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*The Anglo-Saxons
called March
“Hylyd monath”
which means
Stormy month, or
“Hraed monath”
meaning Rugged
month!*

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ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

PAYHEMBURY

Dear Friends,

It's hard to keep your spirits up when the weather has been so miserable and we live in constant anxiety about flooding. We feel for those people in other places in the country who are suffering with flooding particularly those who can see no end to the water levels rising. We hope and pray that there will be some rest bite and that people will be able to start to piece together their lives again and also that people in our villages will be less anxious as rain falls.

Hope is important in these situations, if there is only despair we are lost, we must have hope that solutions to our flooding problems in this area will be resolved, we must have hope that rain will cease and sun will shine, we know it does eventually. Recently haven't we appreciated seeing patches of blue sky appear? I'm sure like me you have really enjoyed feeling the warming rays of the sun when they have pierced the clouds.

God's love warms us too as it pierces the gloom, we just have to be open to receive



it and like the sun itself it can lift our spirits and give us hope.

I heard it said the other day on the TV, I think it was on Valentine's Day, that we as a nation will

have fallen out with our "love affair" with the weather. I pondered on this, yes we are fairly obsessed with weather but that's because it is so changeable, we are never too sure from day to day what the weather will be like in our part of the world unlike in other places where weather is more settled. So we do need some constants in our lives and the constant for me is the knowledge of God's unchangeable love for everyone and that gives me great hope and reassurance.

As we move closer to spring let us hope for a drier time ahead but let us all be assured by the constancy of God's love available for all to keep us going even when black clouds loom, He is the bright ray of sunshine which bursts through and warms us all.

Blessings Rev *Cate*

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**PARISHES OF FENITON, ESCOT, PAYHEMBURY
CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH 2014**

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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

WEDNESDAY 5TH 7.15 FENITON ASHING SERVICE

THURSDAY 6TH 7.15 ESCOT APCM IN CHURCH/

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH LENT 1

Time	Service	Church
9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Escot (CE)
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Feniton (GG)
10.30 am	Cafe	Payhembury (CE)

TUESDAY 11TH 7PM PAYHEMBURY APCM

THURSDAY 13TH, 20TH, 27TH 7.15 FENITON CHURCH LENT STUDY

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH LENT 2

Time	Service	Church
9.00 am	Matins	Escot (TP)
3.30 pm	Family teatime praise	Escot Village Hall (CE)
9.30 am	Parish Communion	Payhembury (CE)
11.00 am	Parish HC & Baptism	Feniton (CE)
6.00 pm	Worship & Praise	Feniton

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH LENT 3

Time	Service	Church
9.00 am	Parish HC	Escot (GG)
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Feniton (LL)
11.00 am	All ages service	Payhembury (DB)

TUESDAY 25TH 7PM FENITON APCM

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

Time	Service	Church
10.00 am	Mothering Sunday service	Feniton (CE)
11.00 am	Mothering Sunday service	Payhembury (CE)

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL PASSION SUNDAY

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

WHAT'S ON AT ST. MARYS CHURCH?

No doubt you are fully aware that there are regular services that take place in church through the month, but we wanted to draw your attention to other activities, some recently established, that you may be less familiar with, but might like to get involved in.

BBC—This is a 'bible and biscuit club' run fortnightly by Rev Cate for Years 5 and above. It is an opportunity for the children to look at the bible and what it has to say to them, in a relevant, accessible and fun way - alongside eating rather a lot of biscuits I believe!! In addition, this group is now meeting socially, a programme of various activities has been drawn up, and the first social evening saw 15 children enjoying a movie and plenty of pizza together!

Easter Eggstravaganza—On Good Friday, 18th April, we will be having a morning of activities, games, crafts and of course, an Easter egg hunt for all the children, from 10.00am – 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Everyone is really welcome to join us for what we hope will be a fun filled morning together, to begin our Easter weekend celebrations.

All Ages Services—A new feature to this once a month service – bacon butties before the service!!! An opportunity to catch up with one another and enjoy food together, so do join us on the last Sunday of the month for breakfast together before our informal time of worship.

Ladies Lent Group—A five week course, running through Lent, where we will be looking in more detail at the lessons we can learn from the Lord's Prayer. Instead of giving up something for Lent – why not take something up!?! Friday mornings from 9.15 – 10.45am at Cherrybrook, informal and relaxed, with coffee and cake too of course. If you have small children, they are welcome too!

Bible Study—This is an adult group which meets fortnightly on Monday evenings from 8pm at Cherrybrook. The group which has been running for a while now, provides an opportunity to think about and discuss God's word in the context of an informal and friendly setting. We are always happy to welcome new members to the group.

We are hoping to build and develop the events and activities run through Church, particularly for our children, young people and families, so watch this space as plans unfold!!

If you are interested in anything mentioned here or have any further questions, please do contact Rev Cate (851401) or Becky Gammon (841825).

51st PAYHEMBURY SPRING BULB AND FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2014

PAYHEMBURY PARISH HALL, 4.30 to 6.15pm



Come and see the wonderful displays:

- * *growing bulbs*
- * *cut flowers and arrangements*
- * *children's entries*
- * *cookery*
- * *preserves and handicrafts.*



By the time you are reading this the Bulb Show will be only two weeks away. **Don't forget to pick up your entry forms from Di Somers, Louise Granger or myself.** For anything you are unsure about, please call me on 841843.

I look forward to seeing all your creations at the show. Happy making.

Jane Wood

(Di can be found in the shop on Mon 12-2pm, Wed 2-4pm, and Fri 11-1am)

Welcome to our Gardening Club



The Broadhembury and District Gardening Club.

Our next meeting will be held on:

Wed 5th Mar, 7.30 pm in Broadhembury Village Hall

Various members will be giving short talks on their gardening expertise. Once again, we shall be having a raffle and a plant sale, which was so successful last month.

Jenny Russell, Secretary



PARISH COFFEE MORNING

It was so lovely to welcome everyone who came to the Coffee Morning at our house in January; thank you all for supporting us, and a special thank you to those who helped.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 26th March at the usual time of 11a.m. at Oak Cottage (on the corner of Warren Close) by kind invitation of Alison and Anthony, where as usual we can expect a really warm welcome.

For information about the Coffee Mornings, or if anyone would like a lift, please contact me on 841828. All contributions from the Coffee Mornings go to Church funds.

Marjorie Wright

PAYHEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the beginning of term we welcomed Lydia Baker, a fourth year student from Plymouth University, to our school for the whole of the spring term. Ms Baker is working in Willow Class with Mrs James. The children benefit hugely when we have a student as we have an extra teacher for the term. We have also welcomed three new children to our School this term.

In January Willow Class went to Torquay Dinosaur World to find some dinosaurs. They had a fabulous day and it is one of their favourite topics. After the trip Willow Class went to the school wild area and made mini dinosaur dens. The reception children made a large model of a triceratops head for their role play area.

In February Oak class won the Hockey Trophy for the second year running and also we were **awarded the title of best 'Fair Play' team. This is such an enormous achievement as we are competing** with some much bigger schools. Congratulations to Oak class.

We are moving into the second phase of the building work. Three old metalled framed windows are being replaced in the main building. They are being replaced by handmade wooden ones. All windows in the old school house are being secondary glazed and the large classrooms are being overhauled and made draught proof. All doors are being repaired and painted. The flat roof at the back of the school and the window lights are being replaced and upgraded too. The work is scheduled to take about four weeks and starts on 24th February.

The Universal Free School meals offer is due to begin in September. The school will need to provide hot dinners from September, so we can guarantee the return of meals to Payhembury School. This is really fantastic news. We were very sad when we had to stop offering that facility to families. Currently we are in a very exciting position as being a flag ship school for a national pilot to reinstate school dinners into Small Schools. One vital element which has been fundamental in moving this process forward has been the very positive and continuous support from the Parish Hall Committee. We must thank Louise and Alan for meeting with us to discuss our future options in regards to school dinners. After half term we will be meeting with a working group of children (representatives from all classes) and parents to have a taster day. We are working with a number of established companies to look at the most desirable menus for our school.

Future Dates

5 th March	- Governor's Meetings
6 th March	- Curriculum/I nformation Meeting 3.30pm
10 th March	- Parent's Evening
12 th March	- Parent's Evening
21 st March	- Bag2School contributions
9am	
24 th March	- Bikeability week
25 th March	- Governor's Meeting
4 th April	- Last day of Term
22 nd April	- First day of Summer
Term	

The school is always at church on Thursday mornings (9.15am) so anyone is welcome to come along and join us.

We would also welcome any volunteers who might like to help in school. We are always very grateful for any assistance.



Payhembury Parish Church **SOUP LUNCH AND GIFT DAY**

We're holding another soup lunch on Mar 8th from 12 noon—2pm in the parish church. These have become very popular, with a mug of delicious homemade soup and bread, followed by coffee (tea) and cakes. This time we are combining the lunch with a gift day in aid of church funds. Someone will be in church from 11am—3pm to receive donations towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.



The PCC thought it would be helpful if the village knew a little more about the costs of keeping Payhembury Church open and running for all to enjoy. The church needs £25,000 a year, there are NO external funding or grants available from the diocese so we have to raise the money ourselves by personal donations, gifts, regular giving and fundraising—no easy task!

We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful. Historic building in the centre of our village and whether you are a regular churchgoer or not, it has an important role to play in our village life. It is used every week by the school, weekly or more for services and is readily available to all for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. There are also social events, concerts, plays and festivals.

We would like to thank all those people who already give regularly to the church, either by direct debit or the envelope scheme or by one-off donations—or by giving their time. We are hoping to encourage more people to give in this way, however large or small, as it helps in the budgeting of the accounts and will help to save our church from closing, which would be disastrous. If you can help donate regularly or give something on “Gift Day” we would be very grateful. The other consideration to think about is leaving a legacy to the church in your will. We are “caretakers” of the church for future generations. Thank you.

Please contact:

The church wardens (details on front page)

Pat Fowler (treasurer) 841646 or Christine Thair (Gift Aid Secretary) 841322

CUP OF TEA AND BINGO



Sorry we had to cancel last month but we are sure you agree that it would have been mad to go out in that awful weather!

Here's hoping for better conditions for our next get together which will be on

Wednesday 5th March 2014
In the Parish Hall from 2.15 pm



We are still wanting more players to make this a viable event! Please come along and enjoy a happy couple of hours – it only costs £2 and, If your luck is in, you could go home with more than that.

Look forward to seeing you on the 5th ,,,,,,,..... Louise and Joy



MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The Annual General Meeting in January held in the Parish Hall at Payhembury was attended by 9 members, with apologies from six members unable to be present. Our Leader, Paula Beabey, reported on the activities of last year, thanking members for their support and the Committee for their contribution to a successful year. Our Treasurer, Judy Davis, gave the financial report and was thanked for her hard work as Treasurer. The present Committee will remain standing for the ensuing year.

Paula took the opportunity to inform members about the origins of Women's World Day of Prayer which started in the U.S.A. and Canada in the 19th century for all Christian denominations. Now prayers begin on the national dateline of Samoa and as the earth rotates prayers spread across the world, with over 170 countries participating. Following notices the meeting ended with tea and biscuits.

The meeting on 19th February was attended by 11 members and was held at the home of our member Joan, in Feniton. Our Leader, Paula welcomed everyone and thanked Joan for welcoming us to her home. We were in good voice for an hymn and Paula led us in prayer. Sadly it was reported that aim6e Hubbard has died. Ethnee- had been a member for many years, latterly as an Indoor Member. Verbena attended her funeral. Members were informed of the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held on 7th March at the Methodist Church in Ottery at 2 p.m. with a request for 2 members to participate. Paula and Joan will take part with Marjorie as reserve. Following a request by our Vicar, Revd. Cate, Joan also offered to make and send Baptism anniversary cards at the appropriate time to all who are baptised in our three parishes, as a gesture of goodwill.

Our Treasurer, Judy Davis was our Speaker and gave us a really interesting talk on Girl Guiding, recalling her many years of service for the movement. We learned of the history of guiding which was inspired by Robert Baden Powell's Scouting for boys. The change in the style of uniform over the years is remarkable, with to-day's outfits much more suitable for the many activities undertaken by the girls. There has been a great deal of controversy over the PROMISE made by girls on joining the movement, but a sensible compromise has now been reached. Judy was thanked for giving us an insight into her devotion and involvement in guiding, and much for us to reminisce about.

We next meet on TUESDAY March 25th for our Lady Day Holy Communion Service in Payhembury Church which will be led by the Rev. Cate Edmonds at 2.30pm

Marjorie Wright (Hon. Secretary)

TIME FOR A BIT OF EXERCISE?

There will be a 4 mile (slow pace) and 6 mile (faster pace) run from the Six Bells on Wednesday 2 April starting at 6:45pm.



Just turn up and run (there may also be a walk).

Contact Roger Saunders on 01404-841636 or visit www.honitonrc.com a few days before the run for more details.



Nature Notes *Observations from February*

Hello

Since my last notes, the weather has been largely diabolical, so birds and animals have lain low---do you blame them!

However, we have experienced the odd sunny day. On one of these days (2nd February) I noticed snowdrops, helebores and the first crocuses peeping out of the ground. A greater spotted woodpecker on the nuts and a few goldfinches too.

Had Spring arrived? No, the next few days were cold, windy and wet!

Margaret and I went on the River Exe Birdwatching boat trip again later in February. The weather was fairly kind, enabling us to see about forty species of wild ducks, waders and wild geese. The bird everyone hopes to see on the exe is the lovely avocet, and we weren't disappointed. There they were---black and white, with blue legs and beaks--and so elegant. The other bird which is so typical of the Exe in Winter is the red breasted merganser. The male is a very attractive duck, with black, white and red plumage, whereas the female is not as boldly coloured, being mainly brown, but they both sport lovely punk hair-styles! We must have seen at least a hundred of them.



In the last few days, the weather has improved, and the garden plants are developing quickly. We have our first daffodil in bloom, and there will soon be more. Today, I noticed the purple flowers on the lungwort (pulmonaria). We have a lovely bed of cyclamen in bloom under the apple trees. More birds are coming into the garden, so I do think that Spring is on the way!

Alan Jones



CLARET'S CORNER *by our postie Marty*



We went to BOURNEMOUTH to watch the CLARETS who are managed by our ex manager Eddie Howe on the 15th of February, but due to the poor weather the pitch wasn't in the best condition for our quality football, so a 1-1 draw was a fair result. So with 2 wins, 3 draws and no defeats we are second in the league at the time of writing.

I'm getting a bit fed up with returning home wet through, but hopefully spring is on the way? good luck and best wishes to the Mould family who are leaving the SIX BELLS, they ran a good pub in their time there.

See you around the village and UP THE CLARETS!

MARTY.



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VOYAGE OF THE VIQUEENS

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Burn's Night

This was the message to all on Burn's night!

The Parish Hall was transformed into a Scottish Highland House on 25th January as the great and good of Devon donned their tartan and braced the winds to celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns. Whisky was drunk and glasses were raised to celebrate the great poet, the piper played and dancing ensued. Many a lad and lassie danced the night away to the ceilidh band, whooping and laughing their way through the gay gordon and eight-some reel, to name but a few!

The evening was a huge success and as weary folk made their way home there was much talk about next year's event and could we do the same again? It was such fun and we were able to raise **£630.20** for the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Alzheimer's Society.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and donated money to these good causes, a particular thank you to Yellingham Farm Foods who provided all the food and drink, a simply outstanding job.

So, same time next year? Kirsty Cann

Rainfall: As you must be aware it has been a record wet few months in the south of England with the first 2 weeks in February having 3 times more than the norm. In January we had over twice the monthly rainfall in East Devon. There has been a succession of storms passing over with heavy rain and strong winds.

Temperatures: There is no sign of a real winter yet with temperatures 2degC above average in both January and so far in February. This is linked to the prevailing winds being from a southerly direction bringing all the storms.

Weather elsewhere: The pounding our coast has endured is only to evident in nearby beaches. Branscombe beach has been “redesigned” by nature and sadly some of the beach properties now are unstable. In contrast to the UK the Western U.S. is suffering drought conditions whereas the East has snow and very cold temperatures. Their anomalous weather is linked to ours through the meanders of the jet stream. Meanwhile Australia had the hottest year on record in 2013.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Jan 14/Feb 14 (14 days)	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	7.6/7.5	9.8/9.6	Warmer
Min Temp	2.1/1.7	3.3/3.2	Warmer
Mean Temp	4.9/4.6	6.6/6.4	Warmer
Temp Range	5.5/5.7	6.5/6.4	
Highest Max	14/14	12.5/11.7	17 Jan 14
Lowest Min	-13/-9	-1.9/1.1	21 Jan 14
Lowest Max	-6/-3	5.2/8	30 Jan 14
Highest Min	11/10	7.3/9.5	5 Feb 14
Payhembury		Rainfall mm	Date of max
Jan 14	104	173	1 Jan 14
Feb 14 (14 days)	39	115	4 Feb 14



Roger Saunders

Follow me on twitter at @sat_metman

Churchyard Cleanup

A sign that Spring is on the way! - there will be a churchyard cleanup on 29th March from 10am to 12 noon. We will look tidy for a wedding in April and for Easter.

There are 8 weddings this year, so we shall be kept busy!!

We are looking for more volunteers to give up 2 hours a month to help us out. Bring a strimmer or just yourself, you will be very welcome.



Babs Leach



Plymtree Souper Lunches 2014

Home-made soups, bread and cheese
served from 12.00 – 2.00pm
Donations to Christian Aid—**All Welcome**

<u>Friday</u>	<u>At</u>	<u>With</u>
Mar 7th	Clyst William Barton	Stephanie & John Thurston
Mar 14th	The URC, Normans Green	The Members
Mar 21st	Fordmore	Sue & Herbert Persey
Mar 28th	Hayne Farm, Dulford	Jan & Henry Keeling

Need a lift? Phone Heather Wheeler 277354 or Helen Purves 277425

Come and drive away the winter blues with hot soup and good company!

Please note. Traditionally our soup lunches have covered all six Fridays during Lent. A shortage of venues means this may not be possible this year. If we can fill the two April slots they will be advertised in next month's magazine; we're still working on it.

The 'Stirrers'.

Also there will be a Lent Lunch in Feniton Parish Hall on Saturday April 5th.



This will be on Tuesday 11th March from 7.30pm in the Six Bells. We have a lot of catching up to do after 2 months!

All ladies (any age) are very welcome to join us for an informal get together each month.

Look forward to seeing you. Babs Leach



Every Second Wednesday
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Stories, craft, prayers & singing for
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For more information Becky@841825

Appeal for new Editors

I am happy to report we have had 2 offers to help with editing the paper—from Marian Edwards and Claire McMurtrie. Many thanks to both, I think some fresh blood will be good and look forward to working with them.

However, we could still use one more **volunteer as I could then "retire" properly**. So please get in touch if you are even the teeniest bit interested!

Sue Derbyshire

DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE

Unfortunately, there have been numerous incidents of dogs fouling pavements in the village and regularly outside the school – in very close proximity to the dog bin.

The Parish Council must remind all parishioners that dog fouling is an offence for a very good reason. It is disgusting and disruptive for dog mess to be carried around on shoes, into houses, the shop, Parish Hall and above all into school classrooms. We are all aware of the fact that it can be a health hazard, which makes it all the more incredible that owners would let their dogs foul outside the school.



In order to combat this current spate of fouling, we must urge all owners to be responsible and to use the dog bins provided throughout the village. In addition, if anyone is seen letting their dogs foul, without clearing up then we urge that they be reported to the Dog Warden at East Devon District Council.

This can be done anonymously by telephoning

01395 571517, by e-mail: csc@eastdevon.gov.uk.

Reports can also be made on line at www.eastdevon.gov.uk by clicking on 'report it'.

Failure to clear up after your dog could result in a fine of up to £1,000.

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News from Youth Club

We have had a great half-term despite the weather, with the children enjoying all the indoor games and activities youth club has to offer. Our last party was great fun. Thanks to parents for the great food contributions.



We really would like at least one more person to join our committee. This would involve one meeting a term (in the pub!) and some extra help with Party in the Park. Last year there were too few of us working on the event – organisation, staffing of the event itself, clearing up etc. Even if you feel you do not want to join the committee all year round, helpers for Party in the Park would be greatly appreciated – perhaps attending our planning meeting and offering to contribute your time in some way. Youth Club is great fun but we do need your support!

There has been some discussion about the possibility of senior youth club returning for ages 12-16 after junior youth club. If your young people would be interested please could you email payhemburyyouthclub@gmail.com to let us know. It would also need a Youth Leader to commit to every session – if this is something you could consider similarly please email youth club.

Happy half-term!



Dear Friends, how are you all, wet and soggy like us? We mice really have got fed up with the rain, fun at first with great shoots of water pouring off the roof, we like to get large leaves and surf on it but now we have got bored with that.

Well actually we have been told off by Dad as he says it's very dangerous! So our leaf surfing days have come to an

end and we've had to spend our time trying to find things to do in church. A lot of our time is spent searching for crumbs as we can't go out and find berries and juicy things to eat. We were able to store up a nice few bits and pieces after the Christingle service, the yummy cakes were especially nice, but we didn't find many sweet I think the children had eaten them all up very quickly. Did you know the Christingles were left in church over night, Parchina and I looked longingly at them but Mum told us we mustn't go near them and we did do as she told us as we didn't want to spoil things for the next day.

We have also been very worried about our mice friends in other parts of the country particularly our cousins in Somerset, we do hope they are OK and have managed to climb up trees to safety.

We do hope that by the time you read this we will have had some nicer weather, **I don't mind if it's cold, I want to wear the new scarf I had at Christmas and it will be great to see the children come into church on Thursday with their lovely coloured woolly hats rather than wet soggy coats. We mice do think that even when it's wet they still sing so beautifully and we really look forward to hearing their lovely singing, it cheers us up. They don't notice but sometimes we join in as well. Spring is round the corner, so let's hope there is sunshine on the way and our fur can dry out properly. Must dash now, Parchie.**

PAYHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL DATES

The next Payhembury Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

The Annual Meeting of Payhembury Parish Council will be held the following week – Wednesday 19th March 2014 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Carol singing



Thanks to everyone who braved the elements to come and spend a few hours carolling around the village. We raised **£200** for the Village Charity, so a huge thanks to all who gave so generously.

I would also like to thank The Six Bells for providing refreshments at the end of the evening, they made us very welcome.

Lesley Elford

'Romeo and Juliet'

Performed by MA Shakespeare students from Exeter University Drama Department, this production will take place at Payhembury Hall on Sunday 16th March at 4.00pm. A workshop exploring the themes and storyline of the play will be led by the cast starting at 2.00pm and lasting 90 minutes. This is suitable for participants 11+ to infinity. Please note that the production has a contemporary slant as Romeo will be played by a female actor thus raising the issue of same-sex relationships - currently controversial in some countries as news coverage shows, and certainly capable of raising a few eyebrows and even daggers in Shakespeare's time.

Tickets available from February 15th from Payhembury Shop (£5.00, 18s and under £3.00) and reserved from John Somers: J.W.Somers@ex.ac.uk

CRICKET

Whilst the Tuck Mill wicket has spent an inordinate of time under water since Mid December, hopefully we will soon have a drier spell and will be able to start work on the pitch for the coming season. Some great times were had last summer and we can only hope that the weather pattern repeats itself. As the only pitch in the county to boast a slurry lagoon on the boundary (and the only pitch to give a very useful late cut of sileage as well!) it will need a **bit of work before the "Tale Millers" can take** to the field once more: lets hope we can give The Six Bells a better game this year!



We will be playing mainly Monday night friendlies with the odd weekend game, starting early May and welcome players of all abilities and ages, alongside any volunteers interested in helping with ground work, scoring, umpiring etc.

It would be good to see some new faces this summer so if you fancy a none too serious game do please either call me on 0777 5647239
JON CARDEN

WHO WOULD LIKE BETTER BROADBAND?

You may remember an article about an on-line petition in our December issue. This petition asking for better broadband in rural areas is still around so if **you haven't already signed it**—please DO SO! Every vote shows how we feel about being left out and there are over 1,000 to date.

<https://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/ed-vaizey-minister-for-communications-and-keri-denton-head-of-economy-and-enterprise-at-devon-county-council-provide-fttc-faster-fibre-optic-broadband-cabinets-in-all-devon-and-somerset-villages-not-just-larger-villages-and-towns>

Meanwhile, a public meeting was held in Upottery on 7th Feb, chaired by Neil Parish and with several interested parties represented, including BT. This link gives a report on the meeting if you are interested:

<https://sites.google.com/site/upotterywebsite/latest-news/faster-broadband-final-coverage-map-2017/broadband-public-meeting-february-7>

INFORMATION PAGE

Non urgent police contact: 101 ****NOTE CHANGE OF NUMBER****

Honiton Hospital: 01404 540540

Your Parish Council:

Di Somers (01884 277390)

Robert Leach (01404 841409)

Mark Disney (01404 841353)

Keith Williams (01404 841772)

Clive Fowler (01404 841646)

Jon Scarle (01404 841466)

Clare Doble (01404 841758)

Sue Morris, Parish Clerk (01404 850094)

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

Useful numbers at the County Council (all 0845):

General Enquiries 0845 155 1015

Roads & transport 155 1004

Libraries 155 1001

Disability information 155 1005

Children/families 155 1013

Registrars 155 1002

Emergencies: Social Care (0845 600 0388), Highways(01392 383329)

Animal welfare, petrol, explosives (01392 499499)

Useful numbers at the District Council (all 01395):

Switchboard 516551

Emergency (out of hours) 578237

Environmental health 517456

Dog/pest control 571517

Council tax/benefits 517446

Missed bins/recycling 571515

Car park fines 571643

Bus passes 571500

Planning matters 517475

County Councillor Paul Diviani – 0845 3285 788

District Councillor Philip Skinner – 01404 822855

PAYHEMBURY PARISH HALL HIRE AND CHARGES

**PLEASE CONTACT LOUISE GRANGER FOR DETAILS 01404 841457
(before 6pm. please)**

PAYHEMBURY PROVISIONS

OPENING HOURS AND CONTACT DETAILS

Monday—Friday 8.00am to 7.00pm

Saturday 8.00am to 1.00pm

Sunday 8.00am to 12.00pm

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

Contact details for churchwardens in Escot or Feniton:

Feniton - David Lanning or Roger White (851441)

Escot - Judy Davis (812739) or Keith & Eve Townson (812604)

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2014

Sunday 2 Service Morning Worship 11.00am

5 Tea and Bingo, Parish Hall 2.15pm

8 Soup Lunch/Gift Day, church noon—2pm

Sunday 9 Service Cafe, 10.30am

11 Service APCM 7.00pm

11 Girls' Night Out, Six Bells 7.30pm

12 Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30pm

Sunday 16 Service Parish Communion, 9.30am

16 Romeo and Juliet, Parish Hall 4.00pm

19 Parish Annual Meeting, Parish Hall 7.30pm

20 PARISH PAPER DEADLINE, 4.00pm

Sunday 23 Service All Ages Service, 11.00am

25 Mothers' Union Lady Day Communion, Payhembury 2.30pm

26 Coffee Morning, Oak Cottage 11.00am

27/28/29 Voyage of the ViQueens, Parish Hall

29 Churchyard Cleanup, from 10.00am

Sunday 30 Service Mothering Sunday, 11.00am

Early Apr dates: 2—Tea and Bingo, Parish Hall 2.15pm

2—Run from Six Bells, 6.45pm

6—Morning Worship, 11.00am

Church Flowers: Mar 1—Mrs L Granger/ Mar 8—Apr 18 LENT NO FLOWERS

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE PARISH HALL
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Pre School Tuesday to Friday — see main advert for details

MONDAY Apple Pips 9.30—11.30am

Youth Groups 5.30—7.00pm

TUESDAY Musical Moments 10.15—11.30am

Pilates 7.00-8.00pm & 8.15-9.15pm

WEDNESDAY Pilates 9.15-10.15 & 10.30-11.15am, Men

Short Mat Bowling 7.30—10.00pm

THURSDAY Pre-School Lunch Club 11.30—12.45pm

Email address: payhemburypaper@yahoo.co.uk

Payhembury Village Website: www.payhembury.org.uk