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Spring Ball 2024

Saturday 27th April
6:30 until midnight
Payhembury Village Hall
£20 per person
Welcome drink on arrival
Cold meat buffet, pudding
and licensed bar

Fundraising for Youth Pastor Graham Harry

Tickets available at springballgh@gmail.com

Rectory notes – Homelands

Palestine has seen much action in its time. The first Easter Resurrection for starters. Just 40 years later, the Romans razed to the ground the same city, bringing down the curtain on a thousand years of the Jews' homeland. How do we respond to current events there, and do so with the compassion that Christ exemplified as he walked those lands?

For centuries the Jews – a people without a home – suffered wave after wave of persecution across Europe. A dream of a sanctuary in their ancient homeland promised-of-old was born in the late nineteenth century. This 'Zionist' project got rubber stamped in 1917 by the British-led Balfour Declaration, accelerating the flow of immigrants. The unimaginable tragedy of the Holocaust strengthened international support, the United Nations recommending Palestine be partitioned into Jewish and Arab states. So in 1948 the State of Israel was born, and immigration became a flood. After so much suffering throughout history, the Jewish people finally had a place to call their own, a place they could hopefully be safe.

The sticking point was that the land was already other people's home. Tragically the Balfour Declaration set the tone: resident Palestinians were given no voice. The post-war UN settlement sought to redress this; any Palestinians driven from their homes had 'the right to return'. This has never happened. Instead refugee camps filled up across the region – including Gaza: most current Gaza residents are refugees or descendants of refugees. Meanwhile illegal occupation and settlement in the West Bank has continued, driving out ever more Palestinians and restricting the lives of those who remain.

How do we respond with compassion, when two groups of people contend for the same territory? Surely the greater the power, the greater the responsibility. Israel has amassed immense military and economic power, Palestine precious little. The dreadful attack by Hamas in southern Israel punctured the sense of sanctuary that Israel was created to secure. But of the tragically disproportionate slaughter since and lack of humanitarian care, many, many Jews are themselves horrified.

Six months on, may compassion rise afresh. May resurrection walk Palestine's earth again.



1: At The World Holocaust Remembrance Centre in Jerusalem. 2: Palestinians queue at a West Bank security wall checkpoint. Photos from 2013.

Rev David Carrington
Team Vicar of Feniton with Escot and Payhembury
The Rectory, Station Road, Feniton 01404 850905 revdavidcarrington@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2024 - ESCOT, FENITON & PAYHEMBURY

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Church	Time	Service
Escot	6pm	Evensong (LL)
Feniton	9.15am	Storytime+ (ST team)
Payhembury	11am	Parish Communion (DC)

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	11am	Parish Communion (DC)
Payhembury	9.15am	All Ages Service (LL)

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Church	Time	Service
Escot	11am	Parish Communion (JRE)
Feniton	10am	Morning Worship (LL)
Payhembury	6pm	Reflection with Music (LL)

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Church	Time	Service
Feniton	11am	Parish Communion (DC)
Payhembury	9.15am	Café (LL/DC)

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Church	Time	Service
Escot	11am	Escot Patronal Festival and Parish Communion (DC)
Feniton	9.15am	Storytime+ (ST team)

Payhembury Church Warden: Mrs Babs Leach, (841409)
Sexton: Mr Jim Kimber (841320)

Feniton: Cara Sanders(850262) and Barbara Hemsley (07790 143193)

CALENDAR for April 2024

Wed 3rd Broadhembury Garden Club, 7.30pm
Fri 5th Roast lunch at The Six Bells 12 to 2pm
Wed 17th Coffee Morning, The Old Vicarage, 11am
Thu 18th Deadline for submission of items for parish paper, 4pm
Sat 20th Apple Pips Fundraiser, Village Hall, 10 to 12noon
Thu 25th Time Together
Sat 27th Spring Ball, Village Hall, 6.30 to midnight

CALENDAR for May 2024

Wed 1st Broadhembury Garden Club, 7.30pm
Wed 8th Payhembury Parish Council annual meeting, 7pm

Soup Lunch in Church
Monday 8 April
Soups and cakes are all home
made - £5 per head

**The Annual Parochial Church
Meeting will be held in church on**

**Monday 8 April at 7pm
All welcome.**

Churchyard Clean-up

**Saturday 27 April
10am to noon**

If you can spare an hour to trim,
mow or sweep, it would be much
appreciated

Girls' night out

All ladies in the village are invited.

**Tuesday 16th April
7.30
in The Six Bells**

The Big Breakfast at The Six Bells

Saturday 30 March 10am to 12noon

Monthly Lunch at The Six Bells

Friday 5th April 12—2pm

Please phone 841261, to book your table.

Church Flowers

13 and 20 April—Sandra Ford

27 April and 4 May—Sue Derbyshire

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE VILLAGE

MON	9.30—11.30am	Apple Pips, Village Hall
TUES	7pm	Pilates, Village Hall
	7.30pm	Bridge & Cribbage, The Six Bells
WED	9.30	Pilates, Village Hall
	7.15pm	Short Mat Bowls, Village Hall
THUR	9—11.30am	Café Connect, Church
FRI	2—4pm	Art & Crafts, The Six Bells



Safari Supper in aid of the church—Saturday 1st June

Menu: 6pm Aperitifs at Hunter’s Lodge, Tale
 6.45pm Starter at Slade View (Bring your own alcohol)
 7.30pm Main at Summerdale, (Bring your own alcohol)
 8.45pm Desserts/coffee at Brookdale
 9.30pm Retire to The Six Bells

£30 per ticket—limit 20 tickets—tickets are now selling fast!

More information from Christine Thair, 841322



TIME TOGETHER



JOIN US MONTHLY

● FRIENDS ● COMPANY ● FUN ● FOOD

Our programme is designed to get people together in our local community through organised events. Our next events are:

22 February

21 March

18 July

12 September

17 October

14 November

12 December

20 June

We look forward to seeing you all soon

If you'd like to join us - Contact AMHA on 01404 850 852 or 07777 877 425
 or email time.together@dbetrust.co.uk

EVENTS ORGANISED BY DEVON BUSINESS & EDUCATION TRUST
 Based at Devon Business & Education Centre
 Lower Tack, Plymouth, Devon, PL6 8JG

A Spring Concert
 featuring the double musical treat of:
 The Wyndham Singers
from Kentisbeare
 &
 The Stuart Singers
from Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire

St Andrew’s Church, Cullompton

Saturday 20th April
 7pm

Tickets: £12

from: David Ball 07962 401408
 or email:

info@wyndhamsingers.org.uk

All proceeds in much-needed aid of
 HOSPISCARE

Our Wonderful Hedgerows

Our countryside decline in wildlife, particularly following a government-led initiative to remove many hedgerows in the 1960's and then the increased level of 'chemical farming' during the 1970's, is now a well-known fact. No longer do we see plovers or turtle doves in our fields. Cirl buntings, corn buntings, yellow hammers and partridge are rare in our hedgerows. The corncrakes and quails are long gone, and this decline is not limited to birds. There are fewer hares and the loss of smaller mammals such as the shrew, field mouse and dormouse, is significant due to the loss of hedges. There's a similar loss of plant life, reptiles, amphibians and a myriad of insect life (including our important pollinators).

In the West County we are very fortunate to have more hedges than any other part of the UK. They have inestimable value for so much of our wildlife. Hedges provide highways for birds to travel along and to nest and to hide from the sparrow hawk. The roe deer shelter and browse, the hedgehog makes his home, and the wildflowers have their last stronghold. Many of Devon's hedges are over 600 years old and some are thought to date from Neolithic times.

In addition to wildlife, hedgerows play an important role in ensuring soils remain healthy as they reduce the impact of drought and flooding. Water run-off from fields can wash many tonnes of soil into rivers such as the Tale and on to the Otter and hence to the sea. One inch of soil takes over 500 years to form, so protecting it is really important.

The potential to provide food for wildlife is one huge advantage of hedges, especially those containing hazel, brambles, hawthorn, ivy, elder, blackthorn, wild roses and rowan as well as the seeds provided by flowers and grasses. Unfortunately, for many of our hedges, this source of food is denied to the wildlife by the brutal tractor-mounted flail machine. Many hedges are given a severe short-back-and-sides where fruit does not survive. The flail machine is a quick and efficient way to cut hedges and, apart from the odd enthusiast, we are unlikely to resort to the hedge laying and clipping of bygone days, although hedge laying is the best option for increased biodiversity. Repeated flail cutting at the same point causes gnarled, unhealthy hedges unless it is handled with skill and some sensitivity for wildlife.

If you are lucky enough to own a hedge or have the room to plant one, you could significantly improve our habitat for fauna and flora. Many of our hedges could be cut less frequently, biennially rather than annually for example. Ideally, they could be cut to provide an apex rather than a flat top, to make it harder for the wily magpie who hops along the tops of flat hedges cocking his head as he looks for eggs and nestlings. Furthermore, allowing hedges to grow taller and wider would provide better protection for nesting birds as well as allowing a few saplings to be tagged and left to mature into trees. It is wonderful to see that nowadays space is often left either side of hedges for wildflowers, grasses and homes for voles.

Hedgerows are an extremely valuable ecological asset. Let's take great care of them.

Andrew Renshaw

Payhembury Weather

www.payhembury-weather.co.uk

Weather for February 2024

Rainfall: Twice the normal monthly rainfall fell on Payhembury in February continuing the saturated fields and wet roads around the village. Overall in southern England it was a record wet month since the measurements began in 1836.

Temperatures: The mean temperatures in Payhembury both day and night were well above normal for February. Over 30 counties recorded their highest February mean temperature, chiefly in southern areas of England, though many areas further north were also warmer than average. Sunshine duration was well below normal in south west England.

Weather elsewhere: A declining number of ground frosts has been evident in the UK, which can have implications for the growth cycle of apple trees which need more of hours in the year where it's between zero and six degC. If they don't get enough, they can produce less fruit buds. Californian mountain towns and ski resorts were digging out after a "blockbuster" blizzard buried them and major roads under several feet of snow at the end of February. Finally severe sandstorms in China's Xinjiang Region on 17 February reduced visibility to less than 100m with traffic control measures introduced on many roads, one hazard we rarely see in the U.K.

Payhembury Weather Feb 2024			
Monthly Rainfall	161 mm	+84 mm	from normal
Days of Rain	25 days		
Wettest Day	19.8 mm	15 Feb	
Mean Max Temp	11.7 degC	+4.2 degC	from normal
Mean Min Temp	5.0 degC	+3.3 degC	from normal
Warmest Day	14.1 degC	14 Feb	11:45
Coldest Day	-1.8 degC	27 Feb	04:56
Windiest Day	14.8 m/s	26 Feb	09:18

Current weather in Payhembury can be viewed at www.payhembury-weather.co.uk through wunderground. If you want to see the table above a few days after the end of the month it is usually posted on the Payhembury Parish Facebook page.

Roger Saunders

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

At the time of writing, we are busy preparing for Easter, which is very early this year and will more than likely be over before you receive your copy of the magazine. Nevertheless, I thought I would share with you the wonderful springtime displays currently in the shop, thanks to the creativity of Claire Kimber. Celebrating goodies and gifts and providing a colourful and warm welcome as you enter the shop.

As well as gifts, there are also seeds, flowers, potted plants, books suitable for any time. Do pop in and have a browse. The next display will be celebrating all the exciting products we have for summer – where does the time go?



Pat Fowler

Paul's Nature Notes February—March 2024

In January I wrote of my childhood wintertime memories listening to the haunting calls of curlews echoing for miles across the marsh after dark. My abiding springtime memories from that time are the call of lapwing, surely one of the harbingers of spring. It is now yet another endangered red-listed species and one I seldom see these days yet alone hear. These birds have become another casualty of changing farm practices, land use, human disturbance and the indiscriminate use of DDT which had a catastrophic adverse impact on birdlife in the 1960s.

I can still remember returning home from university in 1963 and walking my favourite routes across the marsh. I was completely unprepared for what I witnessed. Where once the dykes had abounded with birds and other forms of wildlife, the whole area was lifeless. The vegetation was stunted, there were no wild flowers and the water in the dykes had an unpleasant scum on the surface. The reason was immediately clear – after spraying, the empty drums of DDT had simply been thrown into the dykes poisoning all wildlife. Whilst DDT was banned in North America in 1972, it took until 1986 for the UK to follow suit. Now 50 years on it has been discovered that DDT has still not broken down and continues to damage ecosystems, particularly aquatic ones and there are fears that it may be a reason driving certain diseases in humans, notably Alzheimer's disease.

Today many are concerned about the use of Neonicotinoids in farming and the fear it may harm honey bees. Despite having been banned in Europe in 2018 they remain in use here to protect certain crops. Is this yet another ticking time bomb?

I am reminded of very different times - where now there is scarcity, then there was abundance and never more so than in the case of lapwings. In the immediate aftermath of WW2 times were hard for many communities and they scratched a living as best they could. Some collected plover eggs for which they were paid a shilling, the eggs being considered a great delicacy. These were sold in Leadenhall Street Market in London for a guinea each. It was perfectly legal to do so up until mid-April, as many eggs were simply destroyed during spring ploughing, after which the birds started all over again. When disturbed by foxes or dogs the parent birds could be seen hopping along the ground dragging a wing as though broken in an attempt to lure these animals away from the eggs or young. The greatest miracle was to watch a hatchling only minutes old scurrying away from the scrape seeking deeper cover.

Paul Lister
(paulister175@gmail.com or 841696)

“A Digger Ate My Playground”! (but good things will follow)



I remember feeling very aggrieved as a kid when my local play space had been dug up (for housing). But fear not! Not all change is negative. In this case, the removal of the old unused swing frame and BBQ as well as clearance of the brambles and remaining old fencing in the playing fields were to make space for new play equipment.

As well as donations from yourselves (thank you), the funding has come from the community infrastructure levy payments, made when any development is done in the parish, and S106 funds. These funds need to be spent on infrastructure, and a portion on equipment for the benefit of youth.



This summer, the Parish Council will be working with Wicksteed and look forward to installing 3 exciting new pieces of play equipment – a zip-wire, a nest swing and a “teen climber” replacement. Please bear with us when we have to close the playpark during the period of construction – and enjoy the new equipment when it is in place!

Payhembury Parish Council Playpark Working Group

Hello Villagers

Hello Villagers, I really can't believe we are going into April already, but that only means another of our lovely Coffee Mornings to enjoy. This month it is being hosted by Naomi and Lionel at their home, The Old Vicarage, on **Wednesday 17th April 2024** between 11 - 12pm so come along and enjoy a good natter and meet new friends.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



In February a lovely time was had by all by courtesy of Leslie and Phillip, and by all accounts was a very jolly morning with lots of new faces. Thank you both very much.

If any one would like to attend any of our events please phone Steve or Sandra on 841 842 and we will happily arrange transport or directions.

Wishing you all a Happy Healthy Easter.

Sandra Ford

FREE and FRIENDLY

Art and Crafts Group
Fridays – 2.00-4.00pm
The Six Bells



You really should look into our art & craft group on a Friday – best way to get your knitting, crocheting or painting done and pick up all the news from the village while you are there.

Not to mention tea or hot chocolate!

Hot and cold drinks
available from the bar.



For more details telephone
Sue 01404 841103 (art)
Naomi 07799 380336 (other crafts)

It seems mighty strange having just walked across a bog purporting to be a cricket field but in theory we should be limbering up for our first game of the season later in April away at Clyst Hydon , not our longest journey but Tale Lane isn't always the easiest route to traverse!



Our First home game is in the Voneus Village Knock Out Cup , our only attempt at 40 Over cricket this summer , at home to the Cornish giants from Roche . Our approach could be likened to Englands less successful attempts at Bazball but on the positive side we have organised an indoor net this year – yes that's correct, just the one net, we don't want to use up all our good fortune before the season proper is underway. It's a 1pm start , bar open, so hopefully a pleasant afternoon to take the family and dog out for a stroll and enjoy some mediocre quality cricket . For any newcomers interested this is a great opportunity to come down and say hello over a cold pint of Thatchers Gold .

Bring on the summer!

JON CARDEN TALE MILLERS CC

Save
the
Date

**The 3rd Annual Village Show
Saturday 21st September.**

The committee are currently compiling the schedule of classes. If anyone has any suggestions for new categories or ideas to improve the show please email

Roz Mullin -
rozmullin@hotmail.com



Don't let anything stand between you and supporting your local hospice. Be a Hospiscare Hero, take on a challenge this year and help raise vital funds to support end-of-life care across Exeter, central and east Devon.

Great West Run 2024

Join Team Hospiscare and take on Exeter's Great West Run - an exciting half marathon through the heart of Devon's capital. The 13.1 mile run is the only half marathon in Exeter where you can run the closed roads. Individuals from far and wide participate and Hospiscare is on a mission to get local people running the local half marathon to support your local hospice. When you sign up you will get a race space, running vest, sponsorship form and fundraising hints and tips.

Exeter Inflatable 5K

Put the fun in fundraising and take on an inflatable challenge for Hospiscare! The world's largest Inflatable 5k obstacle course is coming to Exeter on Saturday 27 April 2024. There are four different distances – 2.5K, 5K, 10K, 15K – to choose from!

Hospiscare Skydive 2024

Fancy an adrenaline-filled morning of skydives, all in aid of Hospiscare? Whether you're jumping in memory of someone special or to fulfil a bucket list challenge, support your local hospice and sign up in 2024. We have a special Hospiscare Skydive days, Sunday 12 May, Wednesday 24 July and Saturday 7 September. But if you can't make any of those dates, you could book a day that suits you.

For more information and to sign up today, visit www.hospiscare.co.uk/challenges. For more challenges and inspiration or email events@hospiscare.co.uk.

Talks organised by Honiton u3a every month starting 2pm:

Wednesday April 17th Helen Baggott—"From Bombs to Bournville".

May 15th Toni Hiscocks gives a talk about Hospiscare

June 19th, Jenny Mallins "Walking into Grandmother's Kitchen at Christmas:
a British Raj lifestyle"

July 17th Barry Hamblin - "Lavender, the Forgotten Herb".

As well as the monthly talks, Honiton u3a runs around 30 Activity Groups, ranging from Walking and Nature Appreciation, to Current Affairs and History, from Book Groups and Poetry Appreciation to Knitting and Crochet. This year, they have been examining the possibility of starting a group to play Pickleball, one of the country's fastest-growing sports.

To find out more about Honiton u3a and how to join, go to: u3asites.org.uk/honiton/home



**We are inviting all former members
to our 10th anniversary concert on**

**Sunday 7th July at 3pm in
Whimple Church**

**We'd love to see you at the concert
and invite you to join in with a song,
details in advance, followed by a
cream tea**

*To register your interest, contact
TaleValleyChoir@outlook.com*

**making
music**

Primroses (*Primula vulgaris*)

Whilst I was hanging out my washing this morning (yes it had stopped raining, probably not for long as my washing seems to be a magnet for rain!) .. I kept on being hit by a wonderful sweet smell. It couldn't be the mahonias as they have finished flowering for this winter then realised it was primroses popping out of the flower borders and through the lawn. I bent down to have a good sniff and my word it was intoxicating! An English native, that can grow in a wide range of conditions; flowering throughout the winter they can feed bees in winter and early spring - however, they put on an especially excellent show through March and April.



Primroses were a staple in the countryside diet, where the slightly spicy leaves provided a rich source of vitamin C, beta carotene and minerals as fresh greens though the long winters, whilst the sweet-scented flowers could be cooked or eaten raw as a vegetable or in fruit salads, also in a variety of deserts including conserves and custards. Primroses are eagerly eaten by the common silkworm.

The whole plant is sedative, helping with sensitivities, restlessness, and insomnia, Pliny believed the roots were an excellent remedy against nervous headaches.

Growing through the winter months primroses contain aspirin like compounds which can help with ailments that tend to worsen over the winter, such as rheumatism, arthritis, and gout. It gives effective relief being taken either as a tea or used externally by adding to bathwater.

Gentle and beautiful, primrose is a real killer of microbes. It is ideal for treating respiratory tract obstructions as it destroys bacteria and viruses along the way. The flowers contain saponins, which are anti-spasmodic and expectorant, which altogether make an excellent cough reducing tea. The roots have been used commercially in cough syrups. The European Medicines Agency mentions its proven effect on coughs, bronchitis, sinusitis, catarrh (inflammation of the mucous membranes) of the lungs and colds.

It has a proven antibacterial and antimetabolic effect, i.e. blocks the growth and division of cancer cells. Modern research in the lab is producing extracts to deliver targeted treatment for cervical cancers.

Primrose flowers have enjoyed a reputation for healing wounds for centuries. It seems to aid blood circulation; an ointment made of flowers boiled in lard would be applied to cuts, burns and other skin ailments. Primroses were used as a beauty treatment believed to rejuvenate skin and give a radiant, even complexion also preventing the formation of blemishes. Caution: Primroses should be avoided if sensitive to aspirin and salicylates.

And finally: Please remember because we are all unique, we can have different responses.

BROADHEMBURY GARDEN CLUB

We had an excellent talk last month on Sub-Tropical Gardening which was brilliantly presented by Dawn and Steve Morgan.

On **Wednesday 3rd April** our talk will be on Plant Propagation by Cannington College. This will be a chance for you all to pick up tips and ideas and plan for our **Plant Sale on Saturday 11th May**. Doors will be open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start at the Memorial Hall. Visitors are always most welcome. Refreshments are available.



Just a heads up that the following meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st May** when Sally Nex will be speaking on Heritage Vegetables.

Val Stringer

Annual Parish Meeting and Payhembury Parish Council March meeting Wednesday 8th May, 7pm & ~7.30pm (Parish Hall & Zoom)

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held on Wednesday 8th May starting at 7pm. This is an opportunity for members of the public to hear what the Parish Council has done over the last year and for electors to have their say on anything they consider important or valuable to people in the parish.

The APM will be followed by the May meeting of Payhembury Parish Council meeting which will start after the end of the APM, but no earlier than 7.30pm. The agenda for the meeting will be available as normal on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website (http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Agendas_and_Minutes_28525.aspx).

Both meetings will be run as one hybrid meeting with members of the public able to attend one or both meetings, either in-person in the Parish Hall or via Zoom (Meeting ID = 873 9034 1297; passcode = 116956; **webpage** = www.zoom.us/join) or via telephone (contact the Clerk for details).

Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk

Councillor Matt Rance

The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Matt Rance for all his hard work and contributions during his time as a Parish Councillor. They were very sorry to receive his resignation in March and would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best in the future.

Parish Councillor vacancy

The Parish Council therefore has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Parishioners have until Tuesday 2nd April 2024 to ask for an election to fill the role (see www.eastdevon.gov.uk/elections-and-registering-to-vote/election-information/elections/casual-vacancies/ for more information about this process). If no election is requested, then after that date the Parish Council will be able to consider applications for co-option.

If you are interested in being considered for co-option as a Parish Councillor then please complete the Parish Council co-option application form which can be found on the Parish Council website (www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Vacancies_32756.aspx) or can be requested from the Clerk (email: payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk or tel: 01404 841773). Please return completed forms to the Clerk either via email or by post (c/o Rose Cottage, Payhembury, Honiton. EX14 3HR). The closing date for receipt of completed forms is 30th April 2024, to be considered at the following Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Parish Council and Parish Councillors, the following websites give a good overview:

www.eastdevon.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/becoming-a-councillor/become-a-parish-or-town-councillor/what-is-a-parish-or-town-council/
<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/about-local-councils>

Road closures – April & May 2024

There are a number of road closures scheduled for April & May, but the scheduled dates can sometimes change nearer the time. Diversions will be in place if needed and details can be found on the DCC Temporary Traffic Notices, copies of which can be found on the Parish Council website, together with other information where applicable- [http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Roads and Highways 29495.aspx](http://www.payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk/Roads%20and%20Highways%2029495.aspx)

2nd -5th April 2024 – road from Colestocks Cross (by Shutes Barn) to Payhembury Road: for DCC drainage work.

11th-19th April 2024 – road from Mousehole Cross to Spence Cross and road from Spence Cross to Blueball Cross: for DDC Highways road maintenance and patching work.

21st May 2024 – road from Blue Anchor Cross to Tuckmill Cross: for BT pole renewal work.

30th May 2024 – Barrow Road: for BT pole renewal work.

Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk

JOHN SOMERS

It is with great sadness that we learnt that our stalwart Umpire and one of our “originals”, John Somers, had passed away peacefully. It's not my place to offer an obituary but on behalf of the club I hope I can offer an affectionate reflection on John's contribution to our little club. As an academic and playwright associated with the University of Exeter, John spent many years enjoying his cricket with their staff “Erratics” team and it was our good fortune that our fledgling club needed an umpire just as his playing career wound down. John was already familiar with Tuck Mill of course, having produced and directed the 2007 production of the play that focussed on the German Junkers 88 that came down in the Tale Valley in 1941, Foresight. The play was cleverly staged in what would become the cricket field just a few years later.

Many years before the Tale Millers had even been dreamt of, in around 1987, John helped to arrange a friendly cricket match in his field between Tale and Clyst Hydon, the victorious visitors returning home to set up what has become one of East Devon's most successful village sides, certainly thanks in part to John's contribution. In 2017 East Devon District Council recognised John's contribution to sport in the area by nominating him as one of their chosen “Sporting Heroes” and I know he was chuffed to be invited down to Knowle to attend the Tea Party and ceremony.

From when I first spoke to John about setting up The Millers, he never stopped encouraging me and reassuring me that a cricket club in Payhembury would be a great addition to the area. We all need guys like John to give us that bit of belief at times. Only two years ago we thanked him for his service to the club with an award, having stood as our “Ump” for 8 years. His umpiring was always good value, he helped us and we helped him, particularly as his eyesight began to deteriorate slightly in his latter years. Occasionally visiting teams couldn't quite get the idea that our umpire might have slightly diminished eyesight, but they missed the point, he was one of ours and it was our job to keep him involved for as long as we possibly could. I hope we did him well.



He will be greatly missed in many circles and we will be finding an appropriate way to honour his memory. Rest In Peace, Ump

Jon Carden, Tale Millers CC

INFORMATION PAGE

Non urgent police contact 101

Honiton Hospital 01404 540540 (Minor Injury Unit 8am-8pm)
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 841485
Phil Chamberlain 01404 841773 Louise Scott 07752 158107
Karen Edwards 01404 849186
Paul Thomas 01404 841516

Parish Clerk: Dawn Chamberlain 01404 841 773
Parish Council email address: payhemburypc@payhemburyparishcouncil.org.uk

Useful numbers at the County Council (all 0345)

General Enquiries	155 1015	Registrars	155 1002
Highways	155 1004	Libraries	155 1001
Disability Information	155 1005	Family Info Service	155 1013
Bus passes	01392 383 688		

Emergencies

Social Services 0345 600 0388
Highways 0345 155 1008
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
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: Richard Jefferies richard.jefferies@eastdevon.gov.uk

PAYHEMBURY VILLAGE HALL HIRE AND CHARGES

Please email info@payhemburyvillagehall.org.uk for details about hiring the hall, charges and to make a booking.

PAYHEMBURY PROVISIONS

Opening hours and contact details

Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm

Saturday 8am to 1pm

Sunday 8am to 12pm

Tel: 01404 841856

FREE ENTRY



SAT 20TH APRIL 10AM- 12PM

📍 PAYHEMBURY VILLAGE HALL

**Pre loved baby & children
clothing & toy market**

**Kids Crafts & Face Painting
Raffle**

Tea & Coffee / Soft drinks & Cake Sale

BOOK YOUR OWN STALL!

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toys.**

**To book a £5 table contact Olivia on:
07772541986**

