

# **THE PARISH PAPER**

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**Payhembury May Day Celebrations 2017**  
**Photo by Sue Derbyshire**

Let's hope we will be able to celebrate the occasion in 2022!

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## Rectory notes May 2021 – Images of service

It's less than 24 hours since the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh as I write this. The images are raw. The military precision of the procession in the bright sunshine. The Royal family, grieving but together. Most of all, the Queen in the double pain of her husband's funeral with Covid restrictions. The first glimpse of her seated in the limousine, face-masked. Then most poignantly of all, sat in the Chapel isolated from her family members. Vulnerable and frail, she walked the painful path so many others have done in these past months, her mourning cramped by Covid. Like her parents walking the war-time bombed-out streets of London, she was one of us.

As the years have passed I have become an increasing fan of the Queen. The saga of the Royal Family ebbs and flows – they are a family, after all. The Queen, for me, is in her own league. There have been moments when she appears to have found dealing with the changing world difficult. But the dedication, service and humility she has resiliently shown over so many decades is extraordinary.

The Queen is, of course, head of the Church of England. Her formal title is quite a mouthful – 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England' (I had to look this up!). She is therefore my most senior boss. As in all jobs, it helps if you respect your boss. Thankfully in this case this isn't difficult.

My favourite portrait of Christ in Scripture is from St Paul in his Philippian letter, most likely quoting an early Christian hymn:

...though he was in the form of God,  
he did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself...

The Church has not always reflected this humility of Christ well, too often favouring lording it over more than serving people. The Queen's instinct for humble service has made her a true Head. Prince Philip's unwavering support for her helped her live this out.

Bugles rang out in St George's Chapel at the funeral service's end: the hope of resurrection is sounded. We are in the Easter season. As the Queen steps onward, in her service and in her own valley of the shadow of death, may her step be lightened a little by that hope – for her husband, herself, and her nation.

Rev David Carrington

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## PARISHES OF FENITON, ESCOT, PAYHEMBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2021

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

*ST PHILIP & ST JAMES*

Church	Time	Service
Escot	10.30 am	Patronal Festival Communion (DC)

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

*SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	10.30am	Parish Communion (DC)

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

*SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

Church	Time	Service
Escot	6.00 pm	Evensong (TP)
Payhembury	10.30 am	All ages service (DC)

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

*DAY OF PENTECOST*

Church	Time	Service
Escot	10.30am	Parish Communion (DC)

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

*TRINITY SUNDAY*

Church	Time	Service
Payhembury	10.30 am	Parish Communion (DC)

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

*FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	10.30 am	Parish Communion (DC)

Church Wardens: Mrs Babs Leach, Slade View, Payhembury (841409)  
 Mr Gareth Stephens, Ashcombe, Payhembury (849130)  
 Sexton: Mr Jim Kimber, 1 Barrow Road, Payhembury (841320)

Contact details for church wardens in Escot or Feniton

Feniton: David Lanning or Cara Sanders(850262)

Escot: Judy Davis (812739)

<b>May Church Flower Rota</b>	
1st & 8th	Mrs S Derbyshire
15th & 22nd	Mrs J Cocker
29th (& 5th June)	Mrs J Scarle



## Hospiscare Coffee Morning

You are invited to a socially distanced coffee morning in **Warren Close on Monday 3rd May at 11am**. Come and join us outside so we can renew our friendships and meet new residents of the village. Our linked gardens with permissibly correct number in each garden to keep everyone safe but enjoy each other's company. All are welcome especially if you have recently moved into Payhembury we would like to meet you.

Warren Close residents

**Mobile Library**  
11-11:20am, Wed 19th  
at the village hall car park

Welcome to Caroline at  
the Victoria Dairy Barns!

**Parish Paper Deadline:  
Tuesday 18th May, 4pm**



Good Gracious! The Die Is cast! The future if our WI has been decided. Almost every one of our members voted in a secret ballot, and of those, all were in favour of suspension. (Should anyone wish to start another WI within three years, then that new group will inherit the cash we had built up, but couldn't spend in time due to the lock-downs).

And so we join our neighbours Payhembury, Plymtree and Kentisbeare in becoming an ex WI. It is sad but inevitable. But the good news is that we shall not lose touch with each other.

The friendships that the WI made happen will continue as we meet up every month, more or less as before, but without the minutes being taken. An Old Girls Group will be there for anyone who wants to come to it.... I'll arrange the first meeting, and later a different person each month can organise something. We can do anything we want...skydiving maybe?? Emails will be sent to participating people!

With best wishes from Julie ([ashcra01@gmail.com](mailto:ashcra01@gmail.com))  
(Please contact Julie via email should you wish to be kept in the loop)



You won't have seen her behind the till over the last year but we know many of you would like to join us in wishing Pam Kearley happiness in her new home when she and Barry move house this month after 23 years in Luton. Pam has been a stalwart supporter of the shop from the start and volunteered week in week out on a Saturday morning for years often working with teenagers doing their D of E awards. Her warm and friendly nature was a huge support to them and a joy for all our customers. Thank you Pam from us all!

We have recently had some more new local products in the shop. The beautiful Spring flowers from Colestocks Flower Farm have proved very popular and we will continue to have fresh deliveries every week through the summer. If you would like a larger bunch for a special occasion please come and talk to us.

One of the few things that is still truly seasonal is English asparagus and Dart Fresh, our local fruit and veg merchant, tell us that it will soon be available. We are likely to have some for sale in the shop but if you would like to make a special order for this or any other vegetable or fruit just give us a ring on 841856. We are always happy to see if we can help.

Last year we entered the Countryside Alliance competition for the best village shop. We were delighted to learn we were one of four South-West finalists but then of course everything ground to a halt because of Covid. Judging has now resumed with a Zoom interview with David and Tim and despite very strong competition from the other finalists we're keeping our fingers crossed for the results.

With summer nearly here we have been busy stocking up our freezers with a new range of ice-creams, and we have burgers, steaks and sausages ready for your barbecues. Let's all hope for a lovely, sunny summer here in beautiful Devon.

**Mary Whiting**

## **Broadhembury and District Gardening Club**

The gardening club will be selling plants in and **around Broadhembury and also in the centre of Payhembury on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 12 noon**. The plants will be on a variety of small stalls spaced out in the centre of Broadhembury village and also outside various houses just outside the village.

A wide variety of plants will be for sale including vegetables, bedding and perennials. Please bring along something to carry home your purchases and remember that we will be observing social distancing! We will only be able to accept cash on the day as we don't have the card facilities which we have become so used to!



## Parish Paper Announcements

We all enjoy our parish paper with the information and news it gives us every month.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our editors are volunteers and manage to fit preparing the monthly issue around their busy lives. It will make life so much easier for them if you try and follow the requests on the following page. Many thanks.

I would also like to add a big thank you to the volunteers who deliver our parish papers in wind, rain and shine and Ceri for managing our advertisements – we really appreciate you!

Sue Derbyshire, Chairman



### Calling all budding editors!

Thank you Sue for your kind words above! Kate, Christine and myself appreciate in return everything you, Ceri and all the team who work behind the scenes do to make this magazine possible!

We would love to welcome a new editor into the fold to help “share the load” throughout the year, so please do get in touch either via email or give one of us a call (see back page for details) if you are interested in learning more about the role.

Victoria, co-editor

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

As restrictions will soon be lifting, we're expecting to have more articles and announcements in the paper again. We thought it would be useful to put some guidance together to make our lives as editors a bit easier!

### **Word count**

It can be a struggle to fit everything in. Wherever possible, can you try to stick to a maximum of 450 words per article please for a one page spread, fewer if you have images to accompany the text. Please note we are restricted to a set number of pages and where required may have to edit articles to fit.

### **Word documents**

One paragraph news pieces are fine to send in the body of the email. However, please submit longer articles in a Word document if you can. If you type directly into the email, it causes issues with formatting and means we can't just copy and paste into the Publisher file.

### **Images**

Images need to be printable quality, particularly if you're sending one for the front cover. Usually, this means the file size should be at least 500kb, but over 1mb is generally better.

### **Posters**

We often get sent posters of events to publicise. We print these as a full page when we can, but don't always have enough space for that. So, please make sure that any text will be large enough to read if the poster is shrunk down to a quarter of a page. Please also check what your poster looks like when it's black and white. Lighter coloured text, for example, doesn't always stand out enough when we convert to black and white.

### **Deadlines**

While the deadline is the 18th of every month, we usually try to start work on the paper before that. So if you can send your article in before the 18th, we'd really appreciate it. Also, if you know you're going to be sending something in on the deadline, please let us know in advance if you can. This means we can allocate you the space, which saves us having to re-jig things around to fit in unexpected articles that come in on the 18th.

We're all volunteers and we fit editing the paper around jobs, children and other responsibilities. It's not unheard of for an editor to still be working on the paper at 11pm the night before the print deadline. Receiving articles early makes it so much easier for us to manage our time.

Thank you!  
Kate, Christine and Victoria

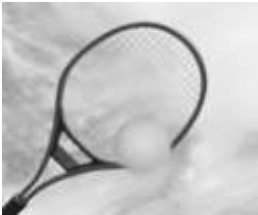
## **PILATES RESUMPTION**

I look forward to welcoming you back to regular weekly session as of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Classes will be in the village hall on Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Wednesday s(Ladies only) 9:15 am and Thursdays 9:30 am.

Men's only class will continue Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Regulars will have been notified of the course dates, but if you are new to village and interested to find out more, please contact Sue Holmes (physiotherapist) on [sueh.physio@btinternet.com](mailto:sueh.physio@btinternet.com).



## **PAYHEMBURY TENNIS CLUB**

We welcome you all back to enjoy some tennis now that guidelines allow outdoor sport.

Please adhere to COVID guidelines when playing.

If you are an existing member and would like to continue playing, please note that MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL is now due.

It is £30 for a family, £20 for a couple, £15 for a single adult and £10 for a junior.

If you are new and would like to join please visit:  
<http://www.payhembury.org.uk/tennis-club/>

### **SATURDAY 22nd MAY 2pm** **HELP NEEDED FOR COURT MAINTENANCE**

Please let Sue Holmes ([sueh.physio@btinternet.com](mailto:sueh.physio@btinternet.com)) know if you are able to volunteer to help with the bordering of the court.

Bring gardening gloves, spades, bramble appropriate dress. We hope to head to the pub for refreshments afterwards.

Many thanks, Sue



## Update from Payhembury Village Hall Committee



PAYHEMBURY  
VILLAGE HALL

### Re- Opening for hire

We are planning to open from May 17th 2021 following step 3 of the Governments lockdown easing.

This means we can be open for bookings, parties, weddings etc inline the appropriate guidelines at the time. We will share these as we know them.

Please contact [info@payhemburyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@payhemburyvillagehall.org.uk) with your enquires or visit [payhemburyvillagehall.org.uk](http://payhemburyvillagehall.org.uk)

This will be a gentle reopening as we settle into any new ways of working but you will have a chance to see and use our new kitchen, admire the new paint and notice boards, new furnishings etc. We are all continuing to work hard on making this valued community asset the best it can be.

### Saturday 15th May Garden Tidy Up 10am - 12 noon

The outside of the Village hall is in need of a spruce up. We are looking for volunteers to spare an hour or so and come and help us tidy the flower borders, clean the windows, gutters, leaf litter. Please come to the outside of the hall from 10am and a member of the committee will get you started.

We will be compiling a list of big fixes as we go, like the car park gate and pathway to the back of the hall.

If anyone can donate their time and expertise or materials to help with these big fixes please get in touch. We would love to have your help.

### Welcome Back

After over a year of absence, we want to say a warm welcome back to Apple Pips, a much loved and needed event on Monday mornings during term time for parents and young children.

Please get in touch with Harriet Hollingworth or visit our website for details.

All re-openings will be following appropriate guidelines to ensure everyone's safety and health.

**Still need organisers** for Badminton, Table tennis, Film nights - Don't be shy, the committee members will be here to support you.

Take care,  
Village Hall Committee

# Payhembury Weather

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

## Weather for March 2021

**Rainfall:** March was a drier month than usual with most of the rain around 12 March. After 26<sup>th</sup> March there has been no significant rain well into April with just the odd wintry shower. Hopefully by the time you read this it will have rained.

**Temperatures:** The temperatures in March gradually increased to a record warm maximum on 30 March of 20.9 degC giving the impression Spring had definitely arrived. However April started with the opposite, frosts at night and below average temperatures during the day causing anxiety for new plants outside. There have been 10 days with night time air temperatures below zero so far in April and probably more to come.

**Sunshine:** The first 3 months of 2021 have just been average in terms of sunshine in Payhembury as measured by the solar cells on my roof.

**Weather elsewhere:** On 1<sup>st</sup> April there was a fall of Saharan dust on the village which anyone with a car outside will have noted. The cold plunge which affected the U.K. in early April also caused serious devastation to the French vineyards even with fires lit around the vines. About 18,000 people evacuated their homes after torrential rains hit New South Wales, Australia, causing severe flooding in many parts on March 20 and 21, the worst floods since 1971. We have 3 volcanoes erupting in mid-April, La Soufriere affecting St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Mt Etna in Sicily and Fagradalsfjall on Iceland's Reykjanes Peninsula.

Monthly Rainfall	51.2 mm	-22 mm	from normal
Days of Rain	12 days		
Wettest Day	11.2 mm	12 Mar	
Mean Max Temp	12.2 degC	+2.6 degC	from normal
Mean Min Temp	2.5 degC	-0.2 degC	from normal
Warmest Day	20.9 degC	30 Mar	14:17
Coldest Day	-5.3 degC	8 Mar	02:30
Windiest Day	13 m/s	11 Mar	04:15

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

**Roger Saunders**

## Paul's Nature Notes March-April 2021

Having lived for most of my life in the home counties and London and watched the decline in so many species it is easy here in Devon to take for granted what is quite rare in other parts of the country. We were involved with breeding bird surveys and although Sussex is very rich in birdlife it simply does not compare with Payhembury, where we are blessed with an abundance of nature in all its glorious forms. Despite the really cold patch in April, many old favourites have returned to breed: male blackcaps and chiffchaffs are vocal in setting up their territories and wrens, blackbirds, house sparrows and robins are already sitting on eggs, whilst blue and great tits are busy prospecting new bird boxes and pairs of siskins, greenfinches, goldfinches, long-tailed tits and coal tits continue to appear at the feeders. Indeed, there are 22 breeding bird species already in evidence in close proximity to the house with more still to come.

We have a new budding bird watcher in the family. Our 7 year old granddaughter was so pleased with herself when she spotted a pair of treecreepers working our silver birch for insects when she came on a recent visit. She could barely wait to tell her other grandparents, another pair of avid birdwatchers.

Many of us in the village already hugely enjoy the sight, and sounds, of our local hedgehogs. When we lived in Sussex they had already become incredibly rare. Finding a hazel nut with a neat hole gnawed in the side raised our hopes that dormice might also be present. Unfortunately, after doing some research we decided it was far more likely to be a bank vole, or possibly a wood mouse. Apparently it's all to do with the shape and markings around the hole.

Did you spot the bee flies last year when we had that really beautiful spell of warm weather at the start of the first Covid lock-down? They put in another early appearance this year during the brief spell of sunshine in late March, but have been largely torpid since after the beastly cold weather and nights returned.

For many of us the 12 April was a welcome relief, as we gathered outside the Six Bells to enjoy a pint and some food, the first time in so many miserable months. Spring has sprung, so let us all enjoy it!



**Paul Lister**

## **A message from Nigel in Cheriton about a disease currently affecting Chaffinches:**

We feed the wild birds in our front garden regularly. Unfortunately, over the last month we have noticed a disease amongst the Chaffinches which has now caused five fatalities and additional sightings of sick birds. This is despite regular cleaning of the feeders, daily changes of the drinking water, and moving the feeding sites twice.

I have submitted a disease report to the British Trust for Ornithology and they have confirmed that the disease is most likely to be Trichomonosis.

This disease is caused by a tiny parasite which develops in the birds' gullet which it gradually blocks. The Chaffinches have difficulty swallowing and starve to death over a period of a few days to a week. In the meantime, they bring up food and water that they cannot swallow which other birds pick up, and this transmits the disease. It spreads fast amongst finches which feed their young by regurgitating food, so it can be devastating for finches during the breeding season which is almost upon us.

We have noticed that in the final stages of infection the birds become very reluctant to move away when approached because they are so weak, and they are often attacked by their own kind. They will also stay close to a water trough or a bird bath. It is a pitiful sight, but there is nothing one can do except take steps to protect the healthy birds.

The prevalence of the disease here is now so serious that we, and our neighbours, have completely stopped feeding the birds, and taken away all the feeders and water provision. I don't know yet when we will resume feeding. The stoppage will need to be for at least a fortnight, but possibly for four weeks. We will follow the BTO guidance. As the disease is already established amongst Chaffinches here there is a danger that it could ravage the other finch populations in our area during the breeding season, and so we shall remain vigilant when we eventually resume feeding.



### An Herb of 3 Phases

This plant is represented by 3 heavenly bodies:

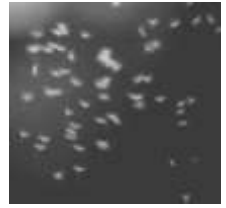
The Sun



The Moon



The Stars



Yes, it's the Dandy Dandelion!

This once-prized plant, which gardeners used to exhibit at county Fairs, now holds the title of Public Lawn Enemy No. 1, inciting levels of disgust on par with those directed at vermin, politicians and people who remove their shoes and socks on airplanes. Before the invention of lawns, the golden blossoms and lion-toothed leaves were more likely to be praised as a bounty of food, medicine, and magic. Gardeners used to weed out the grass to make room for the dandelions.

The dandelion seems to be the flower earmarked for children: it is the only flower a kid can pick without getting into trouble. The seed heads offer so many possibilities: Blowing on dandelion puffballs can tell you if it's time to go home (the dandelion clock), how many years until you get married, or how many children you'll have – and of course, if you catch a flying dandelion seed, you can make a wish.

Dandelion has been used for centuries, so much so that the origin of its Latin name - *Taraxacum officinale*, has become confused over time. It may mean 'eye disorder', or 'to cure' from the Greek, or 'bitter herb' from Arabic. But the common name dandelion is derived from the French Dent-e-lion as the jagged shaped leaves are said to resemble lion's teeth additionally it was believed to impart strength and courage. Another common name is piss-a-bed born out in the old sayings that if you touched a dandelion in the evening, you would wet the bed.

Dandelions are more nutritious than many of the vegetables in your garden. In the autumn, the roots are high in inulin a great nutrient and source of prebiotic soluble fibre meaning that it feeds the good bacteria in your gut. In spring however, they contain primarily bitter constituents which stimulate the digestive tract so improving digestion. Together with the leaves which are not only diuretic but also packed with vitamins (A, B, C and D), and minerals such as potassium and iron, the dandelion plant is perfect for cleansing and feeding us.

So next time you're about to pluck out that dandelion out of your lawn, maybe just pause a moment ..... on top of everything else dandelions are actually good for your lawn. Their wide-spreading roots loosen hard-packed soil, aerate the earth, and help reduce erosion. The deep taproot pulls nutrients such as calcium from deep in the soil and makes them available to other plants. Dandelions also fertilize the grass.

*Next time – The herb of 3 phases....*

*Halina*

# Parish Council Articles May 2021

## Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm & 7.30pm (via Zoom)

A reminder that the Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. It is hoped that an in-person Parish Meeting may be possible later in the year when restrictions allow. The Annual Parish meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting which is scheduled to start at 7.30pm. These meetings are being held online using Zoom, in line with current Government guidance for Parish and Town Councils. To join either or both of these two meetings via the internet please use the link [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join), to join the meeting via telephone please use one of the numbers listed below. In either case, please enter the ID and password when prompted to do so.

Meeting ID: 827 9592 8855

Password: 927712

Telephone: 044 203 901 7895 / 044 131 460 1196 / 044 203 051 2874  
044 203 481 5237 / 044 203 481 5240

The meeting ID and password are also available on the Parish Council noticeboard (on the agenda) or by contacting the Clerk ([payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk)) for a link to the meeting. The agendas for the meetings will be available as normal on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website ([www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Agendas and Minutes 28525.aspx](http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Agendas_and_Minutes_28525.aspx)).

### Parish Council meetings – Government ‘Call for Evidence’

For the last year the Parish Council have been able to continue to do their work by meeting remotely. The legislation that allows that to happen comes to an end on 6th May 2021, although a court case to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April may allow it to continue under the 1972 Local Government Act. The government are now seeking the views of individual members of the public, councillors, anyone who has attended a remote/virtual meeting, anyone who didn't or couldn't attend a remote/virtual meeting, etc to find out what they feel about these sorts of meetings. The consultation lasts for 12 weeks starting on 25th March and ending on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If you have a view about remote/virtual meetings that you would like to submit please complete the Government's survey which can be found at [consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-stewardship/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence](https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-stewardship/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence). Like face-to-face meetings, there are advantages and disadvantages of remote meetings, and this is your opportunity to say what you think.

## **Planned road closures – May & June 2021**

The following is a list, compiled in mid-April, of anticipated roadworks that may affect Payhembury during May and June:

29<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May – road from Wolverstone Cross to Hembury Fort Cross for patching.

17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May – road from Court Baron Cross (from Higher to Lower Cheriton) for patching.

The Devon County Council interactive roadworks map which can be accessed from a link on the webpage - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/live-roadworks-information/>. The map can show current and planned roadworks as well as the dates and reasons for the work. Please see [http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Roads\\_and\\_Highways\\_29495.aspx](http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Roads_and_Highways_29495.aspx) for updates, more information and, where the information is available, links to DCC Highways for diversions.

## **Telephone Box Librarian**

Thank you to Tina Humby who has volunteered to become the Telephone Box Librarian. Tina has already had a good sort out of the library and has tidied and cleaned the Telephone Box. She plans to do this on a regular basis. The Telephone Box Library is a wonderful asset in the parish and we are very grateful to Tina for taking on the role of looking after it for everyone.

## **Proposed solar power farm at Peradon Farm, Clyst Hydon - update**

LightRock Power are continuing to gather views and feedback from those affected by the proposal to build a large solar power farm at Peradon Farm in Clyst Hydon (to be called Paytherden solar farm). The majority of the proposed solar farm lies within the parish of Clyst Hydon, but some of the fields earmarked are within Payhembury Parish and this large site will be very visible from Higher Tale. The construction phase, if it goes ahead, will impact people over a much bigger area including Tale, Talaton, Clyst Hydon and possibly Plymtree and is expected to last for 4-6 months. LightRock Power have made contact with many of those living close to the site and have held online Zoom meetings with some of them to discuss the proposal. They are proposing holding further meetings as required, potentially including a virtual 'Village Hall' type event to promote their proposal. They have a webpage - [www.paytherdensolarfarm.com](http://www.paytherdensolarfarm.com) – with further information and contact details and they are very keen to hear any and all concerns and suggestions.

Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk

## Pause for Reflection

I am local resident who lives in the beautiful countryside near Lower Tale. You may be vaguely aware of the proposal to build a 148 acre electricity generation facility between Lower Tale and Cylst Hydon. These developments are called farms, but they are not like any farm as most people would understand the word.

The case for renewable energy and the threat of climate change are well made. But the case for developing huge generation plants on green field sites is not so clear cut. You may believe that if you can't see this development it will not affect you, you couldn't be more wrong. The impacts are significant and wide ranging.

My immediate concern is that the parishioners of the four parishes directly affected by this proposal; Payhembury, Talaton, Plymtree and Cylst Hydon do not have the full facts.

The consultation process put forward by the developers Lightrock Power, cannot be properly held during the pandemic. Engagement by E mail, teleconferences and Zoom calls discriminates against residents who don't have access to this technology for whatever reason. Right now residents are rightly concerned with the impacts of COVID 19 and have little headspace for local planning matters. However, the developer's timeline is unrelenting and they pursue the planning application as fast as possible. This is patently unfair.

If this proposal goes ahead and the one in Langford, which you may also not know about, space the size of 1,200 football pitches will be given over to electrical generation! Many people agree that development on this scale amounts to the industrialisation of the countryside.

I have written today to the 4 parish councils impacted and urged them to request a delay from the developers so that a proper consultation process can be held before a planning request is submitted. I have also requested our parish councils engage with the EDDC councillors now, to increase the level of oversight on this proposal. I hope you agree this is reasonable and support this approach. Please contact the parish council to voice your support for a delay and greater consultation.

Once you have the full facts, you may decide to object or support this proposal. But you owe it to yourself and your neighbours to get the full details on a massive development which may sit in our local countryside for 40 years or longer.

If you would like the information we have already received from the developers, please contact me at [tomd681@gmail.com](mailto:tomd681@gmail.com). Thank you.

Tom Devine



## 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 **held online via Zoom currently due to Government restrictions (usually held in Parish Hall)**

Tim Cox (Chair)	01404 850005	Robert Leach (Vice-Chair)	01404 841408
Kerron Allen	07970 466782	Phil Chamberlain	01404 841773
Karen Edwards	01404 849186	Eva Ingleson	07792 627802

Parish Clerk: Dawn Chamberlain 01404 841 773  
Parish Council email address: 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: Iain 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

## CALENDAR FOR MAY 2021

- Mon 3rd Hospiscare Coffee Morning, Warren Close gardens, 11am (pg 4)
- Wed 5th Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7pm & 7.30pm via Zoom (pg 14)
- Sat 8th Plant Sale, Broadhembury & Payhembury, 10-12 midday (pg 5)
- Sat 15th Village Hall Garden Tidy Up, 10-12 midday (pg 9)
- Tues 18th Parish Paper Deadline, 4pm
- Wed 19th Mobile Library, village hall car park, 11-11:20am
- Sat 22nd Tennis Court Maintenance, 2pm start (pg 8)



**Do you have an event to publicise, or news to share? Email: [payhemburypaper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:payhemburypaper@yahoo.co.uk)**

### **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Pilates (see page 8 for re-opening details week commencing 17th May)**

Tuesday 6:30pm

Wednesday 9:15am (Ladies only), 10:30am (Men's only)

Thursday 9:30am

**Apple Pips (re-opening Monday 26th April)**

Monday 9:30-11:15

(please note the slightly earlier finish to allow more time for cleaning due to Covid guidelines)

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