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## Rectory notes



On Boxing Day in 2004 we watched our TVs in horror, as a tsunami engulfed coastal communities. People, boats, homes, livelihoods, lives – all tossed in the air as if they were nothing.

A tsunami has engulfed our world. Not just health and lives have been overwhelmed by the coronavirus, but livelihoods and incomes, families and connections, stability and security. So much of what was normal has fled, at least temporarily. We are learning a new way of living. I write this in 'self-isolation' (one of so many words that have gate-crashed our vocabulary), due to a member of the household. Thankfully there is food in the larder (for now at least), and I live in a supportive community. I am also grateful that my father-in-law's funeral, just a fortnight ago, was before the shutters came down.

We approach in April the marking of another death, one central to human experience. When so much that is familiar to us has gone, how can Good Friday not be a magnetic moment? Aside from any religious creed, here is a death to symbolise all deaths, past, present and future. More than this, it takes all deaths onto itself: physical death, yes, but also death of the ways of life we knew, the normality we loved, of expectations we had, even of hopes that have been washed away.

It takes all those deaths, and it sits with them, quietly, respectfully, and with overwhelming compassion for our losses. In the stillness of Easter Saturday, those deaths lie silent in the ground. We wait. And then all is changed! New life springs up from the dark earth. Not old life resuscitated, but life of a form that could not have been conceived before. Easter. Resurrection. Hope! For the God 'who gives life to the dead and calls into being the things that do not exist', as St Paul puts it, is not dead.

We see this happening already. Out of the current crisis, mutual support in our communities is forging new bonds. Creative ways of working emerge. And cheering us on are the Spring flowers, brushing aside their underground winter to now burst with colour.

One tiny virus, and how fragile our world is shown to be. But there will always be Easter. There will always be hope.

**Rev David Carrington**

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## PARISHES OF FENITON, ESCOT, PAYHEMBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL ARE CANCELLED

Funerals and Weddings can still take place, but with significant restrictions. Please see the Church of England website for details or contact the Vicar.

**Message from the Church:** Our Church is always open for you if you want to spend time in contemplation or prayers for loved ones during this difficult time. If you need support of any kind, please ring Babs on 841409 or Becky on 841825.

### Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between preserving  
their health or paying their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their  
schools close  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the eco  
nomic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country  
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around  
each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neigh  
bours.

*Amen*

### Looking to the future --

The Church events team are planning the following:  
Sunday 14 June, 3 to 5pm – “The Trials and Tribulations of a Village Organist”- .  
Saturday 11 July, 7pm – Voiceworx concert in church.  
Friday either 9 or 16 October—Autumn Quiz in the village hall  
Thursday 26 November—A Causley Christmas – with Jim Causley, folk singer

Further details and confirmation of the dates nearer the time. ***Let's look forward!***

# Cancellations and Postponements

The Tale Millers Cricket Club Quiz scheduled for **Friday 3rd April** has been postponed. If you have bought tickets, they will be valid for the re-arranged date.

**There will be no Girls' Night Out in April**



**There will be no Soup Lunch in April**

**HONITON**



*Learn, live, laugh*

The April meeting at The Beehive has been cancelled.

"Sing together! Sing Well! Sing happy!"

**ChoirWorx 2020**

West Country Festival of Singing

This event has been postponed until  
**Sunday 2nd May 2021**

**Cancelled : Easter Market & Mingle  
4th April**

Sadly this event has been cancelled as a result of the government's guidelines on social gatherings. We hope to organise another event in September.

Thanks for your understanding.

*Jenny Burgess*



COFFEE  
MORNING

No Coffee Morning in April.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

The April WI meeting has been cancelled

Gardening Club scheduled for 1st April has been cancelled.

VE Day 75, due to be celebrated in Payhembury on Friday 8 May, and nationally for that 3 day weekend, has been cancelled. The national organisers hope to move celebrations to the weekend of 15/16 August, to celebrate VE and VJ Days together. Further information will be forthcoming.



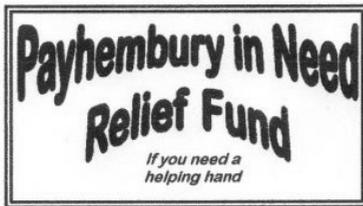
## Keeping an eye on your Neighbours

Those of us who need to stay indoors and avoid shopping etc will be worrying about how they can cope. One particular worry might be how they are going to pick up prescriptions!

There are quite a few younger folk in the village who are offering to help out, but many of these are on Facebook etc and older people might not use the internet.

Therefore, can we all keep our eyes and ears open and take note of anyone they think might need medicines or anything else collecting? The help is out there, just text or telephone me or send a message via the village website [www.payhembury.org.uk](http://www.payhembury.org.uk).

**Sue Derbyshire 01404 841103/07801 454804**



In these very worrying times please remember that this fund is in place to help anyone who has unexpected expenses or difficulties.

It is vitally important that people obey government advice and stay at home if they are elderly or have underlying conditions, so if this causes any unexpected problems, please contact us in case we can help

**Ian Derbyshire 01404 841103**

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: FORCE CANCER CHARITY

FORCE Cancer Charity regretfully announced on Tuesday March 17 the temporary closure of its Support and Information Centre in Exeter. The charity will continue to offer telephone and video call support to local people affected by cancer. The decision to close its Support Centre in the grounds of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital was taken after consultation with clinical staff at the RD&E. It follows the first reported cases of Coronavirus/Covid19 at the hospital. All support services at FORCE's weekly outreach centres in Okehampton, Tiverton and Honiton were also stopped with immediate effect but chemotherapy treatment will continue as normal in all three towns for now. People with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment may be among those at particular risk from Coronavirus. FORCE will be regularly updating its website - [www.forcecancercharity.co.uk](http://www.forcecancercharity.co.uk) - with news of how to access whatever support is available.

### THE NUMBERS YOU MAY NEED

**FORCE Cancer Nursing Team: 01392 406151**

**Psychological and emotional support: 01392 406168/406169**



I have just come indoors and lit a lovely log fire, after a productive morning (which started in the wee hours) down in my lambing yard, sorting out ewes and lambs, moving new-borns and their mums into individual pens to mother up and generally appreciating the wonder of new life – even if it is just sheep.

As I write, I am fully aware that there is so much grief and turmoil in the world, but for me I make it my mission every morning to be positive, to smile, not to tell Edward off too much and, as we all used to say at Brownies,...”to do my best at all times”. It’s a challenge but we’ve all got to try.

This weekend I have got 2 lovely families staying for the weekend with the sole purpose of experiencing lambing – at the moment the ewes have got their legs firmly crossed but I am hoping that the 3 children staying with us see lambs being born. They’ve had lots of cuddles with lambs but there is nothing like the real thing. Yes there will be cries of “yuk”, but once the lambs have been cleaned up, the process of birth will be long forgotten and, as the lambs get to their feet within minutes, everyone will be smiling, particularly me!



The scene around the breakfast table is always amusing as the children force down their breakfast as fast as possible, so they can get their wellies on, let the dogs out, and undertake their favourite job.....egg hunting. Our chickens are totally free range during the day and lay eggs everywhere so egg hunting is great fun for the kids. One little lad called Ollie, caught me out yesterday as he produced an egg and dropped it in front of my eyes, to which I squealed. He laughed out loud as the egg bounced back into his hands – cheeky so and so...it was a rubber one.

These are the moments we must remember to keep us smiling at this very difficult time.

**Janet East**

## COVID-19

You will all be aware of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. At a time like this we encourage you to consider ways to keep yourself, your family and those in our community safe, particularly the isolated and vulnerable. Over the next few months we may all need some help and support at different times

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If you can't leave your home and need provisions  
Payhembury Provisions can deliver  
Call: 01404 841856

Or email: [payhemburyprovisions@gmail.com](mailto:payhemburyprovisions@gmail.com)  
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If you can help deliver supplies to those stuck at home  
Call: 01404 841856 and leave your details  
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If you could help your neighbours & friends when they are not able to go out - exchange phone numbers and email addresses now  
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Let people know if you want help  
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### Further Information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>  
<https://www.payhembury.org.uk/coronavirus-watching-out-for-yourself-family-and-neighbours/>

[payhemburypc@googlemail.com](mailto:payhemburypc@googlemail.com)  
<http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/>

## Shared Garden Scheme – Vege-Link

Whilst the Parish Council continue to try to organise allotments in the parish, an alternative option has been suggested – Vege-Link. The aim of Vege-Link is to bring together those who need help with their gardens with people who do not have the facilities to grow their own produce. If you have a garden that is too big for you to cultivate now, you could 'share' some of that space with others who do not have enough space to grow fruit and vegetables in their own gardens. The Parish Council would like to find out how much interest there might be in this idea of sharing gardens and would appreciate any feedback about the idea. Please email [payhemburypc@googlemail.com](mailto:payhemburypc@googlemail.com) if you might like to be part of a scheme like this, if it could be organised.

***Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk***

**Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 28th April 28th to be held in church at 7.30pm**  
All parishioners are welcome.  
Come and meet members of the PCC and find out what we do!

**Churchyard Clean-up will take place on**  
**Saturday 25th April 10 to 12noon**

**All Mobile Library Vans have been suspended**  
**until further notice**

### **Coffee Morning**

We are so blessed to experience the neighbourliness in our village, as was evident when Margaret stepped into the breach, as Nan and Rich realised they would be unable to host the Coffee Morning in February, due to a leak indoors as a result of the relentless rain we have experienced so far this year. It was a joy to see Margaret's wonderful display of spring flowers on her doorstep, and we thank her for her kind hospitality.

The April coffee morning is cancelled.

***Marjorie Wright***



If anyone is self-isolating and needs their dog walking, please let me know.

Happy to help.

***Kate Duggan, 841039***



**Afternoon Tea**  
**& Bingo!**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE : APRIL SESSION IS CANCELLED\*\***

We had a great session in March and it was lovely to see Louise and Ray – particularly since a couple of the regulars couldn't make it. Usual nice cakes and a good time was had by all.

Unfortunately our next meeting may not be for some time as we have decided it is only sensible to stop our Tea and Bingo sessions while the Coronavirus situation is happening. Therefore there will be no meetings for a while, but we will let you all know and advertise it when we plan to start up again. If anyone has any queries, please feel free to contact us:

Marjorie (841110) or Sue (841103)

***Sue Derbyshire***

## Local Produce and Sustainability Fair

The Parish Council have decided, with regret, to postpone the Local Produce and Sustainability Fair until the Autumn. The Coronavirus situation is likely to get worse in the near future with the number of cases expected to increase significantly over the coming weeks. It was felt that, in the circumstances, the best option was not to hold the fair now.

The Parish Council still want to hold the Local Produce and Sustainability Fair to promote and showcase all of the fantastic groups, societies and local produce that Payhembury has to offer and to encourage sustainability wherever possible. The plan now is to reschedule the Fair until September or October, when, hopefully, things will have settled down a bit and returned to some sort of normality. A new date will be fixed later in the summer.

For updates from the parish council, please go to our website:

- <http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/>

## Update on proposed 6-week road closure in Colestocks

The proposed closure of the road through Colestocks (from near the end of the Payhembury-Colestocks footpath, through the centre of Colestocks and down to Shoots Barn) is still being discussed by all of the relevant parties. The aim is to find a solution that enables the property to be attached to the National Grid whilst minimising the disruption to road users. A number of options are being revisited to see if they can be made to work and the time it is taking to find the best viable option is an indication of how complicated this issue is. Dates have already been moved back from the original April/May dates and any work is not currently expected to be until June/July at the earliest. Western Power are very aware of the issues that closing the road will cause and are working hard to minimise the disruption as much as possible. They are in regular contact with the Parish Council to ensure that the latest information is available as quickly as possible.

This information will be made available via the Parish Council website -

<http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/>

[Roads and Highways 29495.aspx](http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Roads_and_Highways_29495.aspx) or you can contact the Parish Council direct via [payhemburypc@googlemail.com](mailto:payhemburypc@googlemail.com) for further information.

Updates will also be published in the Parish Paper.

***Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk***

**Do you have an event to publicise, or some news to share?**

Email: [payhemburypaper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:payhemburypaper@yahoo.co.uk)

**Deadline for May is Saturday 18 March 4pm**



Who would have thought that we would be feeling nostalgic for a time when boring old Brexit was uppermost in our list of worries?

Now we are living in uncertain times but the encouraging news is that Payhembury with its committed and caring community spirit is a good place to be in a crisis. Within hours of publishing our corona virus poster, which you can see in this Parish Paper, we had offers of help from dozens of people, thank you to every one of you. So if you need some help, and that could be anyone amongst us, then just ring the shop and we will do our best to organise whatever goods you need, to be delivered to you. Please don't come into the shop if you, or anyone close to you, is feeling at all unwell.

As you all know by now, we are firm supporters of local food suppliers and we trust that they will continue to stock our shop through the months ahead, along with deliveries of staple goods from our wholesaler.

Advice from the government is changing day by day at the moment and by the time you read this our older volunteers (some of our real troupers are in their eighties although you'd never believe it!) may have been advised to go into temporary hibernation. So if you can't go to work, are fit and healthy and could help in the shop we would love to hear from you. Please ring Anne Baxter on 01404 841345.

***Mary Whiting***

### **Broadhembury and District Gardening Club**

The March meeting was very well supported and much sowing and pricking out took place. It was a busy and productive evening in preparation for our plant sale on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The plant sale provides the majority of the funding for our excellent programme of speakers and various events which we all enjoy throughout the year and enables us to keep membership costs down. If you are sowing other seeds at home or splitting perennials, then any spares would be most welcome for our sale.

**April Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 1st has been cancelled.**

***Mandy Persey***



David and Holly who moved to Rull last summer.

*We hope they are happy here in Payhembury.*

At BBC, we are looking into the statements that Jesus made of himself, for example 'I am the Good Shepherd' and 'I am the Light of the World'. We explored Psalm 32, how God can care and comfort us, how a shepherd cares for their sheep compared to hired hands that may not go the full length of 'laying down their life for their sheep'. How does this relate



to modern day? How can we care for each other? With the topic of Coronavirus we explored how the NHS cares for people and had fun putting bandages on each other! To explore what it means to be the light of the world we sat in total darkness in our garage, then lit a candle to see how that can dispel the darkness, then introducing more light and torches we saw how working together we can really spread God's light into the world. We then had fun making tissue - covered lanterns.



Next term, being the summer term, we will be outside more in the garden (weather permitting!!!)

**Nicola and Neil Hart**

### **Definitive Map Review – Hembury Fort footpath to be added to Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Payhembury**

Devon County Council's Public Rights of Way committee met on 5<sup>th</sup> March and received the report on the Definitive Map Review of Payhembury. The Committee decided that the footpaths from the Witness Moor car park and around the northern end of Hembury Fort should be added to the Definitive Map of footpaths in the parish and they will be making an order in due course to make this a permanent Public Right of Way. These footpaths join up with an existing footpath so that a complete circuit of the top of Hembury Fort will now be possible on a designated Public Right of Way. A map showing the existing footpath and the newly recorded footpaths can be found [http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Definitive\\_Map\\_Review\\_25700.aspx](http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Definitive_Map_Review_25700.aspx)

Minutes from the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March can be seen on the Devon County Council's website [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk) via the Democracy and Transparency section (select minutes from the list on the right hand side of the page, followed by Public Rights of Way Committee and then the date of the meeting).

**Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk**

## Memories of childhood

Born in 1940, I was brought up in SE Wales in the parish of Bryngwyn (White Hill) in a very basic house with an outside bucket toilet, and no mains water or bathroom. Life was very hard for my mother who seemed to work from her eyes opening in the morning until they closed at night. Monday was clothes washing day and my father got up early to light the fire underneath the built-in kitchen boiler so that the water would be hot when Mam needed it. The washing was hung in the adjoining orchard and, when it failed to dry, it was draped across the living room on a clothes line to dry from the only source of heat in the house – the living room open fire. There was no airing cupboard and airing was achieved by placing the clothes on a chair-back in front of the fire. Mam ironed using two heavy flat irons, one heating on the primus stove whilst the other pressed the damp clothes. As a teenager when I was readying myself for a night out in Abergavenny, she would often say – “Get that shirt off – it’s still damp” and it was placed in front of the fire until she judged it completely dry.

Dad rode a motorbike and I have vivid memories of holding onto his waist as we travelled on Saturday mornings on our rabbit-catching trip, with me holding between us the box of nets and the ferret in a bag. He took the rabbits we caught to his factory (BNS, Pontypool) where he sold them at 2/6d each (12.5p). I remember seeing a payslip which showed that he earned £9.50 a week, and on that and family allowance he and Mam raised four boys. Mam often ate meals when the rest of us had finished, eating the ‘leftovers’ in the kitchen whilst also doing the washing up. The only auxiliary heating was paraffin stoves which stank the house out! Dad worked shifts and when arriving home from the night shift he always fed, mucked out and groomed our ponies and horses, often exercising the steeplechaser before going to bed.

Mam knew that successful education was a way of escaping the poverty we lived in. She had left school at 13 and was working as a live-in maid at fifteen in one of the many grand mansions owned by the gentry. The people in the ‘big house’ (Llanarth Court) owned most of the surrounding houses and farms, so offending them was a dangerous move. We were taught to pull our forelocks for the gentry, many of whom still rode by in horse-drawn carriages. One Christmas children from surrounding villages were invited into Llanarth Court (our local ‘big house’) by the Roach family, descendants of the Herbert family who built this massive residence. The party was in the ballroom, a huge space with its walls and ceiling ornately plastered, with large and complex ceiling candelabra and multiple paintings of the Roach/Herbert forebears on its walls. I realised then that the gap between my family’s life and theirs was embedded in the social, economic and political system and it has forever influenced my political outlook.

Whilst I was at secondary school, Mam’s constant urging was ‘You work hard my boy’ for she knew that, particularly at that time, education was a potential escape route from poverty and forelock pulling. She was right, and when I achieved my doctorate in 2019 and my title of ‘professor’ at Exeter University where I worked from 1988 until retirement in 2005, I could see Mam’s smile in the clouds!

**John Somers**

[A short reflection on parishioners’ childhoods could form a regular feature in the Parish Paper. Please send your writing on *your* upbringing to John Somers at [j.w.somers@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:j.w.somers@exeter.ac.uk) or post to Pear Tree Cottage, Lower Tale, Payhembury, HONINGTON, EX143HL. Maximum 1,500 word length please. [I am happy to read and comment on drafts.]

I have a new mission in life, which is try to cheer everyone up. First we had endless Brexit, then came the winter of unrelenting rainfall and now we have to endure coronavirus – all this negativity is having an adverse effect on us all, so now seems an excellent time to get closer to nature.

I am saddened to report the death of a young male Sparrowhawk in early March. It had chased a pigeon twice its size into the shop's annex and broken its neck when it crashed into the wall. It came as a great surprise to me just how small and light the bird was in my hands as I disposed of it.



Goldfinch



Chaffinch

It's official – spring is just around the corner. On the morning of the 15th, Andrew and Cherry saw two swallows transiting over their house and skylarks are singing in the field opposite our house. This is very early for Swallows - last year they arrived on the 14th April and in 2018 on the 7th April.

Our bees are waking up after their winter sojourn. There has been a fresh hatch and when a lull occurred in the rain, the new bees were out conducting their orientation

flights. They spiral up into the air and cast around the area so as to firmly establish exactly where their hives are. The older bees are busy bringing in nectar and, more especially, pollen. I could see bright yellow "leggings" on all the returning bees. This means that the queens are laying, another great sign that all is well in the hives and that they have plenty of food. With the promise that better weather is on the way they are really going to get busy.



Great spotted woodpecker

The cold wet weather attracted many more birds to our feeders – over a dozen Goldfinches at one time, up to four Green Finches



**Greenfinches**

and the usual array of tits, including a pair of Long-tailed Tits, many Chaffinches and both a male and female Great Spotted Woodpecker. The males are now getting their breeding plumage and nest building will soon start in earnest.

Wendy was thrilled to tell me about a large yellow butterfly she saw when out walking with Perrin. It was a Brimstone. With luck and some better weather we should also soon be seeing male Orange Tip butterflies quartering their territories on the lookout for females.



**Long Tailed Tits**



**Orange Tip**



**Brimstone**

All these photos are taken by Paul in his garden, often through window glass. Sadly for this publication they are in monochrome. Visit the village website to see the stunning colours. **Editor**

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

## **News from the Village Hall**

### **Spring Clean**

A really big thank you to everyone who came and helped with the hall spring clean on Saturday 14th March. It was lovely to see such a great turn out and the efforts everyone went to. Trips to the recycling, sparkling windows, trimmed boarders, cobwebs from up high and tidy cupboards just to name a few. The village hall committee thanks you all.

We are very lucky to have Jane Spiller offer her time to clean the hall daily and she always does a fantastic job. The hall is used so regularly, every booking knows they are getting Jane's high standards. We do ask that the hall is left in the same state it is found after every booking to make it easier for Jane. Thank you Jane for everything you do.

**Painting Party** - Next steps are to paint the woodwork and walls in the village hall, entrance, small hall and toilets. We need as many volunteers to help with this, ladders, paint and brushes. Please email Maria Banham if you are able to offer anything, time or resources.

### **New for the Village Hall**

The front doors and rear emergency exit doors are being replaced. These new aluminium doors are much more robust and hardwearing. We hope to have them installed over the Easter Holidays. We hope you agree these are a much-needed improvement. New hand driers are also being installed in the toilets to replace the old ones.

### **Village Hall Kitchen Update**

Thank you the Parish Council for their support and donation towards the kitchen refurbishment. This gets us closer to our goal. However we are short of funds to fully realise the design for both the kitchen and serving area. With the replacement doors and hand driers a priority, it means we are £4,500 short.

The decision on the bid with East Devon Council Community Funds application was postponed on the 4th March due to not enough Councillors turning up to legally vote. They have rescheduled for 1st April. More information on this: <https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=207>

We don't know how much we will awarded, if anything, but it is a strong bid.

### **Call to Action:**

The plan is still to have a kitchen refurbishment in August 2020 if we manage to raise enough money but we are asking for the Community's support with raising the remainder of the cash. If anyone wishes to help with the fund raising or has any ideas to help bridge the funding gap, the village hall committee would love to hear from you. More updates in next month's newsletter.

**Maria Banham**, Chair of Village Hall Committee, ([mariabanham@gmail.com](mailto:mariabanham@gmail.com)) on behalf of all the Committee members.

## Payhembury Weather

**Rainfall:** The rainfall in February was over twice the normal amount which has kept the fields very soggy. There were only 4 dry days in the month. Overall February 2020 has been the wettest February on record for the UK and England and the whole winter rainfall for the UK was the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest. March has also been wetter than normal and, as I write this, we have had another downpour on 15 March.

**Temperatures:** The temperatures during February and March have been much warmer than average with only 2 nights of air frost. Overall Devon was about 2 °C warmer than average for February.

**Pressure:** On 20 Jan 2020 the surface pressure in Payhembury was 1050.1 mbar which is unusually high and may be a record.

**Weather elsewhere:** Moscow is usually blanketed in snow for four to five months a year. But this year, it had barely any snow cover in February, which is a "once in a century" occurrence. This winter in Russia was the hottest ever in the 140-year history, beating the previous temperature record from the winter of 2015-2016 by 1.3 degC.

**Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC**

| Feb 2020/<br>Mar (2 weeks) | 1960-90<br>Climate | Measured<br>Averages | Warmer or colder<br>than average? |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Max Temp                   | 7.5/9.6            | 10.7/11.0            | Warmer                            |
| Min Temp                   | 1.7/2.7            | 3.8/3.3              | Warmer                            |
| Mean Temp                  | 4.6/6.2            | 7.2/7.1              | Warmer                            |
| Temp Range                 | 5.7/7.0            | 6.9/7.7              |                                   |
|                            |                    |                      |                                   |
| Highest Max                | 14/19.5            | 13.5/15.2            | 11 Mar 20                         |
| Lowest Min                 | -9/-9              | -0.8/-0.6            | 27 Feb 20                         |
| Lowest Max                 | -3/0.5             | 8.1/5.8              | 5 Mar 20                          |
| Highest Min                | 10/11              | 10.1/9.2             | 15 Feb 20                         |
| Payhembury                 |                    | Rainfall mm          | Date of max                       |
| Feb 2020                   | 80                 | 170                  | 13 Feb 20                         |
| Mar 2020<br>2 weeks        | 33                 | 47                   | 1 Mar 20                          |

Current weather in Payhembury and a forecast can be viewed at [www.payhembury-weather.co.uk](http://www.payhembury-weather.co.uk).

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**Roger Saunders**

## INFORMATION PAGE

**Non urgent police contact 101**

**Honiton Hospital** 01404 540540 (Minor Injury Unit 8am-10pm)  
**RD&E Hospital Exeter** 01392 411611  
**V.E.T.S. (Village Emergency Telephone System)** 01404 565605

### Your Parish Council

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

|                 |              |                                 |               |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Tim Cox (Chair) | 01404 850005 | Robert Leach (Vice-Chair)       | 01404 841408  |
| Clair Kimber    | 01404 841320 | Ryan Eaton                      | 07957 590880  |
| David Silver    | 07736610730  | Phil Chamberlain                | 01404 841773  |
| Eva Ingleson    | 07792 627802 | Parish Clerk: Dawn Chamberlain, | 01404 841 773 |

Parish Council email address: [payhemburypc@googlemail.com](mailto:payhemburypc@googlemail.com)

### Useful numbers at the County Council (all 0345)

|                        |               |                   |          |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| General Enquiries      | 155 1015      | Registrars        | 155 1002 |
| Roads and Transport    | 155 1004      | Libraries         | 155 1001 |
| Disability Information | 155 1005      | Children/Families | 155 1013 |
| Bus passes             | 01392 383 688 |                   |          |

### Emergencies

Social Care 0345 600 0388  
Highways 01392 383329  
Animal Welfare, Petrol, Explosives 01392 499499

### Useful numbers at the District Council

Switchboard: 01404 515616 (Use for all enquiries during office hours)  
Address: East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road,  
Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ

Email: [csc@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:csc@eastdevon.gov.uk)

*In an emergency outside opening hours, phone 01395 516854*

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm

There is free parking in the car park in front of the building during opening hours

County Councillor: Ian Chubb 01297 35468 District Councillor: Philip Skinner 01404 822855

## **PAYHEMBURY VILLAGE HALL HIRE AND CHARGES**

Please contact Hazel Pike on [hazepike18@gmail.com](mailto:hazepike18@gmail.com) or 841465 for details and to book.

(Please telephone before 7pm)

## **PAYHEMBURY PROVISIONS**

### **Opening hours and contact details**

Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm

Saturday 8am to 1pm

Sunday 8am to 12pm

Tel: 01404 841856 or [info@payhemburyprovisions.co.uk](mailto:info@payhemburyprovisions.co.uk)

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that each vertical and horizontal line and 9-square-unit contains the numbers 1 - 9. Last month's sudoku winner was Alexandra Hancock whose name was first from the hat. A certificate will follow. Well done Alexandra and the several entrants who got all numbers right. There is still a paucity of younger entrants. Please send to [j.w.somers@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:j.w.somers@exeter.ac.uk) or post to Pear Tree Cottage, Lower Tale, Payhembury, Honiton, EX143HL.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 9 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |   |
| 3 |   | 1 |   |   | 5 | 4 |   | 8 |
|   | 5 | 6 |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |
|   |   |   | 9 | 7 |   |   | 5 |   |
|   |   |   | 8 | 4 | 1 |   |   |   |
|   | 8 |   |   | 2 | 6 |   |   |   |
|   | 6 |   |   |   | 7 | 2 | 8 |   |
| 7 |   | 5 | 6 |   |   | 9 |   | 4 |
|   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 7 | 5 |

**Slade Barton Swimming Pool** - Apologies to all, we will now be closing the pool until further notice due to COVID-19.

*Nicki Leach*

### REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apple Pips, Musicseeds, Pilates and Short Mat Bowling are all suspended for the time being but will resume as soon as possible..

**Volunteer needed, please.** There are 35 children in Payhembury School's choir club, which meets Tuesdays at 1pm. Leah Stonex is moving on. Becky Springall, enthusiastic musician, will continue but is looking for some support. If you like singing and would be prepared to commit to an hour a week to work with this group of young singers, it would be appreciated. Please contact Becky direct, [becky@devonstrings.co.uk](mailto:becky@devonstrings.co.uk) or 07799 246634.

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