearsals will be at Halberton Village Hall as usual, starting promptly at 7.30pm and ending at 9.30pm (with an all-important tea/coffee/biscuit chat break about halfway through).

These friendly rehearsals are a great way to unwind at the end of the week, especially now that the evenings have started drawing in, so why not come along & give us a try? New members are always very welcome, with no auditions to join our sociable singing group. Your first 4 regular rehearsals are free with absolutely no obligation – if you want to sign up after that, membership subs are a very reasonable £15.00 per month.

If you would like to find out more about joining us or booking us for a performance, please contact us by email at info@mids.org. uk. Otherwise, be sure to keep an eye on our social media feeds for general news & performance information/updates:

Facebook themiddevonsingers Twitter/"X" @MidDevonSingers Instagram @middevonsingers



The Garages

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

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

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

Karen 01823681034

Youth@the garages.

The Parish Pump October - November 2025

1st Hemyock Scouts - Trip to Denmark Summer 2025 Hemyock History Group

wenty-nine Scouts and Explorers from 1st Hemyock Scouts returned from an unforgettable adventure in Denmark in early August, celebrating the Group's remarkable friendship with *Tønder Scouts that has lasted more than half a century.*

The young people came back tired but full of tales about their experiences and new friendships. It was a fantastic opportunity that they will remember forever, and they would like to thank their Leaders, the Group Committee, those who helped with fundraising and of course, the wider local community.

Without your support none of it would have been possible. Local businesses also played a key role, with huge thanks to our sponsors Aspirations Support, Creature Comforts, Monument Fuels Ltd, Activinsights, Tilhill Forestry, Mount Vets Farm Practice, and West Country Fencing Supplies.

The Scouts and Explorers hosted a final "send off" event in Hemyock Parish Hall on Saturday 19th July with delicious creams teas, a Grand Raffle, activities and historical information about the Tønder/Hemyock Scouting partnership.

This event capped a fundraising effort over more than 6 months with a total of over £12,000 raised, making the trip much more affordable than it would otherwise have been.

The 2025 trip began with a visit to Copenhagen before the group travelled to Daugård, where the Scouts camped with their Danish friends at the Æbleskoven Scout Centre. Activities included raft building, beach swimming, fishing, starlit camping, and traditional campfires. The group then headed south to Tønder, camping and spending time with host families. With Tønder so close to the German border, the Scouts even managed to stand with a foot in each country during one of their hikes!

The friendship shows no signs of slowing, with Tønder Scouts already planning their return visit to Hemyock in 2027.

Fundraising for that trip will begin in the autumn, with the popular Takeout Thursday events set to return.

Keep an eye out for more info on those, we look forward to seeing you there!

1st Hemyock Scout Group

Culm Davy History - Photographs needed

Would anyone have any old photographs from culm Davy, toogoods cottage, culm Davy plantation, culmstock beacon, the quarry on black down common etc. We are trying to put some history together for the area and how it's changed as the wood have grown up and changed over the years. If you do have any please message on 07879416967 or email robdenham14@gmail.com we will arrange to get them copied /scanned and returned to you.

Many thanks,

Rob Denham, Toogoods Cottage, Culm Davy.

The database of the blackdown archives were shown to our assembled group as projected onto our screen in the Church Room. The images and documents are all stored by community including Ashill, Awliscombe, Blackborough, Broadhembury, Churchinford, Churchstanton, Clayhidon, Culm Davy, Cullompton, Culmstock, Dulford, Dunkeswell, Halberton, Hemyock by organisation, Honiton, Kentisbeare, Kerswell, Otterhead, Smeatharpe, Uffculme, Upottery, and Willand.

One of the prominent families who moved to Hemyock in the 16th century were the Bowermans from the Isle of Wight who built up their trade with Spain over many years. Michael Bowerman who has researched the family history has sent an outline of what happened in 1506. John Russell came from a Dorset family of moderate standing whose estates had been acquired gradually during the 14th and 15th centuries from the profits of trade and the fortunes of marriage. His grandfather, another John, who broke with family tradition by making a career in the service of the crown, had been a knight of the shire for Dorset in 1472 and died in 1505 leaving a son and heir James who did not long survive him. John Russell had become conversant with the Spanish language while trading in Spanish wine and shipping cloth to Spain.

Early in 1506 the fleet taking the Archduke Phillip of Austria and his wife Juana were caught in a storm and forced into Weymouth bay. Juana was proud that she was the daughter of Isabel of Castile, the patron of Columbus. Juana put on all her fine clothes, so that when her drowned body was found on the shore she might be buried as a Spanish princess should be; but she was not buried: the ship managed to creep into Weymouth, and the people sent the Royal strangers to the finest house they knew, Wolfeton, the great house owned by Sir Thomas Trenchard (another associate of Joan Bowerman from her property dealings on the Isle of Wight) ten miles away. Sir Thomas was at home, but he could not speak Spanish, so he sent for his kinsman John Russell, who was living at the farmhouse, Kingston Russell House, at Long Bredy Dorset. John had been in Spain and could interpret. The Spaniards were so delighted with his manner that they took him to see the King. The King, Henry VII,

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TIVERTON

QUIZ NIGHT 2025

FRIDAY 10th October

7 for 7.30pm

UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL

Teams of up to six people are invited to compete £8 per contestant

There will be Prizes and a Ploughman's Supper will be provided

Come and enjoy the cash bar and try to win one of the many raffle prizes!

Proceeds to support our student at Kira Farm, Uganda and other Rotary-supported Charities

Teams should register, so get in early with Andrea Rowe on 01884 258820 or rctiverton1175@gmail.com

made Russell a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber. Juana, Queen of Spain, was reunited with her younger sister, Catherine of Aragon. Prior to his elevation to court he was the last of a long line of successful wine importers. In 1509 after his father died, Henry VIII was crowned and John Russell continued his association with the new King right up to the dissolution of the monasteries when John Russell became the owner of Dunkeswell Abbey. We look forward to receiving more historical information and making it available to our members. Much of the detail stored in the archives contain the bones of really interesting stories and we welcome anyone who is

interested in bringing these stories to life. Of course stories can only be truly of interest if the necessary research has been done to prove the facts which require access to the historical documentary detail contained in our archives. The SW Heritage Centre in Exeter has no information on the visit of the Queen and King of France to England

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9th October when Bill Horner, the County Archaeologist will be talking about his career in Devon and then in November we have a return visit by David Pugsley.

Mid Devon Messenger

il Moy joins in the fun of this year's Silverton Street Market! Lil is visually impaired and listens each week to audio news, ■ information and entertainment produced by the Mid Devon Messenger.

With her many years of experience with children, Lil chatted with them and their families about how sight loss affects her, and how she finds her way around with the help of her long cane.

Children were invited to close their eyes and, taking a long cane with a ball or marshmallow shape at the end, they were helped to sweep the cane from side to side in front of them as they walked forward.

The children found this sweeping task to be much harder than it looks. The ball is sensitive to every obstruction, bump and cavity along the way.

Lil said, "When I am out and about people often ask me why I have a long cane; they're curious and interested. It was lovely to have an opportunity to chat with them about how I get around, the hazards I meet along the way, and how I use my hearing and residual sight to help me. However, the process is exhausting!"



If you would like to find out more about your local charity, the Mid Devon Messenger, and the services available free of charge, please contact Yvonne on 07721 065008 or check our website https:// middevonmessenger.org.uk.

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

The Parish Pump Hemyock

SCOUTS

1st Hemyock Scout Group

ello again, Autumn is here with much rain. No matter scouting continues, outdoors as usual.
But first we must remember the great trip to Denmark in the summer. Julie our group lead has told me

that much fun was had and here is her report.

Denmark. Twenty eight scouts and explorers along with five adults left Hemyock for Denmark on 25th July. They travelled by coach to Heathrow airport and flew to Copenhagen. They then had twenty four hours to explore the beautiful city, whilst staying in a youth hostel.

Saturday 26th July saw us leave Copenhagen after lunch to travel to our camp site, Speidercenter Aebleskoven, where we met our hosts from Tonder, meeting old friends and new ones. For a week we enjoyed the sunshine, rafting, canoeing, crabbing, cooking, playing games especially Farmer Hockey, (not sure what that is but will find out for next time!)

The following week saw us back at the Tonder Scout House, still under canvas. Host families took us for day trips, this included Legoland. We took part in an Escape room around Vegle, challenges in and around Tonder and a hike to Germany.

The final evening saw the English host a race night with bacon rolls and hot chocolate, this was for all Danish scouts and their families. Leaders were presented with a UK necher that had been embroidered and scouts were given a scout mug.

Colin Grabham was awarded his 40 year service badge by Tine and Peter (Danish leaders) on behalf of Julie.

We have extended a warm invitation to our friends for 2028 to visit us. This has been accepted with provisional dates already exchanged.

Thanks to Julie for the report. All I can say to sum up—FUN. Another wonderful International event for 1st Hemyock with the next already being arranged for 2028.

Another event was VJ Day on 15th August which was remembered in Hemyock with laying of Wreaths. Janice kindly sent me some photos of this important remembrance with scout lead Josh carrying the Union flag. We must never forget.

In early September Devon Scouts held their AGM. I have read through the reviews and reports and here is a bit about Devon scouting. Main County event was Scoutmoor which was attended by many young people. Excellent feedback from members and external companies that provided the activities. Safety remains our no1 priority. We have invested £10K in target sports equipment, with annual inspections to maintain safety for our young people. We continue to be visible at Devon County Show as well as Honiton Show. Census figures are up. Report from the County Lead Volunteer. Steve Donoghue: 2025 Year of change. New membership system- digital not analogue. He admits that the change has been challenging (as we all know). Scoutex was a great success at Bicton College with over 800 scouts attending. He thanks all volunteers for supporting scouting in Devon, in the many roles needed to look after our young members:group, district, county, trustees, all are needed as scouting is life changing (Rikki agrees with DK72 to DK25 and continuing). Volunteer development was mentioned with the digital changes helping training for existing and new leaders. With

new systems, rule changes can be confusing, however six months on districts are operating well with zoom learning to the fore. Chris Solway, county lead for development thanked Julie Jennings, Martyn Drew, Nick Spalding and Emma Pacey for all their efforts in this. So you can see our Julie is working hard for scouting amongst her many other roles. Thanks to her. The County programme team is looking for recruits for: 4-14 team, 14-24, International, events, hill walking, shooting, archery and tomahawk. What a lot, I hope they are successful! D of E is still a major part of scouting.

In the County Roll of Honour Hemyock features. Wendy Grabham, Colin Grabham, Julie Jennings, Amie Seaforth for 50 years, 40 years, 25 years and 10 years respectively. Chief Scout Awards, Silver: Delilah Daley, Enid Poole, Fynn Evans-Determan, Poppy Summers, Ophelia Marsh, James Wright, Lewis Shears, Henry Sutton, Stanley Jerem, Daniel Monfredi, Amelia Hussey, Hugo Davies, Leia Judd and Megan Judd. Well done and congratulations to all of them. They deserve their awards. Rikki apologies if he has missed anyone but I went through the County list with a close eye. If I have missed anyone let me know and I will rectify next time. Had a look at the Annual Accounts and they are looking healthy. That was a brief look at the Devon AGM. Hope I didn't bore you too much, but it is a necessary part of scouting.

Back to Hemyock. A new school and scout year begins and all of our sections from 4-24 years are firing on all cylinders with their Autumn programmes, including outdoors—of course. More details next time.

Some sad news, some of you may remember Kate Williams (Delamaine), her children were with scouts and guides many years ago, she has passed on to guiding above. Older members of 1st Hemyock, including Rikki knew her well. An excellent Guide leader who came to Denmark with in the days when scouts and guides were separate. We wont forget you.

I think its about time for a finally. As you can see from above scouting is thriving, But, it could not happen without the support of leaders, volunteers and all the people behind the scenes. We thank all of you. As Robert Baden Powell said all those years ago-- Be Prepared. And we are at 1st Hemyock, DK28!

Old Rikki

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Hemyock Bus Timetables

Seaton to Taunton via Colyton, Honiton and Wellington

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From 05 January 2025

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St Andrew's Clayhidon

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St. Andrew's Church News

Te can start with the wonderful news that Rev. Vanessa Cole has been appointed priest for Hemyock with Culm Davy, Clayhidon and Culmstock. We will all look forward to welcoming her to this benefice and particularly here in Clayhidon, we will be delighted to welcome her to St Andrew's.

We have now discovered that the licensing service for her will be at 7.30 on 26th November at Hemyock Church at which we are all welcome. It is so pleasing that she will be here with us this Christmas time.

During the last month we enjoyed another special occasion when baby Laura was baptised here though her family now live in Uffculme; but a decade ago, they were married here and were delighted to return.

In October there are two services to which we can particularly look forward. At 10am on the 12th October we will celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving. We hope that you may wish to bring some kind of produce for which we can give thanks. Everything will be given to charity and distributed to those in need.

On Sunday 19th at 10am it will be St Luke's Tide when our theme will be concentrating on healing and care for our loved ones.

November has its own special services. Sunday 9th is Remembrance Sunday when our service is at 10am but before the end, we will walk down the path to the War Memorial to join in remembrance at 11 o clock. We hope that people from Rosemary Lane Chapel will wish to be with us and anyone from the community. Sunday 30th November is St Andrew's Day, on which we can celebrate our patronal festival. People from all the benefice will want to join us at this special service of Holy Communion at 10.30 on another happy occasion.

As the days turn shorter and cooler, we particularly think and pray for any whom we know who are not in good health and who need greater care. We wish to give them our love and our care whenever we can. If there is anyone who would like to be included in our prayers, do tell us and if we can help in any possible way, there will always be someone who will be willing to visit or help.

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John Griss Memorial

A fitting tribute to John Griss, the man who devoted a large part of his life to creating fishing ponds on his land in the Bolham Valley, was dedicated on September 14.

A memorial stone donated by the Westleigh Quarry has been installed in what is now the Hartsmoor Fishery and his ashes were buried there in a moving ceremony conducted by Maurice Bendle, Richard Kallaway and John Kidner.

A bouquet of wild grasses, berries and flowers from the surrounding fields was made my Mrs Kidner. The ashes were lowered into position by Paul Webber and Rory McMakin, the leaseholders of Hartsmoor. The plaque on the stone says: In memory of John Griss "he loved this place" 15.09.1942 to 13.02.2020.

Mr Griss left his land, the lakes and his cottage to the people of Clayhidon and his legacy is cared for by group of trustees who are Clayhidon parish councillors, chaired by John Kidner. They are aided by Andy Don, a fishing advisory expert.

The ceremony included a Bible reading and prayers, as well as memories of the much loved man from those present.

The previous Sunday the John Griss committee held another successful open day despite bad weather when at least 42 adults and children were given fishing tuition by professional coaches. The Bird Dogs provided music, Clayhidon village hall committee the bar and Jamie Blackmore and co the hot dogs and burgers.

Huge improvements have been made to the fishery in the last few years including otter fencing, new swims, improving the fishing stock and a great deal of general maintenance to create a professional destination for the fishing community. One of the smaller lakes is available for the local community, a site has been made available for Hemyock Scouts, and pasture is grazed by sheep which is why dogs are not allowed on site.





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Reflections From Rosemary Lane Chapel

he end of summer and the commencement of a new academic year brought with it the resumption of many activities that punctuate the week at Rosemary Lane Chapel. Lunch Club, Bible studies, prayer groups, the Toddler group and our ever popular Venturers kids club have all got going in recent weeks. It was particularly exciting to see so many children sign up early to attend the kids club and among their number, many new faces who have never been before. Inevitably these children arrive on their first night with nervous excitement.

Whilst most of these newcomers know one or two other children in the group, they are a new face to many, and they themselves may be meeting lots of new people for the first time. On our first evening two children in particular arrived not knowing anyone, and not being known by anyone. I'm glad to say, they did remarkably well and settled in very quickly. It is our great hope that all feel welcome and safe as they come together to play, create and hopefully learn something about God. But the opening evening of activities and the new faces in attendance did prompt me to consider how it must feel to be an unknown face. In truth, I suspect this is something we have all experienced at some point. Maybe feeling unknown is something we still feel.

I can just about remember my first day at Dunstable college as a student some twenty five years ago. I was already nervous about heading to college, a nervousness only heighted by not knowing anyone on the course that I was to be studying. Not knowing anyone and not being known can be deeply unsettling. We hope for some sense of connection with another person. We are very often dependent upon the kindness and warmth of others to help us feel connected in some way. Largely due to my own reticence, those connections didn't come and for numerous reasons, I didn't go back. It is very easy to be in a crowd of people and yet remain an unknown face and feel a sense of loneliness. I'm glad to say that my situation soon changed after we moved down to the South West. But for many, that sense of being unknown and unconnected remains.

How wonderful then that the Bible introduces us to the God who knows us, and not just superficially, but truly, deeply knows you the real you, the messy parts and all. That's the breathtaking truth we find in Psalm 139. It's an overwhelming, humbling reality that God, the Creator of the universe, knows you. He doesn't just know about you; He knows you.

The Psalm says, "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me." This isn't a casual glance. It's an intentional search. He knows when you sit down and when you stand up. He discerns your thoughts from miles away. This isn't sterile surveillance. He's not some cosmic spy. He's a loving Father who sees past the mask you wear for the world and knows the heart underneath. There's an incredible freedom in that. We don't have to pretend. He already knows the good, the bad, and the ugly, and yet His love remains.

And it gets even better. The psalmist says, "You knit me together in my mother's womb." Can you picture that? The same God who spun the galaxies into existence meticulously, lovingly, and deliberately formed you. You're not a cosmic accident. You are a masterpiece, handcrafted with purpose. That's why every life has value. Every person, every face, every unique fingerprint is a testimony to His creative genius.

So next time you feel that sense of uncertainty born of being unknown, let this truth sink in. You are known by God. All your fears, your dreams, your secrets—He knows them. And in that knowing, there's a deep joy and a profound peace. We can stop trying to earn His approval or impress people. We can rest in the secure, unwavering knowledge that we are seen, known, and loved by the One who matters most. That's the gospel in action: grace that says, "I know you completely, and I love you anyway." And it's a love that changes us.

> O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

PSALM 139:1-3, 13-14

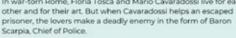
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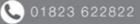


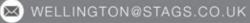
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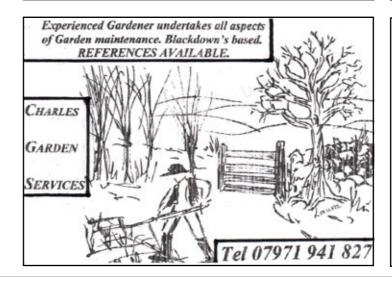
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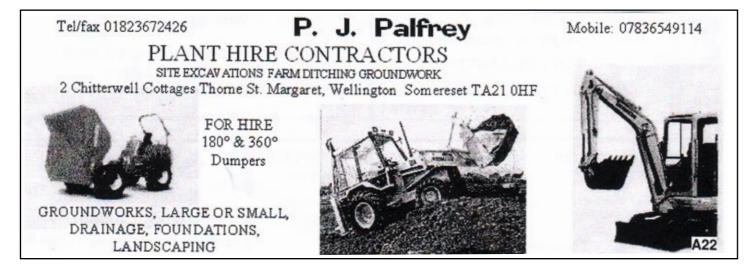
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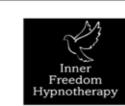
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