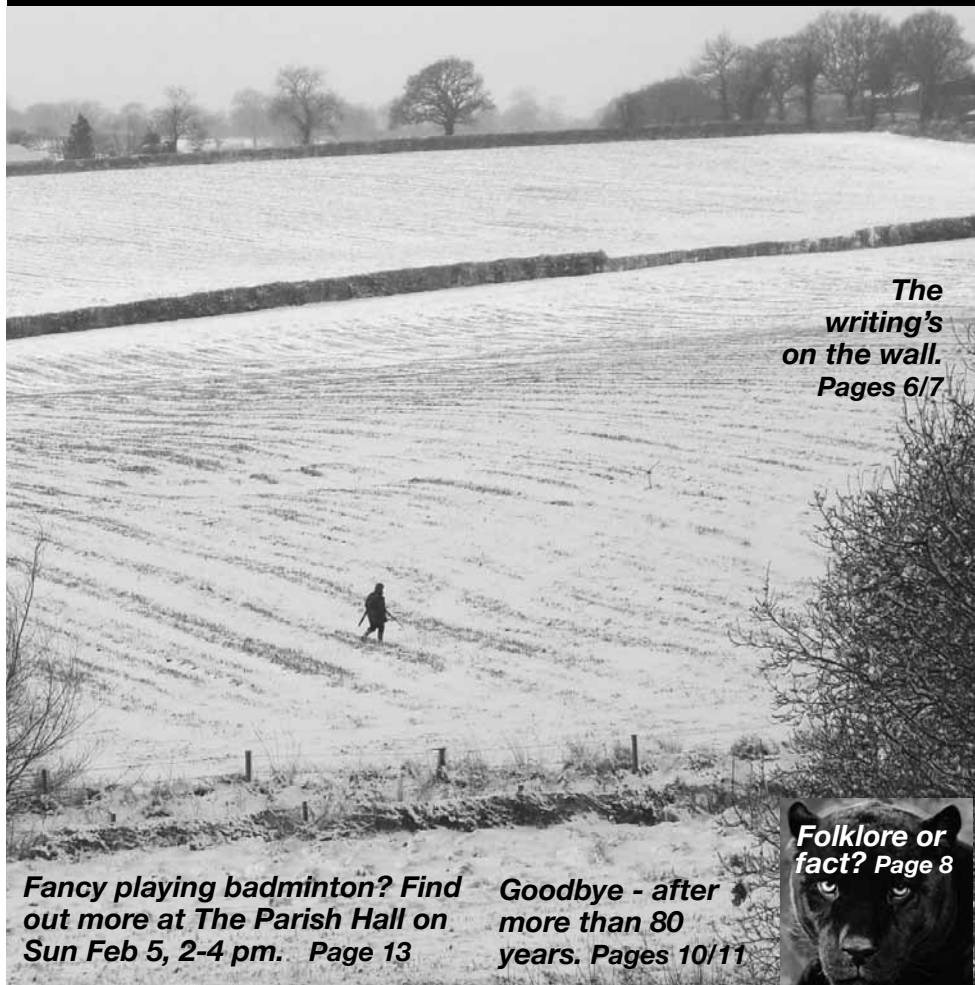


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Dear Friends

As I sit and write this it is decidedly chilly, but I have just heard that 2016 was the hottest on record but 2017 is not likely to be the same. At least this year has started with some seasonal weather. It makes me wonder about seasonal things, I have seen Easter eggs in the shops for the last month!

Christmas season is hardly over, well actually in the church, the Christmas season continues with Epiphany, January 6th when we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men, and continues until the end of January which is called Candlemass when we celebrate Jesus being taken to the Temple by his parents for a special blessing and thanksgiving. The actual day that is celebrated in the church is 2nd of February.

Locally we remember this on the nearest Sunday which is 29th of January. At Payhembury Church we will end this Christmas season with a Christingle Service at 4pm, having started the season with a Christingle at Feniton on Christmas Eve. So we have remembered Jesus being the light of the world at the beginning and ending of the Christmas Season. The season of winter is rather dull and gloomy so it's good to think of light shining into the gloom during this season.

What next we ask? We must look forward to the light beginning to increase in the mornings as we move towards Easter when again we celebrate the risen Jesus being the light of the world. Of course Jesus isn't just shining his light on us in specific seasons he shines his light on us at all times even in our darkest moments. So as we grumble about this dark and gloomy season let's try and look for light to brighten up our days and sure enough when we look around us we see signs of new bright life as the bulbs are putting out shoots and forcing their way out to greet the light.

2017 will no doubt be another interesting year, new things and changes will happen as each new season turn up. People will move in and out of our villages, new faces will appear and others will disappear, it is the circle of life as the seasons roll by.

I would just like to tell you of a change in the autumn season. After nearly 11 years of ministry in our 3 parishes I will be retiring in the autumn. Exact dates etc will follow but I would like to say that it has been an honour and a joy to minister to you all and I'm certainly going to make the most of the 3 seasons left to me here.

Every blessing,  
Cate

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# PARISHES OF FENITON, ESCOT, PAYHEMBURY

## Church Services in February 2017

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Fourth Sunday before Lent

Church	Time	Service
Escot	4.00 pm	Evensong (JD)
Feniton	10.00 am 11.00 am	Storytime (CE) Parish Communion (CE)
Payhembury	11.00 am	Morning Worship (LL)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Third Sunday before Lent

Church	Time	Service
Escot	9.00 am	Parish Communion (CE)
Feniton	11.00 am	Morning Worship (LL)
Payhembury	10.30 am	Café (CE)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

7.15pm Escot Prayers for the Parishes

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Second Sunday before Lent

Church	Time	Service
Escot	9.00 am	Matins (TP)
Feniton	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Parish Communion (CE) Worship & Praise
Payhembury	9.30 am	All ages service & Baptism (CE)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday next before Lent

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	11 am	Parish Communion (JR)
Payhembury	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JR)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

7.15pm Feniton Ashing Service

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

First Sunday of Lent

Church	Time	Service
Escot	4.00 pm	Evensong (JD)
Feniton	10.00 am 11.00 am	Storytime (CE) Parish Communion (CE)
Payhembury	11.00 am	Morning Worship (OT)

# ..... Dates for your diary .....



## ***Girls' Night Out***

**Tuesday 21 February  
8pm in The Six Bells**

Come along for a friendly chat

## *Coffee Morning*



We are very kindly invited by  
Nan to join her and Rich at

**Meadowbank  
1 Warren Close**

for the next Coffee Morning  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
at the usual time of 11a.m.

when we will have the  
opportunity to admire the  
new 'west wing'!!

You may be assured of a warm  
welcome.

All proceeds from the Coffee  
Mornings go to Church Funds.

If you would like to know more  
about the Coffee Mornings  
please give me a call on 841828.

Marjorie

## ***SOUP LUNCH***

Monday February 13  
in church between 12-2pm.



*Look forward to seeing you all  
again - and anyone new to the  
village is very welcome. Christine*

St Philip & St James Church, Escot

## **Snowdrop Weekend**

Saturday Feb 18 & Sunday Feb 19

10am - 4pm

Refreshments served all day



# Broadhembury WI

January report - Since nothing in this imperfect world is perfect, except for the sight of the massed ranks of the WI assembled around a groaning board, not once but twice in the month, and there eating until their eyes bulge!!  
Delicious, and after that, the excitement of the Raffle rose to a frenzy.

## February meetings

**February 14, 2.30 pm.** Fitness Forever! Physiotherapist and Pilates teacher Sue Holmes explains how we can limber up after winter.

**February 28, 7.30 pm.** Professor Robert Gleave from Exeter University talks to us on the subject of 'Understanding Religious Tensions in the Middle East'.

**February 18, 2 pm.** Members of our quiz team brace yourselves for this date!  
All events are in the Hall at Broadhembury.

*We love to welcome new members, first meeting free, then if you join us and nearly a quarter of a million other lively women in the country, you will receive our Broadsheet and county information, and the national magazine each month. Plus all the meetings.*

Please contact Angie Carr 841862 or Julie Ashcroft 841189

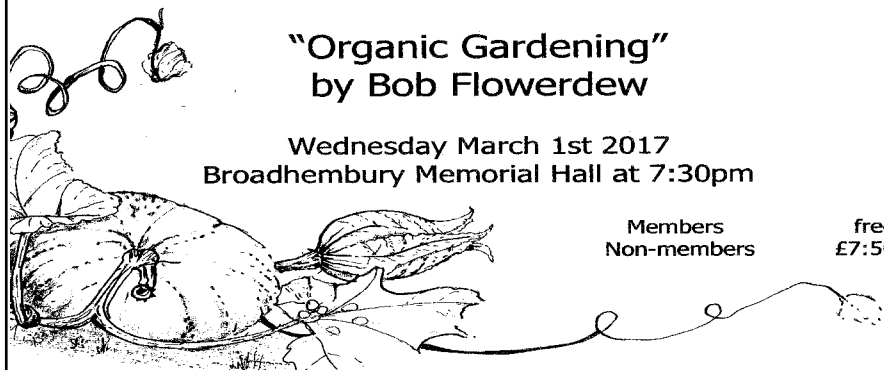
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INSPIRING WOMEN

## Broadhembury and District Gardening Club

### "Organic Gardening" by Bob Flowerdew

Wednesday March 1st 2017  
Broadhembury Memorial Hall at 7:30pm

Members                      free  
Non-members                £7:50



Entry by Ticket Only - Tickets Available from:

**Broadhembury** Post Office    **Payhembury Provisions**, Payhembury    **Haughty Culture**, 81 High Street, Honiton  
Also E-Tickets using payment by Bank Transfer from Keith Bone at broadhemburygc@gmail.com

## News Deadline - Sat Feb 18, 4pm

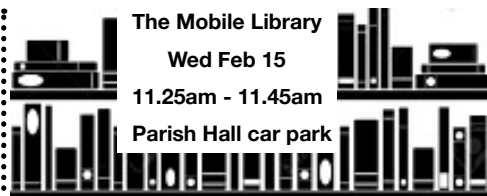
Please try to get your news items and articles in early. If you can't make the deadline, let us know in advance, and we'll do our best to accommodate you. March's editor's tel no. is on the cover.

The Mobile Library

Wed Feb 15

11.25am - 11.45am

Parish Hall car park



# The Writing Wall

Thanks to those who sent in writing on the topic 'The Challenge'. I realise that, with Christmas and all, I gave very little time for people to write. I am therefore giving you longer to create writing for the next task, Manufacturer's Regret. Please have a go - this is not for established poets but for you to have a shot at writing creatively. I am very happy to receive drafts and to give feedback before you submit.

The first two of the entries for The Challenge appear on the right. More next month.

## The next writing task - Manufacturer's Regret

This may be based on fact but should also include imaginative creative writing. We have probably all had experiences when you have written to the makers of a product which has not performed in the ways you expected - and they advertised. Could be a kitchen accessory which under-performs ("The first time I used your mixer it spread the soup around the newly-decorated walls of my kitchen and a tomato caught mother-in-law smack in her back ...") or a new, expensive car which conks out on the way back from the showroom ("You call it a 'luxury model' - I call it a disaster:").

What you write is an extract from the manufacturer's response to your letter. Their letter may quote from the one you sent them. Please observe a 145 word limit and don't include addresses or names in the letter, unless they are within the word limit. Please email your writing to me by **MARCH 12** at [j.w.somers@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:j.w.somers@exeter.ac.uk) or post to Pear Tree Cottage, Lower Tale, Payhembury, Honiton, EX143HL. Email me or ring 34 611368 if you need to chat.

*John Somers*

*Example:*

We are sorry to hear that our GetUThere Satnav which your wife bought you for Christmas has caused problems.

If you followed the instructions, you should not have arrived at Dawlish in Australia when you were aiming for South Devon. I can only think you did not set your destination correctly (instructions, page 5) and wonder why you were not suspicious when you took your vehicle onto a flight from Heathrow.

As for the refund of your £5,020 costs, we are enclosing a voucher for £5 which you can use towards buying a friend a GetUThere Satnav. I also enclose our catalogue which shows other excellent navigation aids - all with very clear instructions for use.

I also wonder whether you would be willing to take part in our Spring publicity drive? I can fetch you from your house.

(Tuff Luck, Sales Manager)

## THE CHALLENGE: THE DEATH SLIDE.

I stood at the bottom of the towering death slide praying to be safe! A tingle ran down my spine as I anxiously peered up at people sliding down to hell. I knew they weren't really but I couldn't be sure. I had to face my fear! The voice in my head loudly chanted "Come on. You can do it." I knew the voice was right but I was still quivering all over with fear!

Carefully I started to climb up the creaky, wooden stairs clinging onto the knobbly banister for dear life.

Thinking about this challenge gave me a splitting headache. Come on I thought shaking myself. Big mistake. I let go and looked down! I silently screamed and then collapsed against the banister! Once again I looked down to the blurry earth below and I knew if I fell it would be the end... Queues of people started filling up the stairs behind me! I couldn't go back down!

Mum and Dad's warm faces gave me the courage to keep on going. At last I made it to the top of the 100 feet drop I had to be fearless. Three more people gone and it's my go! I knew if I did I would land safely at the bottom but I wasn't convinced after last week's accident. It was my go! I shifted slowly to the edge not daring to look down. But I had to.

Suddenly I couldn't get the floor into focus, all it was ..... was a blur of grey and fear and what is more, the blazing, scorching bright sun was in my wincing eyes. I made a lunge...

Madeleine Smith (Aged 9)

## THE CHALLENGE: THE JOB

My mind is overactive again and today I am struggling with the D word. Decisions. It even sounds challenging. Let me explain. Me and my talking head, have this ongoing battle.

"When to retire". Yes I'm approaching "that" age! I love my job but it's tiring and challenging in every way imaginable. A never-ending day of up to 12 hours of washing, dressing, toileting and dealing with all manner of other people's bodily fluids.

Confused, helpless, paralysed individuals struck down in a moment, lives shattered. Government has deemed that I have to work longer before I get my old age pension. Hah! If I get there that is, or die on the way. My talking head is now singing "I got bills I gotta pay, So I'ma gonn' work work work every day".

(Thanks Lurchmoney Lewis for that earworm.) Yes, we have to work but I love the outdoors, and I work indoors and besides .... I hate being too hot. "Especially at your age" I hear you rub it in. Why did I choose this job forty years ago? Yes, you heard, forty years. Was I mad or did it choose me?"

"You said you love it, and other people would consider it precious." True ... but I'm not a saint. "Who says you have to be. What was it you heard on the radio the other day that Mother Teresa said? 'Only a few people are destined to be great but we can do small acts with great love'". "So where am I now, to retire or not to retire?"

The jury is still out.

Hilary Sanders





# Nature Notes

Observations from January



Hello everyone,

Haven't we experienced some lovely Winter days recently? Margaret and I spent a couple of hours at Rutland Water a week or so ago. It was lovely and sunny, but windy and cold! However, we walked round the lake, and saw some good birds, including golden eye ducks and a red kite.

We also visited Topsham, and again it was a super day. The tide was in, so the birds were forced nearer to the shoreline. We saw over forty species, including lots of avocets, a couple of snipe, shovellers and many others. I can recommend a walk round the Goat Walk, from which you have lovely views over the estuary, and the walk passes the hide, where all the keen folks stop off to get fantastic views of the waterfowl, plus curlew, lapwings, godwits, etc.

Locally, the numbers of fieldfare and redwings have increased. There were several hundred of them feeding on the ground in the mead the other day. A few people have been lucky enough to see goldcrests, in gardens and in the village trees. These tiny birds are the smallest in Britain. The cold days bring lots of the commoner birds into our garden. We never tire of seeing goldfinches, robins, chaffinches, dunnocks and the others.



And, now for something completely different. A large black cat has been seen by more than one person recently, very close to the village. And when I say large, I mean very large! Bigger than a fox, but more cat-like, with a long body. Could this be the panther, which local folk say inhabits this area?

Alan Jones, 01404 841671 or [baroda.jones@btinternet.com](mailto:baroda.jones@btinternet.com)





## Romance is in the air at the Parish Hall!

Di and John Somers have very kindly donated this indoor 'marquee' canopy to the Parish Hall following their daughter's wedding reception there.

After spending some time exploring various rigging options, Kevin Wooff, Rick Jones and Kirsty Cann expect to have put the finishing touches to the canopy rigging by the time this Parish Paper is distributed.

The atmosphere in the Hall will be considerably enhanced by the canopy, which will be available for hire for functions.

The Hall Committee, on behalf of the residents of Payhembury, extend sincere thanks and warm wishes to Di and John Somers for their generous contribution.

*Kevin Wooff, Chair, Payhembury Parish Hall*

### **CLARETS' CORNER**

The CLARETS are sitting in the top half of the Premier League (at the time of writing) with a home win against SOUTHAMPTON, and also through to the fourth round of the FA CUP after a 2-0 victory over SUNDERLAND in a third round replay.



It's good to see the properties at COLESTOCKS BARNS (more work) are now occupied, a very impressive complex! It's also good to see that the evenings are getting lighter, the dark winter nights can be a bit depressing.

See you around the village and UP THE CLARETS!!

MARTY

*William Garvey, furniture designers & makers, of Upton,  
are delighted to sponsor Payhembury Parish Paper*

**STOP  
PRESS**

**DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT SUCCESS!**

**Will be located outside shop. Watch this space  
for training session dates ....**

**Tim Cox**

# The Daymonds

**At the end of this month Douglas and Vera Daymond leave Victoria Dairy Farm in Payhembury for Honiton to be nearer their two daughters.**

Their departure will end a link between the Daymond family and the village that began in 1894, when Douglas's great-grandfather bought the farm (then called 'The Ridge'), and began running the Six Bells pub. He also built the cottages on the top side of the village triangle.



*photo by Ian Derbyshire*

Douglas was born in the Six Bells in 1935, and met Vera Tucker – from Plymtree - at the Young Farmers Spring Ball in Cullompton in 1952. They married four years later, and their letter from the Queen congratulating them on their diamond anniversary is one of their most treasured possessions.

Douglas's lifelong interest has been cows. His family kept the first British Friesians in the parish, and at the age of eight Douglas taught himself how to hand-milk. 'Not so clever,' he says ruefully, 'because from then on I had to milk before and after school.' Back then the family used to deliver their milk all round the village, measuring it out from a bucket into people's jugs and pots.

Douglas went on to breed and show Friesian Holsteins, and has won numerous prizes, most spectacularly Best Reserve Champion Heifer at the Royal Show in 1994 with Payhembury Renate. Renate, a proud, beautiful animal, always held her head up high when a halter was slipped on in case she was about to go in the ring, and gave up to 13 gallons a day. When the Daymonds had their dispersal sale in 2003, forty of her progeny were sold. Douglas's cows have led to him travelling to Spain, France, Portugal and even Canada, and becoming a respected judge.

'I always knew,' Vera jokes, 'that I came third in his life: the cows were first, and then his dog.' Older villagers may remember Douglas's marvellous collie bitch, Andy, who was with him for nearly 20 years, and used to help him drive cows through the village to pasture at the Old Vicarage, or down to Egremont Cross. 'She'd sit next to him when he had a cup of tea,' Vera says, 'and eat the biscuit.' Vera has always been by Douglas's side, helping him with the calves, as well as running a thriving bed and breakfast business and raising their four children: Wendy, Anthony, Jacqueline and Roger. They now have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**It's hard to imagine Payhembury without Douglas: in his time he has run the Hall Committee, the Playing Field Committee, served as a School Governor, and of course he was on the Parish Council for 43 years, Chairman for 38.**

He also served on East Devon District Council as the Representative for the Tale Vale Ward. He was on the May Fair Committee, too, when Payhembury had a huge yearly May Fair in William's Ash field. He has a fund of stories about the old days, remembering how full the pub used to be with Americans from Dunkeswell when the war was on, and the great moment when the old village pond (next to Culver House) was set on fire on VE night.

Douglas and Vera are sad to go, but Victoria Dairy Farm, with all its stairs, is increasingly hard to negotiate. 'I'll miss the roads round Payhembury most,' Douglas says wistfully. Since his stroke he's been driving down them on his mobility scooter, charmed and delighted by how many friends and neighbours stop to chat to him. Both he and Vera will be very much missed.

*Lucy Pinney*

## NEWS from Payhembury Provisions ...



It may be cold outside in February but as usual the atmosphere is warm and friendly in the village shop. Our hot drinks machine has been going at full steam ahead during December and January while we had a free hot drink offer but now we are back to charging again it is still a really good way to warm up and at only £1, and with a free biscuit if you're lucky, it is very reasonable.



We all need some small treats at this time of year and with Valentine's Day coming up soon it may be time to treat your nearest and dearest too! We know from our sales figures that we like our wine in Payhembury, why not buy an extra bottle, order a nice juicy steak or buy some of our authentic curries, add a box of chocolates and a bunch of cheerful Cornish daffodils and you will be all set for a cosy and romantic night in.



We will also be getting Seville oranges in for all the marmalade makers in the village, I'm sure there is a class in the Flower and Bulb show for you to show off your skills in the marmalade-making department. Lastly, don't forget Shrove Tuesday on 28th February, we always have lemons, free-range local eggs, butter, milk and flour in stock ready for you to make a pile of perfect pancakes.

February need not be such a dull month after all!

Mary



Stage 1 - Fibre Cabinet built outside the School



Stage 2 - Jan 17th, connection testing?



Stage 3 - ??

## **“Pssst ... interested in High-Speed Broadband??”**

“Many of you will have noticed the spanking new fibre cabinet that has been built outside the school. As of yet, BT and BT Openreach, as usual, have not handed out any useful information about when it is planned to be connected such that Payhembury residents can soak up super-fast data.

However, our informal, super sleuth high-speed ‘get Payhembury fibre’ broadband team - Robin Elsom, Graham Smith, Ben Sullivan, Kevin Wooff, Keith Williams and Iestyn John - have managed to unearth some unofficial information and we expect the cabinet to be connected by March this year, bringing an end to the medieval trickle of data that we’ve endured until now.

Keep an eye on the notice board for further news. Hurrah!”

*Kevin Wooff*



## **Carol Singing**



A huge thanks to everyone who turned up to sing carols around the village, I think at one point our group swelled to over 30 - amazing.

Following our walk around the village we all bundled into cars and headed for Colestocks House, where we enjoyed the hospitality of the Silver family, and as a result the singing improved!

We finished our evening at the Six Bells for more carols and refreshments. Our final donations came to just over £200, all of which have been given to the Payhembury Relief Fund.

Once again thanks to everyone who made this such a successful evening, see you all again next December when we get to do it all over again.

*Lesley Elford*

# Payhembury Badders – Open Session, Sunday February 5, 2pm to 4pm at the Parish Community Hall

Come along and play badminton at the Parish Community Hall Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb !  
Last year badminton court markings were laid down in the Parish Community Hall, and high-quality net and posts were purchased. It's now a fantastic facility which can be used by all.

Badminton is a great game to get the blood up, and can be played by all ages, all abilities, unaffected by the light or the weather. It can be a game for two, or doubles for 4, and we hope to be able to offer a ladder and league for those who want the incentive to either keep improving or prove who is 'top dog'. *How it works:*

1. You join – membership is for the year is available as individual, couple or family, youth or adult – it doesn't matter what your level is, we will aim to give people the opportunity to find your level ... abilities from enthusiast, through intermediate to advanced.
2. For that you get access to the online booking system, and out-of-hours access to the Hall, and guidance on playing. There is a requirement to wear indoor only court shoes with non-marking soles, to keep the floor in good condition for all users.
3. A small court fee applies when playing (outline fees below).



It's a place to go and play badminton but it will also be a good excuse to socialize – we're hoping to have a couple of events a year, and could well have a regular weekly get-together. All of this depends on demand.

**If you think you might like to join in, or even if you're not sure but curious, come along to our Open Session, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February between 2 and 4pm.**

*Annual Membership fees: Individual adult £25, Individual Junior (<18) £15, Couple £40, Family (2 Adults, max 4 kids) £60. PLUS COURT USE FEES: £2 per hour for the court. Guests: Court fees apply, plus £2 per hour, per guest.*

**Kevin Wooff**

## **PAYHEMBURY SPRING BULB AND FLOWER SHOW**

**Happy New Year from the Bulb Show committee.**

**It's not long now until the show will be upon us. I hope you've all got your schedules and are planning your exhibits, or making some in advance during these dark winter evenings. If you haven't yet got one, the schedules are available in the village shop. Please take a look and let's try and make this a wonderful show.**

**Any queries please email me at [j.wood873@btinternet.com](mailto:j.wood873@btinternet.com) or phone on 01404 841843.**

**Jane Wood**

# Payhembury Weather

[www.payhembury-weather.co.uk](http://www.payhembury-weather.co.uk)

**Rainfall:** December and January have been much drier than normal. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> snow appeared on the hills around but soon melted. My Payhembury observations gave a total rainfall of 791mm for 2016 which is an anomaly of -91mm.

**Temperatures:** It has been warm overall with a few cold snaps to remind us its really winter. Overall the 2016 temperature anomaly for E. Devon was +0.5 degC. My observations for the year gave an average of 10.8 degC with an anomaly of +0.6 degC.

**Weather elsewhere:** Storm Barbara closely followed by Conor rattled Scotland but apart from heavy rain no damage down here. Thundersnow is a new term where thunderstorms in cold weather can sometimes give rise to heavy downpours of snow which was experienced in N. England recently. The European “cold wave” which affected Eastern Europe including Greece and Italy caused over 60 deaths with the Danube frozen. Over Christmas Ayres Rock in central Australia was hit by flash flooding with spectacular waterfalls suddenly appearing.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

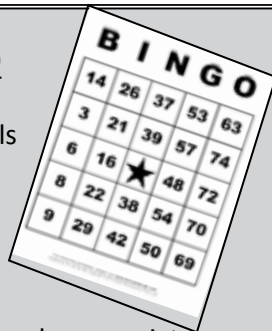
Dec 16/Jan 17	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	8.5/7.6	10.7/8.7	Warmer
Min Temp	2.7/2.1	5.1/2.6	Warmer
Mean Temp	5.6/4.9	7.9/5.6	Warmer
Temp Range	5.8/5.5	5.5/6.2	
Highest Max	15.5/14	15.4/13.2	8 Dec 16
Lowest Min	-9/-13	-2.7/-3.8	3 Jan 17
Lowest Max	-2.5/-6	4/5.3	1 Dec 16
Highest Min	12.5/11	12.7/9.1	8 Dec 16
Payhembury	Rainfall mm		Date of max
Dec 16	100	29	15 Dec 16

Current weather in Payhembury and a forecast can be viewed at [www.payhembury-weather.co.uk](http://www.payhembury-weather.co.uk) Roger Saunders  
Like me on Facebook and follow me on twitter at @sat\_metman



## CUP OF TEA AND BINGO

We held our first meeting in the Six Bells in January and very nice it was too. We were all cosy in front of the fire and had our usual tea and cake – thanks to Marjorie for the lovely offerings!



Many thanks to the pub for looking after us so well, we do appreciate it and look forward to our February get together. On the subject of which, don't forget the first Wednesday IS the first of the month! Hope to see you there:

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**2.15pm in the Six Bells**

Don't forget if you need a lift or have any questions, call Marjorie (841110) or Sue (841103)

(The March bingo will be also be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>)



## The University of the Third Age

The next meeting of the Honiton U3A is on

**Wednesday 15th February**

when we see the return of popular speaker

**Sarah Obermuller-Bennett**

who will be telling us about 'Devon Ghosts and Legends' – a costumed talk of ghosts, scandal and shaking chains in haunted Devon!

**The Beehive Centre, Dowell St., Honiton.**

Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start

Members Free and Visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2.00)

Further information: 01404 598008

Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>

'Learn, Laugh & Live'



Dear Friends

I hope you can see Parchina and me playing in the snow. We really enjoyed a slight covering the other day. We really wanted more! We hope you all had a jolly New Year, we mice had a great celebration and we went to visit our cousins and stayed the night.

This year Mum and Dad allowed us to stay up until midnight and we danced in the field by our cousins' nest as the clock struck 12. Ooooooh it was such fun. Then we came inside for some lovely hot apple punch Auntie Dot had made, it warmed us up right to the end of our chilly toes.

It's a shame we don't get much snow in Payhembury, our cousins in Scotland often write to us and tell us of all the fun that they have in the snow, well the young mice do, the older mice just curl up and go to sleep until it's all over which can be a long time in Scotland.

We have enjoyed seeing the children come back to church after their holidays; we do miss their lovely singing when they are away. By the time this is read we believe another exciting service will take place, the Christingle service. We do hope that perhaps someone will leave a Christingle for us to play with and to eat those lovely yummy sweets. It's good to know that even in these dark days there is still the light of Jesus shining out. Actually when we have eaten the sweet we play roller ball with the orange, but don't tell anyone.

We are looking forward to planning our holidays this year. Mum and Dad say that now we are older we can go a little further afield; I wonder where we could go. Any suggestions? Last year we just went two fields away and joined the field mice. I'd like to go and meet some of our city friends but that may be too far and Parchina thinks it might be scary. Oh well let's see what Mum and Dad come up with.  
Squeaks, Parchie and Parchina.

## Tale Millers Cricket Club



Tale Millers CC

Although a seemingly quiet time for cricket lovers, we have been **extremely busy** at TMCC headquarters, planning the 2017 season.

A first this year *may* be a tour to Bude, involving an overnight camping stay - details to follow from the Tour organizers - Grant Clarke and Alex Scott.

Also in the pipeline is a home skittles match against the Broadhembury Lions, planned for late February.

**An important date for your diary is Sunday 2nd April- this is the club's Natwest Groundforce Day** when the team and social members prepare the ground and clubhouse for the new season (don't worry I'm sure Jon will be on toilet duties).

This year we have decided to have a family BBQ in the late afternoon, after the work is finished. All are welcome !!

Paul Hynam, Club secretary *mob* 07770481774



## INFORMATION PAGE

### **Non-urgent police contact: 101**

**Honiton Hospital:** 01404 540540 (Minor Injury Unit 8am- 8pm (formerly 10pm)

**RD&E Hospital Exeter:** 01392 411611

**Ottery St Mary Hospital:** 01404 816000 (Minor Injury Unit is currently closed)

### **Your Parish Council**

*Meetings held 2nd Wed of alternate months (starting January) 7.30pm in the Parish Hall*

Tim Cox 01404 850005 Robert Leach 01404 841408 (Vice Chair)

Mark Disney 01404 841353 Keith Williams 01404 841772 (Chair)

Paul Hynam 07770 481774 Mary Lorimer 01884 277226

Bill Eaton 01404 841522 Louise Scott, Parish Clerk 01884 277280  
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### **Useful numbers at the County Council (all 0345)**

**General Enquiries** 155 1015 Registrars 155 1002

Roads & transport 155 1004 Libraries 155 1001

Disability information 155 1005 Children/families 155 1013

Bus passes 01392 383 688

**County Councillor** Paul Diviani 0845 328 5788

### **Emergencies**

Social Care 0345 600 0388

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Animal welfare, petrol, explosives 01392 499499

### **Useful numbers at the East Devon District Council (all 01395)**

**Switchboard** 516 551

Emergency (*out of hours*) 516 854 Missed bins/recycling 571 515

Dog problems 571 457 Council Tax/benefits 517 446

Pest control 516 551 Car park fines 571 780

Planning matters 517 475 Environmental health 517 456

Support for elderly, disabled & vulnerable residents 578 237

## **PAYHEMBURY PARISH HALL HIRE AND CHARGES**

Please contact Jo Vincent on 01404 841554 for details and to book.

(Please telephone before 6pm)

## **PAYHEMBURY PROVISIONS**

### **Opening hours & contact details**

Monday - Friday 8am - 7pm Saturday 8am - 1pm

Sunday 8am - 12pm

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# CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Wed 1st	Cup of Tea and Bingo, The Six Bells, 2.15pm Gardening Club, Bob Flowerdew, Broadhembury Hall, 7.30pm
Sun 5th	Morning Worship, Church, 11am Badminton Open Event, Parish Hall, 2 - 4pm
Sun 12th	Café Service, 10.30am
Mon 13th	Soup Lunch, Church, 12-2pm
Tues 14th	WI, Fitness Forever, Broadhembury Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 15th	Coffee Morning, Meadowbank, 1 Warren Close, 11am Mobile Library, Parish Hall Car park, 11.25am - 11.45am U3A, "Devon Ghosts & Legends", Beehive Centre, Honiton, 2pm
Sat 18th	Parish Paper deadline, 4pm
Sat 18th & Sun 19th	Snowdrop Weekend, Escot Church, 10am - 4pm
Sun 19th	All Ages Service & Baptism, Church, 9.30am
Tues 21st	Girls' Night Out, The Six Bells, 8pm
Sun 26th	Parish Communion, Church, 9.30am
Tues 28th	WI. Prof. Robert Gleave, Broadhembury Hall, 7.30pm

## Early March dates:

Wed 1st	Cup of Tea & Bingo, The Six Bells, 2.15pm
Sun 5th	Morning Worship, Church, 11am
Sun 12th	Deadline for entries to John Somers for The Writing Wall

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE PARISH HALL

MONDAY	Apple Pips	9.30 - 11.30 am
TUESDAY	Musical Moments	9.15 - 10.15am
	Pilates	6.45 - 7.45 pm & 7.50 - 8.50 pm
WEDNESDAY	Pilates	9.15 - 10.15 am & 10.30 - 11.30 am (Men)
	Short Mat Bowling	7.30 - 10.00 pm
THURSDAY	Pilates for beginners	9.30 - 10.30am

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