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Rectory Notes December 2020 – A Christmas Fairytale

Once upon a time... there was a beautiful forest. Everyone called it the Christmas Forest. Each winter all would come to it for a merry and festive time. Every patch of woodland was named after the particular delights it brought: Shopping Wood, Parties Wood, Carols Wood, and more.

But one winter a Man with a Mask brandishing a chainsaw arrived at the forest. Brutally he began to raze all the lovely trees to the ground. Parties Wood was first – the majestic timbers of fun and jollity crashed to the earth, the buzz of conversation and fuzz of drinks extinguished. Shopping Wood was flattened next, the eternal piped carols falling silent. The man pressed remorselessly on. Even Family Gatherings Wood was given little respite, the loving trees cut to pale shadows of their former selves.

His merciless task nearly complete, he encountered a secluded glade, once the quiet centre of the forest. In the glade lay a little cottage. He powered down his chainsaw. Quietness fell. He pushed open the door. Inside sat a young woman, gently cradling a baby. She looked up and smiled. “Shhhh...” she said, “He’s slept through your noise, I don’t know how!” She nodded to an empty chair, and he tentatively took a seat. “My other half’ll be back in a moment,” she continued, “make yourself at home. Help yourself to a drink and something to eat. You must be exhausted.”

With that she started to sing softly to the child. The song was somehow familiar to the man, echoing in his distant memories of coming to the Forest himself in better days. “Silent night,” she sang, “holy night, all is calm, all is bright.” And the man sank back into his chair with a contentment he had forgotten possible...

Our own ‘Christmas Forest’ will be a smaller wood this year. We will miss much of our familiar traditions and joys, whatever the level of Covid restrictions. But small things can bring large pleasures: a smile, the warmth of family or a friend even if via a screen, your favourite Christmas drink, a much-loved arm-chair.

We crave for hope, for a light in the current pandemic darkness however small. And small is the Christmas hope at first – a fragile child cradled by a mother, in an unnoticed corner of the ancient world. But this tiny acorn will grow into the mightiest of oaks: God himself in our midst – in our homes, our communities, and our inner selves.

This Christmas we may have less. Yet, in the silent night, maybe we have all we need.

Rev David Carrington

Team Vicar of Escot, Feniton and
Payhembury

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Sexton:	Mr Jim Kimber, 1 Barrow Road, Payhembury (841320)

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Parishes of Feniton, Escot and Payhembury Church Services in December 2020

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are sadly unable to host our usual carol or Christingle services. A Video Carol Service will be available on YouTube from Sunday 13th December. The link will be posted on the EFP churches' website, www.efpchurch.org.uk

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

ST ANDREW

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	10.30 am	Patronal Festival Communion (AM)

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Church	Time	Service
Payhembury	10.30 am	Parish Communion (DC)

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Church	Time	Service
Escot	10.30 am	Parish Communion (DC)
Feniton	9 am	Christmas Storytime (ST team)

THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist (DC)
Payhembury	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist (AM)

FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

Church	Time	Service
Escot	9 am	Family Communion (DC)
Payhembury	11 am	Christmas Blessings on Green (DC)

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	10.30 am	Parish Communion (AM)

SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY

EPIPHANY

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	10.30 am	Parish Communion (DC)

Dates for your diary!

Payhembury Xmas Run

All you runners are invited to join in with a socially distanced run on Sunday Dec 20th at 9:30 am starting on the village green.

There will be three routes: approximately 5 Km, 10 Km, and a 15 Km route taking us through Tuck Mill, Talaton and Feniton.

You will be responsible for your own route safety (no marshalls or helpers along the way).

Hopefully we can all meet up outside the Six Bells for a mulled wine/mince pie/pint afterwards!

Please contact Sue Holmes on sueh.physio@btinternet.com for more details.

Carol Singing Monday 21 December, 6pm on the village green

It would be lovely to hold it as normal, but it is still too early to be sure that we can do so safely. Details will be posted on the village website and Facebook page nearer the time.



Feel free to give me a ring if you have any further questions (850 356).

I apologise I can't be more helpful at this moment in time, but as I'm sure you are all aware things are continually changing.

Lesley Elford

Walking Family Treasure Hunt

December 6th

This will start at the green and go to Colestocks, Yellingham, Milton, Cokesputt and back to the green. Approx 3 miles.

There will be questions for adults and children, things to look out for and items to bring back.

Christmas fancy dress would be fun but optional! There will be prizes for the winners plus best fancy dress, children's observation prizes. And other treats.



We suggest you bring a clip board and pen. We will start from 10am to 12, so as to space families out. It should take about 2 hours.

Of course couples and individuals are all welcome. This will be postponed if the weather is wet. £10.00 per family or couple, in aid of the church. We are hoping the pub will be open for mulled wine and drinks afterwards, fingers crossed!

Come and have a fun day and get in the Christmas Spirit!

Babs and the team

Light Up a Life

A Night of Celebration will take place on Thursday 17 December at 7pm, when Hospiscare will air its Light Up a Life broadcast on its Facebook page and website. People are also invited to remember a loved one through Hospiscare's Book of Memories and online photo gallery.

For further details, visit: www.hospiscare.co.uk/support-our-work

Christmas Raffle

Anyone can take part in the Hospiscare Christmas Raffle, which takes place during November and December.

Simply source a prize and the charity will send you everything you need to make your raffle a festive success.

Parish Paper Deadline: December 29th, 4pm

Due to the printers closing over Christmas, the January issue of the Parish Paper will be delivered a few days late. Because of this, we have been able to extend the editorial deadline to 29th December.

Please email: payhemburypaper@yahoo.co.uk

Mobile Library Service in Payhembury

The Devon Libraries Mobile Library Service visits Payhembury every 4 weeks on a Wednesday and stops in the Village Hall car park (although officially it is advertised as stopping by the village green) between 11.00 and 11.20 am. The final visit for 2020 will be on **Wednesday 16th December**. The dates for 2021 are:

**Jan 27th, Feb 24th, Mar 24th,
Apr 21st, May 19th, Jun 16th,
Jul 14th, Aug 11th, Sep 8th,
Oct 6th, Nov 3rd, Dec 1st**

These dates are available on a list on the noticeboard by the shop, and the list also shows the other places and times that the Mobile Library stops on that day (including Luton, Feniton, Talaton, etc). If you are not a Library member, you can join when you visit the Mobile Library van (if the country is not still in lockdown) or by calling 0345 155 1001 before you visit. Kate, who is the librarian on the Mobile Library Service, says she has a couple of regular people who come, but she would love to see more people make use of this wonderful resource.

Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk

Learn to Knit for FREE



in a small class.

If you are a complete beginner or wish to renew your skills do come along.

All materials provided.

To join the group, please ring/text

Naomi on 07799380336.

Max 4 students.

Classes will run in Payhembury Village Hall,
every Tuesday morning in January 2021
from 9–11 am.



Happy Christmas from Payhembury Provisions!

Ding dong merrily on high! Once again we are offering you free hot drinks this December to provide some comfort and cheer this gloomy winter. In return, if you felt like giving a donation to our fund for village groups that would be very welcome. Or why not buy some of our **raffle tickets** in December and you will have a chance to win £50 or £25 to spend in the shop. This year, all profits from our weekly raffle and all last year's hot drinks donations went to the Friends of Payhembury School who have been prevented from doing most of their normal fundraising this year. Thank you for helping us to support them.

I don't think anyone will want to travel to crowded high streets to do Christmas shopping this year even if we're allowed to, so we have tried to make sure we have a good selection of gifts for you to choose from. As well as prettily packaged **chocolates, biscuits and sweets**, we also have **wine** and **spirits**, and you could easily make up a small **Christmas hamper** for someone, including some of our large range of locally made **Daisyland and Ottervale chutneys, pickles, jams and jellies** or the **Miles Tea special Christmas ground coffee and hot chocolate gift sets**.

For other ideas we have **Village Scents wax melts** which will fill your house with a wonderful fragrance, and **Halina's Herbs luscious skin creams**, both of which are made just a short distance from the shop. Accompanied by one of **Lucy Tweedie's 'From Devon With Love' cards** they will make the perfect gift.

Once again, we are selling free **range turkeys and geese from Orchard Farm** near Crediton. These are always extremely popular and are very competitively priced. Please order by 14th December, by which time we will know how many people we are allowed to have at home this Christmas (that's a sentence I never dreamed I would be writing). Whole birds, half turkeys and breast joints are available and all the details can be found in the shop or on the village notice board. We can also take orders for **fruit and vegetables, milk and cream** and for local meat including **bacon, and sausagemeat** for stuffing and **sausages** from K and M butchers. We hope by ordering from us you will be able to save yourselves from extra trips to the supermarket at busy times.



Finally, we have one more new local product in our freezer this month. You may think December is an odd time to be promoting ice cream but **Baboo gelato** is no ordinary ice cream, it is made near Bridport from local organic milk with fresh natural flavourings using locally grown fruit where possible. At our last committee meeting before the lockdown we had the onerous task of tasting all the many varieties (well someone has to do it!) and we unanimously decided that the velvety texture and intense flavours were a taste sensation worthy of their titles of Best British Speciality at the Great British Food awards 2020 and Champion Ice Cream at the Taste of the West awards 2020.

We wish all our customers, volunteers and suppliers a happy and healthy Christmas.

Christmas Gifts

This year, local businesses need your support more than ever. And we're lucky enough to have some fantastic businesses to choose from right here in Payhembury parish.

Lucy Tweedie illustrates **alphabet art gifts and stationery** for children. Each letter is a hand drawn animal whose name starts with that letter and is phonically correct to help educate small children in a fun and engaging way. Please visit www.lucytweedie.com or www.facebook.com/lucytweediepie

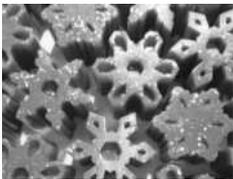


Whether you're looking for a delicious **herbal tea**, a **luxury face cream** or a **gentle hand sanitiser**, why not give Halina Herbs a try? Halina is a qualified and insured traditional medical herbalist using herbal formulas for the treatment of a variety of conditions. Most products are available in Payhembury Provisions, or contact Halina on 01884277747, halinaherbs@gmail.com

Slowe Barn Needle Craft and Gifts offer a range of beautiful gifts and dog accessories. Contact Jen on 07967 269967 or jenlouburgess1978@yahoo.com



Warren Houghton handcrafts stoneware pottery in Lower Cheriton, including **mugs, bowls, jugs and vases**. Contact Warren on: warrenhoughton2@gmail.com or 07737852964



Fill someone's home with the scent of Christmas. Village Scents have lots of wax melts to choose from, including 'Cranberry,

Orange & Cinnamon', 'Winter Berries', and 'Spiced Chocolate Macaroons'. A selection of wax melts are available from Payhembury Provisions, or visit www.villagescents.co.uk, or email villagescents@gmail.com

Know someone who deserves a bit of pampering? Treat them to a gift voucher from The Studio. Call 841499.



Paul's Nature Notes

Observations from October/November

Earlier this year, on one of my few walks during self-isolation, we discovered the Luton loop via Prophet's Lane and what a delight it was. As we passed by John & Anne Baxter's house, he told us that Anne had seen tell-tale signs of beaver damage to trees further along the lane on the River Tale, which she later confirmed. What wonderful news!

The autumn colour in our garden was more fleeting than ever this year but even more vibrant. The leaves have now been carefully mown up and added to their designated compost heap, which means that this time next year they will have rotted down to produce the best compost available.

Did you see the arrival of the Scandinavian thrushes? The first I saw of them was on the last day of October - large groups of Redwings and Fieldfares. Greater numbers than usual were reported a few weeks earlier crossing over into Yorkshire and it takes a while for them to work their way southwards. Perhaps such numbers presages a colder winter, which ties in with a report that this is another El Nino year. So, order your logs now in readiness!

Have you also heard the Tawny & Little Owls calling after dark? There seems to be at least one family of each around the village and occasionally we are treated to a garden visit.

Covid-19 has had an impact on all of us and we are unlikely ever to forget this year. Having ever more time to spend in the garden, I have set myself several challenges. The first was to build a 'bug mansion' which has allowed me to tidy up certain areas. This two story 'rustic' erection measures some six foot square, built with old shed doors, large chunks of wood and leaves. Holes have been drilled into the wood in the hope that this will encourage beetles and bees to occupy them next year.

My second major challenge is to document a natural history of Moorside – perhaps not quite in the manner of Gilbert White, although that may come later. What prompted me was the discovery of a miniscule multi-coloured bug *Orthops campestris* and a Moth Fly (both < 5mm).

My main problem, however, is going to be the process of identification, which is proving really hard, but at this stage my list already stands at almost 1500 species.



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



THANK
YOU

THANK YOU!! I would like to thank all the people of the village who sent me birthday wishes via video and cards for my 70th birthday, it was quite touching when I saw you all on screen! I also had a birthday message from Sean Dyche, manager of BURNLEY FC! Apart from short mat bowls and my wife having her trim at the STUDIO I haven't been able to get to the village as much as I would have liked because of the Covid situation. Hopefully in the new year we can return to something like normal? So can I wish everybody as best a Christmas as possible.

Thanks again
MARTY, postman (retired)
and UP THE CLARETS!!

A big thank you to Christine Thair for all her hard work in putting up the poppies for Remembrance Day. They looked splendid beside the War Memorial and despite difficult times at present, we were reminded of tougher times before. Thank you Christine.

Babs

The church has just installed a new PA system, which makes it much better for everyone to hear during a service. This is due to Robert Deane, whose expertise has been amazing. Sincere thanks must go to him. He also provided the PA System for Remembrance Sunday on the Green, which was a very moving occasion and was enjoyed by all.

Thank you Robert from us all, it is hugely appreciated.

Babs

Churchyard

Thank you to all the residents in and around Payhembury who have welcomed me since starting the round in January.

It's been a difficult year, but it's been nice to see the community pull together.

I am always happy to take letters from customers. Don't forget Royal Mail has a new call and collect service for parcels available online.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Stay safe.
Mike

This is the end of a busy season in the churchyard. Sincere thanks to the small group of helpers, who throughout the year have kept the churchyard looking wonderful, despite all the restrictions.

Special thanks to Jim Kimber for all the work he does for the church. Opening and closing each day. Sorting the heating and keeping the church machinery in good order and a huge amount of mowing and s trimming. It is hugely appreciated by all.

Babs

Poppy Collection 2020

Well done Payhembury - we had only one Poppy Box in the village, but collected the grand total of £295.25!

The Royal British Legion is going to be well down on its usual collection this year due to Covid restrictions, but money is still needed to help the most vulnerable in the Armed Forces community.

Payhembury can be proud of its collection this year and I know it will be much appreciated. Many thanks.

Ian Derbyshire

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

It is such a shame we have not had the opportunity to share time together for ages now and I hope and pray that it will not be too long before we meet again. However, we have greatly appreciated the 'phone calls keeping us in touch, together with the Vicar's online services and reflections, which have been a great comfort whilst we have been unable to get to church.

Alan and I are especially grateful to the Gammon family, especially Lydia, with her lovely smile and cheerful disposition, taking

care of our shopping needs and looking out for us during the first Lockdown. The shop has been amazing with a wide range of goodies and the pub has been brilliant with its Friday night fish and chip takeaway. We are so lucky to live in such a caring village with the best possible neighbours!

Here's hoping that 2021 will be better - Stay Safe and Keep Well. Happy New Year to all.

Marjorie

Happy Christmas from everyone at the Parish Paper!

A very **Merry Christmas to everyone from everyone at your local WI**, and I'm sure we're all hoping fervently for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Surely it can't be as disease ridden as this one has been?

We are looking forward to "normality" with great eagerness, and to our postponed Annual Meeting, and to our new treasurer.....whoever that may be...the opportunity still is there for you!

We also look forward to receiving more replies (of approval mainly we hope) to the

Annual Reports which were circulated recently. We can't vote with our hands at the moment, just by emailing or phoning, or even writing.

As soon as the WI head office allows us to meet again, we will. But on the chance that it may not be announced in the national news, please keep an eye on your email machine, and have the best Christmas you can in the meantime.

With best wishes from Julie and Sara.

Raffle for Payhembury Primary School



Sadly, the school Christmas Fair can't take place this year. As well as being a lovely event which kick starts the Christmas season in the village, it's normally a really important fundraiser for the school.

We will, however, be continuing with our raffle. Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale in the shop until 9th December. Prizes will be luxury hampers.

The raffle will be drawn at 3pm on 11 December in the school playground. If you are able to support the school we would be very grateful.

I would like to wish all my customers both past/present and future a safe and healthy time over the festive period.

Also thanks to everyone who has supported me during this year, I appreciate it more than ever.

Steve (S E Auto Engineers)

Worried about money?

Over the summer, at least 30 percent of Devon's workforce were furloughed and the number of people in the county claiming Universal Credit has gone up by 155 percent since March.

Help is available. If you, or someone you know, is worrying about money and how to pay for basic household essentials, please apply for extra assistance through funding that has been made available via your district council's hardship fund.

To find out more about what support is available in Devon, including how to access local financial support, where to find foodbanks and community ladders, free meals during the school holidays and what to do if you're on a low income and need to self-isolate, please visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families

Foodbank

Thank you so much for all the generosity from everyone donating to the foodbank in Ottery via Wren Cottage.

On average, a large box has gone once a week up until August and every few weeks more recently.

The need is just as great as ever so thank you for all your donations they are hugely appreciated.

Lucy Mayne



Girl Friday Mon to Thu – helping you achieve a simpler life today!

Not enough hours in the day?

Feel like you're always running out of time?

Need a little extra help around the house?

Running errands, painting, odd jobs, shopping, personal administration and more.

If you would like an extra pair of hands with things around the house, give Traci a call on 07723 919041. Very reasonable rates.

Assistance and support is only a phone-call away!



Verbena

I was so sorry to hear that Verbena has died.

She was such a lovely lady and I feel privileged to have known her. For many years, Verbena was Treasurer for our Mothers' Union here when I was the Secretary, and we are grateful for her commitment to this role.

It is sad that we have been unable to say goodbye to her, but will always remember her with great affection.

Marjorie

Children's Society Box Collection 2020

Once again, a big **"thank you"** to all the box holders for what you have done to support the Children's Society through the Box Collection scheme.

This has been a difficult year and what is noticeable is that with contactless payments we all have less loose change in our pockets and purses, but nevertheless you have risen to the occasion yet again.

With your help, and as part of the Church charity giving, this year we have collected just over £800 between the parishes of Feniton, Escot and Payhembury. Something that I feel we

can all be proud of.

It matters not the amount in your individual boxes, what matters is that a lot of people take part in the collective giving.

If you do not have a box in which to drop in those pennies and odd loose change that collects in pockets and purses and feel that despite all the other calls on your money you would like to help, please phone me on 850699 and I will deliver a money box to your door.

Thank you again
Sheila Lanning

2020 Christmas Shoe Boxes

This year, the parishioners of Escot, Feniton and Payhembury joined forces and sent 80 Christmas shoe boxes to a Registered Charity called Christian Response to Eastern Europe who sent our boxes to Moldova. This is Europe's poorest country and the situation out there is really dreadful. This was first brought home to us when Mr Hugh Scudder came to a Coffee Morning and showed slides and a video of the conditions under which some families lived. I doubt if any of the people at that event were not moved by the plight of some families.



All who work for the charity are volunteers, no-one is paid. They have no offices or rented premises. They borrow all they can, rather than renting or hiring, all this means the money saved can be spent on those they seek to help.

The picture shows our boxes being delivered to a house in Exmouth before being loading on an artic for delivery to the charity in Moldova.

Sheila Lanning, 850699

Payhembury Weather

www.payhembury-weather.co.uk

Rainfall: October was a very wet month in Payhembury with almost twice the monthly rainfall mainly due to 46 mm falling on 21 Oct from Storm Alex and some rain on most days. However, weather stations nearby recorded less than 46 mm, so our rainfall peak was localised. November to date has been close to the average in the first 2 weeks.

Temperatures: October was slightly colder than average, but so far November has been a lot warmer. We had our first proper air frost on 5 November.

Weather elsewhere: They have wild weather in Australia! *“Melburnians residents with asthma have been urged to stay inside as large asthma storms move across the state.”* Typhoon Vamco has made landfall in Vietnam after leaving 67 dead in the Philippines, making it that country's deadliest storm this year. In California after the fires they are now having record snowfall recorded on November 6th.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Oct 2020/ Nov (2 weeks)	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	14.5/10.4	14.4/13.7	Colder/Warmer
Min Temp	7.6/4.0	7.0/6.6	Colder/Warmer
Mean Temp	11.0/7.2	10.7/10.1	Colder/Warmer
Temp Range	6.9/6.4	7.4/7.1	
			Date of max/min
Highest Max	23.5/17.0	17/15.9	1 Oct 20
Lowest Min	-3.5/-6.5	0.4/-1.3	5 Nov 20
Lowest Max	7/1.5	11.2/11.3	4 Oct 20
Highest Min	15/14	13.7/12.4	30 Oct 20
Payhembury		Rainfall mm	Date of max
Oct 2020	84	155	21 Oct 20
Nov 2020 2 weeks	40	48	14 Nov 20

Current weather in Payhembury and a forecast can be viewed at:
www.payhembury-weather.co.uk

Roger Saunders

Sandbags and flooding

The Parish Council has a supply of sandbags for when flooding issues occur. If you have need of any sandbags, please contact Cllr Leach or myself and we will arrange for you to receive them. Contact details are on the information page of the Parish Paper or on the Parish Council website: www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/TheCouncil.aspx.

Dawn Chamberlain

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) – Poultry and Other Captive Birds

An 'Avian Influenza Prevention Zone' (AIPZ) has been declared across the whole of England effective from 5pm on 11 November 2020. All poultry keepers in England (whether they have commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions.

If you keep poultry (including gamebirds or pet birds) or other captive birds, you must act now to reduce the risk of disease in your flock by following the relevant biosecurity measures required within the AIPZ. Your stock needs to be feed and watered under cover to prevent contamination from wild birds.

For more guidance please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu . If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline (**03459 33 55 77**). Public Health England advises that the risk to the public's health is very low.

Food Standards Agency (FSA) has said that on the basis of the current scientific evidence, avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Avian influenza is unconnected with coronavirus (COVID-19).

Winter Plans for Snow and Ice on Payhembury Parish Roads

Last winter, barely a flake of snow fell in this part of Devon, apart from on the summit of Hembury Fort, but the year before, driven by the 'Beast from the East' we had one unusually heavy snowfall. Ice on our roads is a more common occurrence and it is therefore prudent to have a Parish plan to tackle any access or safety issues that may arise from icy or snow-covered roads.

Devon County Council (DCC) is responsible for clearing and gritting major highways such as the A373, the A30 and from there to the level crossing in Feniton. DCC expects Parish Councils to be responsible for the roads within their parish boundaries and they expect each parish to appoint a snow warden, snow warden assistants and produce a Snow Plan. The Parish Council has therefore produced a plan and appointed a Snow Warden. Volunteer assistants to cover various locations are required.

DCC will help with the provision of salt/grit. Currently there are six yellow salt/grit bins located in the parish. Clearly it would be neither practical nor cost-effective to treat all 15 miles of our roads in icy conditions. It is, therefore, planned to concentrate on a few significant places such as around the centre

of Payhembury or on steep sections of road. In prioritising our actions, particular attention will be paid to access and safety for emergency services, key workers, vulnerable persons and for livestock.

As we have neither a snowplough nor a grit spreader, we have to rely on volunteers, wheelbarrows, shovels and, importantly, the cooperation of residents. Drivers should consider:

- Deciding if your journey is essential. Could you walk instead?
- Choosing a route that is likely to be clear without steep hills.
- Driving with caution, ensuring increased distance between vehicles and gentle breaking.
- Being prepared with warm clothes, strong footwear and a spade.
- Never assume a road has been salted. Parishioners should be aware that, in icy conditions, main roads such as the A373 may not be gritted and they should therefore proceed with caution.

Andrew Renshaw
Parish Snow Warden

Public Survey on Behalf of Police & Crime Commissioner

The Police & Crime Commissioner, Alison Fernandez, has asked for input to her survey to help shape the future of policing in Devon, Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly. The survey takes about six minutes to complete, can be found on the website www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk and will be open until midnight on January 3, 2021. Those not online can call the office on 01392 225555.

Clyst Valley Regional Park – Public Consultation

A public consultation on proposals for new, public, green space around Clyst Valley is taking place from Monday 9th November 2020 until 12 noon on Thursday 7th January 2021. The Clyst Valley is on the doorstep of a rapidly growing population to the east of Exeter. To make sure that local people can explore and enjoy the East Devon countryside, connecting with nature for their health and wellbeing, the Clyst Valley Regional Park masterplan sets out ideas on how it can be improved in years to come. This plan will provide a basis to seek funding for these improvements.

For more information see <https://clystvalleypark.org.uk> or follow on Twitter @ClystValleyPark. Take the survey online to have your say **by visiting www.eastdevon.gov.uk/clystvalleypark**. If you would like a copy of the survey in printed form or in any other format, please call 01395 517535 or email AHerbert@eastdevon.gov.uk. For queries about the masterplan, email sbates@eastdevon.gov.uk

Playpark Improvements – First Phase Starts in 2021!

Do you remember the Parish Paper article in 2019 asking for ideas for the playpark? The feedback from that (thank you all who contributed) and from the school were used to identify the sort of equipment which people would like to see in the improved playpark.

After consultation with playpark specialists, a broad design was put forward for tender (for delivery over a number of phases) and T.K. Play (based in Torrington) won the bid to help us achieve those aims. The first phase (with the existing funds) is to give something to both ends of the age range – replace the football goals with new ones (including nets), remove the old timber fencing and provide a smaller enclosed area for younger children (those in the under 4 category). This will include a new infant swing, spinning bowl and play panels, funding for which is already available. The aim is to start that work in Spring 2021. There is more information on the Parish Council web site and there will be further notices here in

due course. It would be great to see the first phase of the playpark taking shape next year. The following phase will be an exciting zipwire project, for which funds need to be raised with the help of the community. Watch this space to find out ways that you can help!



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INFORMATION PAGE

Non urgent police contact 101

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Please contact Hazel Pike on hazepike18@gmail.com or 841465 for details and to book.
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2020

- Sun 6th Walking Family Treasure Hunt, leaving from Village Green 10-12
Sun 13th Parish Communion (DC), 10.30am
Wed 16th Mobile Library, Village Hall Car Park, 11.00-11.20am
Sun 20th Payhembury Christmas Run, Village Green, 9.30am
Mon 21st Carol Singing, Village Green, 6pm
Thurs 24th Midnight Eucharist (AM), 11.30pm
Fri 25th Christmas blessings, Village Green, 11am
Tues 29th Parish Paper deadline, 4pm



REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY	Apple Pips	9.30-11am
TUESDAY	Pilates	6.30-7.30pm
WEDNESDAY	Pilates	9.15-10.15 & Men's 10.20-11.20am
THURSDAY	Pilates	9.30-10.30am

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