

THE PARISH PAPER

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Pupils from Awliscombe and Payhembury schools recently visited Tuck Mill, farmed by John and Libby Carden, where the children learned about lambs and calves.

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Rectory notes – Green and pleasant land?



I have been struck by an unlikely connection between two very different places: our own villages, and Gaza. Both face concerns about housing and infrastructure. Gaza's is tragically being flattened: homes and hospitals destroyed, people driven out (and worse). In our villages (thankfully on a scale of seriousness far smaller than Gaza), housing developments are proposed, midst strained or inadequate infrastructure.

Our homes are so important for us. They give security and stability, familiarity and community. They form the fabric of our lives and create memories. We naturally wish to protect our homes and the local environment in which they sit. We are fortunate to live in a green and pleasant part of the land.

But for some people, such homes are an unattainable aspiration. Midst a national housing crisis, many who would dearly love to live in our communities, particularly young adults, find there is insufficient housing, let alone anything affordable. New housing may be one person's curse but another's blessing.

Whether or not we're religious, religions offer stories. The story of death and resurrection reaches our deepest roots. Easter eggs may have vanished from the shops by Easter Monday, but the church celebrates Easter right through May. Why? We continually face loss in our lives, yet the Resurrection signposts hope for futures better than we could imagine.

There are often good practical reasons why particular housing developments may be unwise, and new housing must be proportionate. But might the future it brings sometimes be better than we imagine? Most of us live in houses that were once green fields, of course. For those for whom local housing is just a dream, their imaginations could be realised.

Homes. Most of us are blessed with good ones. We grieve for those whose homes have been destroyed, whether in Gaza, Ukraine or elsewhere. May all who live in future housing in our villages bring blessing to our communities, and be blessed here as we are.

Rev David Carrington

Team Vicar of Feniton with Escot and Payhembury

The Rectory, Station Road, Feniton 01404 850905 revdavidcarrington@gmail.com

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

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

Escot Deputy Church Warden : Janet Welch (850940)

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2025

ESCOT, FENITON & PAYHEMBURY

All Otter Vale MC services at
<https://ottervalechurches.org/ministry/ovmc-services/>

Sunday 4 May—Easter 3

Escot	11am	St Philip and St James joint patronal HC (DC)
Feniton	9.15am	Storytime (ST team)

Sunday 11 May—Easter 4

Feniton	11am	Parish Communion (JRE)
Payhembury	9.15am	All Ages Service (LL)

Sunday 18 May—Easter 5

Escot	11am	Parish Communion (DC)
Feniton	10am	Morning Worship (LL)
Payhembury	6pm	Reflection with music (LL)

Sunday 25 May Easter 6 / Rogation Sunday

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

Thursday 29 May—Ascension Day

Sunday 1 June—Easter 7

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

Church Flowers

May 3rd & 10th May	Mrs Helen Holroyd
May 17th & 24th May	Mrs Gillian Clarke
May 31st & 7th June	Mrs Yo Smallwood

Calendar for May 2025

Wed 7th	Broadhembury Gardening Club, 7.30pm
Thu 8th	Time Together Coffee & Cake, Village Hall, 1.45pm
	Short Mat Bowls, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 10th	Spring Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 17th	Broadhembury Plant Sale, Broadhembury Square, 10—12noon
Tue 20th	Ladies' Night Out at The Six Bells, 7.30pm
Wed 21st	Coffee Morning, Slade View, 11am
Thu 22nd	Time Together, Business & Education Centre, Tale, 12.30pm
Sat 24th	Churchyard Cleanup, 10am
Sat 31st	Church Afternoon Tea, Village Hall, 3 - 5pm

June

Sat 7th FOPS Summer Fair



Art and Crafts Group *The Six Bells* 2—4pm Every Friday

For information: Sue 01404 841103 (art)

Naomi 07799 380336 (craft)



Soup Lunch

Monday 12 May

12 noon until 2pm

**£6 each for home made soups,
cakes, coffee and tea**

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, Six Bells
WED	9.30	Pilates, Village Hall
THUR	9—11.30am	Café Connect, Church
FRI	2—4pm	Art & Crafts, Six Bells

**Short mat bowls will be starting again on
Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30pm**
in the village hall.

Everyone is welcome. Come and give it a try if you haven't played before.

All equipment is provided
(+ a cup of tea and biscuit!). Just wear flat shoes.
£5 per session—taster session is free

Further information: Pat Le Page 01404 841426
Chris Hoole 01404 613376

Churchyard Cleanup

Saturday 24th May

10am to 12noon

*All volunteers are welcome to this
monthly tidying session at the
church.*

*It is usually the last Saturday of the
month (31 May) but some of the
usual helpers may be busy that
morning preparing for the church
tea party!
(see pages 14 and 15)*



Monthly lunches at The Six Bells
(please book your table on 841261)



Friday 2nd May
12—2pm
Choice menu

Payhembury Weather www.payhembury-weather.co.uk Weather for March 2025

Rainfall: A very dry month with only 6.4 mm of rain falling which has dried out all the fields in E. Devon. England enjoyed its sunniest March since records began in 1910, with many individual counties also topping their sunshine duration records. The first 2 weeks of April were also very dry and sunny but the rain came back on 15th April with over 14mm and strong overnight winds.

Temperatures: Daytime temperatures were well above average but night-time temperatures were cooler with a sharp frost on 14th March as clear skies led to strong cooling. Overall during the daytime it was the 4th warmest March ever for the U.K. Spring is the fastest warming season where mean temperatures have risen by 2 deg. C since 1970, resulting in some flowers blooming up to a month earlier.

Weather elsewhere: The extent of flood waters in Queensland at the end of March has covered an area more than four times the size of the U.K.! Farmers were bracing for the slowly receding water to reveal the extent of the agricultural devastation. Torrential rain and flash flooding on 5th April hit parts of the U.S. south and mid-west that also spawned deadly tornadoes. They destroyed entire neighbourhoods and caused at least seven deaths. On 30 th March over 300,000 Canadians faced power outages in parts of Ontario as an ice storm hit the region. Freezing rain in Ottawa, parts of Quebec and Ontario, fell with snow mixed with ice pellets resulting in trees crashing on to the roads.

Payhembury Weather March 2025			
Monthly Rainfall	6.4 mm	-67 mm	from normal
Days of Rain	3 days		
Wettest Day	3.6 mm	21 Mar	
Mean Max Temp	12.9 degC	+3.3 degC	from normal
Mean Min Temp	2.1 degC	-0.6 degC	from normal
Warmest Day	17.4 degC	25 Mar	15:14
Coldest Day	-4.9 degC	14 Mar	02:40
Windiest Day	8.9 m/s	10 Mar	21:58

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



The hall has seen a lot of activity this month. FOPS hosted an Easter egg hunt event. Chairperson of FOPS, Sarah Woods, wrote:

"Thank you so much to all of you who came and supported our Easter Egg-stravaganza that we hosted for the first time this year. It was so well attended and we sent masses of families out around the village hunting for eggs, sold plenty of delicious cakes, painted lots of faces, gave away piles of chocolate and made many craft creations. We were also very lucky to have some excellent outside sellers who will hopefully return for future events.

Thank you again - we raised over £600 which was far more than we had expected, so are so grateful for everyone's generosity.

*Next big date for your diaries: the summer fair on **Saturday 7th June**, save the date!*

FOPS"

For all other events keep an eye out on the Payhembury parish Facebook page.



The Applepips Playgroup event this month is on **Saturday 26th April 10-12am** Babies & Children's clothing and toy market.

Also you are all invited to the Spring Dance on 10 May in the hall. There will be music, lights, a bar and nibbles. Be sure to view the poster plastered about the village. All proceeds go to the village hall upkeep.

Patrick

Village spring clean photos (March 2025) taken by Tim Woolgar



Paul's Nature Notes March-April 2025

By the time you read this our birdsong monitoring project will have been running for a year. Despite missing the early migration period last year, a staggering 97 species have been recorded and there have been so many wonderful surprises. Although living in an agricultural area it has become clear that we are on an important flight path, especially migrants, as we moved into spring. The presence of mature native trees and hedges and, even more importantly, water are doubtless major factors. What came as a huge surprise was the number of over-wintering bird species and whilst the males were not singing to mark out their territories they were all sub-vocalising which, of course, gave away their presence.

I want to extend a very warm welcome to Andrew at Mousehole Farm and Joe in Markers Park who have joined the birdsong monitoring fraternity and both are already making some remarkable records, chief amongst which are many birds in the migration season. Interestingly, our three devices are nearly in a straight line spanning a distance of almost a kilometre, which is giving superlative coverage to our understanding what bird species visit the parish and as coverage goes within the UK we possibly have a greater concentration than anywhere else and, yes, the three devices are picking up different species.

Over the decades we have been involved in many wildlife monitoring projects but this has been the most satisfying. Recording in an area which is largely undisturbed leaves me wondering just how under-recorded many birds are. Whilst the technology is still largely in its infancy, I am convinced that it will improve even more and will form an ever increasing aspect of wildlife monitoring. This is such a beacon of hope for the future.

Don't forget to check out what is being seen by visiting the Birdweather website. Click on live map, navigate to Payhembury and then click the + button several times to separate the three locations and don't forget to take a look at what is being seen over near Escot, which is quite incredible.

Paul Lister (paullister175@gmail.com or 841696)

**4pm Sunday 18 May 2025 - deadline for entries in the
June parish paper**

payhemburypaper@gmail.com



Some of you may remember the play, Foresight, put on by Tale Valley Community Theatre in Payhembury in 2007. It was based on the true story of how a German bomber crashed near Danes Mill during WWII.

I recorded extracts from the play and some interviews with people involved in it, in the hope that one day I might make a radio programme out of the material. (I'm a freelance radio producer, based in Ottery.) There's a possibility that might now happen, as BBC Radio 4 has expressed an interest.

I would love to hear from you, if you were in any way involved in the production, however small. Perhaps you were in the audience, and the play made a deep impression on you. Or maybe something happened in your life as a result of your involvement in the play, such as the choir VoiceWorx which grew out of it and is still going.

I'm also looking for people who have lived a long time in the area, and remember their parents or other residents telling them about the crash in 1941 and what happened afterwards. To get in touch, please email me fionaclampin@gmail.com or telephone 07899 932620.

Thank You

We would just like to thank Carole and Don at The Six Bells for hosting our pretend birthday celebrations which were actually our wedding day reveal for our friends. We've been overwhelmed by the kindness, the well wishes, cards and gifts. We've felt so welcome in this beautiful village and it seems romance isn't dead yet !

It might come as more of a shock to those that know and adore him, that our very good friend Brian Salter managed to keep it a secret for months !

Neil and Tory Salter—Married on 14th March after 20 years together.



Save the date! Our 2025 Payhembury Village show is set for

Saturday 20th September

Keep your eyes peeled for the schedules appearing in May/June from Payhembury Provisions.

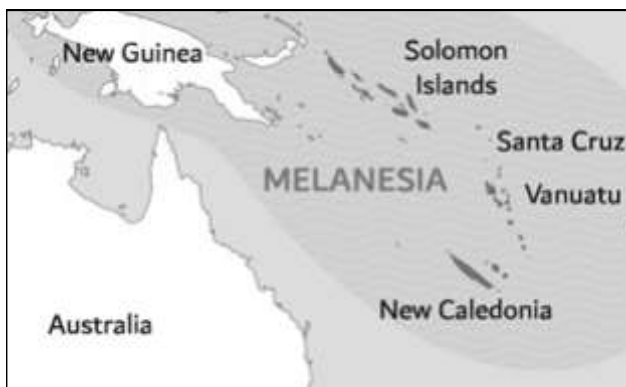


**The
Melanesian
Mission**

Save another date!

On Saturday morning, 8 November, 10am, 10 - 12, there will be an Eco Fair in the Village Hall.

This will be to raise funds for the Melanesian Mission and also to raise awareness of the real effects of climate change and how we can do our bit to mitigate them.



The Melanesian islanders are suffering because of the rise of sea levels, resulting from worldwide climate change. There the effect is stark—some islands are disappearing. More information can be found at: <https://www.mmuk.net/climate-justice/>

There will be *lots of ideas* to take away that can be implemented easily, plus *free crafts* for all ages and abilities featuring recycled materials, stalls with replacements for plastic and pre-loved clothes. You can get help with repairing well loved clothing and reusing everyday items in the garden, learn the value of composting, collecting seeds. Refreshments (not recycled!) will be available, as well as a raffle. You will also be able to get your scissors, knives and blades sharpened.

Do put the date in your diary!

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TIME TOGETHER
 Coffee & Cake

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As an extension to our lunch events, we are now also hosting coffee and cake events at the Payhembury village hall. Our next coffee and cake events are:

30 January	5 June
15 February	5 July
15 March	25 September
10 April	30 October
8 May	27 November

At Payhembury village hall 13.45-15.15.
 We look forward to seeing you all soon!

If you'd like to join us - Contact Anke on 01404 850 852 or 07777 817 418
 or email timetogether@dbetrust.co.uk

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

16 January	17 July
27 February	10 September
27 March	16 October
24 April	13 November
32 May	10 December
19 June	

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Hello Villagers

Well, we have certainly leapt into spring with this wonderful weather, let's hope it's a taste of things to come. Our March Coffee morning was well attended, the weather was kind and our hosts were their usual welcoming selves, thank you so much to Pat and Clive.

Babs and Roger have very kindly stepped in to host our next coffee morning at their home, Slade View, on Wednesday 21st. May, 11 - 12 p.m. Unfortunately our original host Brian Hill and his daughter from Colestocks, haven't been too well. We wish them both a speedy recovery and hope it won't be too long before we can enjoy their company.

If any one needs transport or directions please don't hesitate to call Steve or Sandra on 841842 We will be more than happy to help out.

Sandra Ford



BROADHEMBURY GARDENING CLUB

A big thank you to Anne Swithenbank for an excellent talk on bulbs and corms last month. This was timely followed by a visit to a local bulb farm where we were treated to tea and cakes and able to buy tulips complete with the bulbs.

On **Wednesday 7th May at 7.30 pm** at the Memorial Hall, Sue Minter will be speaking on Reflections on Colour. Sue is the author of The Healing Garden, the Well Connected Gardener, The Apothecaries Garden and The Greatest Glasshouse. Her work in botanic gardens has seen her as supervisor of the Palm House at Kew and much much more. Non-members are very welcome to join us at £2 on the door.

On **Saturday 17th May** our Plant Sale will once again be held in the square starting at 10.00 until 12.00. If you have a few spare plants to bring along, it would be most appreciated.

Val Stringer

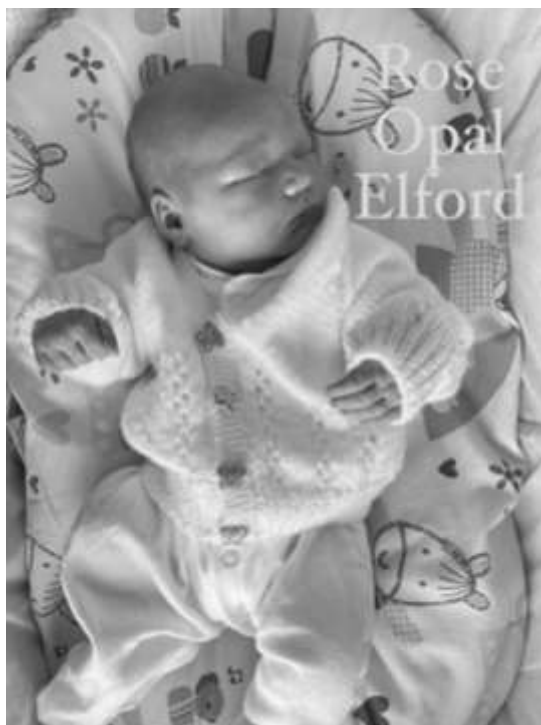
We are pleased to welcome Rose Opal Elford into our family, giving Nova a little sister.

She arrived on 17th April, weighing 8lbs 4ozs (3.8kg)

Thank You

for all your lovely messages.

Hannah and Steve



Payhembury Church

Luxury Afternoon Tea



Saturday 31 May

3—5 pm

The Village Hall

£15 per person

Please book with Babs Leach

01404 841409

See sample menu on facing page



Sample Menu for Afternoon Tea

Sparkling wine/elderflower/water

Sandwiches:

- Smoked salmon and cucumber
- Ham and mustard
- Egg and cress

Cakes:

- Lemon
- Mincemeat & pear
- Meringues & fresh cream
- Bakewell
- Victoria sandwich
- Coffee & walnut
- Chocolate



Scones, clotted cream, jam

Teas: Earl Grey, English breakfast, Peppermint,
Camomile, Coffee, Decaffeinated



*Dietary requirements gladly catered for;
please let Babs know when booking.*



Explore the Hidden Gems of Devon's Gardens – and Support Your Local Hospice.

From charming cottage gardens to grand country estates, discover a wide variety of glorious green spaces open for you to enjoy throughout the spring and summer, until September.

Every visit supports Hospiscare, helping to raise vital funds for local end-of-life care. Plan your perfect garden day out at hospiscare.co.uk/opengardens

After celebrating ten years of cricket at Tuck Mill last year, we will shortly be dusting off our cricket bags and starting a high intensity stretching regime prior to the first game of the season – well some of that's true anyway !



After a super dry March it was fairly predictable that the rain pay back would arrive at some point and we have everything crossed that a drier spell is awaiting us just around the corner.

Late April sees us travel up Tale Lane to play our friends at Clyst Hydon CC on 23rd April before we cross the B3181 to visit Broadclyst CC on 30th April and their beautiful home in the grounds of Killerton House. Killerton is a great place to watch cricket on a balmy early summer's evening so feel free to come down and cheer us on .

We have been very fortunate over the winter to obtain Grants (not of the Clarke variety) from both Payhembury Parish Council and the Tale Valley Trust to assist with our mowing equipment, for which we are incredibly grateful so big thanks to both organisations for their support .

Our early season home games are against the University of Exeter on Friday 16th May and The Blacksmiths and Artizans on Wednesday 21st May. Both 6pm starts and all welcome.

The Bar is open during all home games and Social Memberships are available at very reasonable prices for individuals, couples and families. We are always keen to welcome new players and scorers and umpires of all abilities. So, if you're new to the area, why not pop down for a pint on a game night and say hi. Alternatively you can email me- stay@tuckmill.co.uk . We

are very much about the taking part and enjoyment and by the next morning most of us have long since forgotten who won or lost!

Fingers crossed for a scorcher of a summer with lots of runs scored

Jon, Chairman - TMCC



Roadworks – May & June 2025

The following roadworks are scheduled for the coming months:

27th May – 31st May: Road from Payhembury Cross to Markers Park

Western Power will be laying a new mains cable to remove pole mounted transformer and move substation onto new development – outside the Parish Hall. The road will probably be closed for this work.

18th June: Road from Shoots Barn to Feniton

Road closure for BT to do pole renewal and tree cutting. It is unclear how much of the day the road will be closed for.

19th June: Road from The Forge to The Haven & road from Spence Cross to Lower Cheriton Cross

Road closure required for the safety of BT engineers to carry out telegraph pole renewal works. It is unclear how much of the day the road will be closed for.

For further information or updates, please see the Devon County Council 'Interactive roadworks map' on the webpage <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/traffic-information/roadworks/live-roadworks-information/>

Resignation of Parish Councillor Louise Scott

In late March the Parish Council were very sorry to have to accept the resignation of Louise Scott as a Parish Councillor. Louise has been a very valuable member of the Parish Council and her knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. The Parish Council wish Louise all the best with her other endeavours.

Payhembury Parish Council vacancy

With the loss of Louise as a Parish Councillor, the Parish Council now has a vacancy to fill. This will be done by co-option, as an election was not called to find a new Parish Councillor.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a Parish Councillor, please contact one of the existing Councillors or the Parish Clerk for more information. If you are interested in applying for the role of Parish Councillor, please complete the application form and return to the Parish Clerk (by email or post) by Friday 9th May. The application form can be found on the Parish Council website (https://payhembury-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/Policies/Policies-and-Procedures/Casual-Vacancy-Co-option-application-form-v2_0.pdf) or, if you contact the Parish Clerk, I can send you a copy.

The Parish Council will consider applications at their next meeting on Wednesday 14th May.

Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk

Next Payhembury Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2025, 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall and via Zoom

The next Payhembury Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting with members of the public able to attend either in-person in the Parish Hall or via Zoom (meeting ID = 868 6449 4471; passcode = 370205; **webpage = www.zoom.us/join**) or via telephone (contact the Clerk for details). The agenda for the meeting will be available as normal on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website (<https://payhembury-pc.gov.uk/category/agendas/>).

Dawn Chamberlain, Parish Clerk

Spring Covid-19 Vaccination Programme: 1st April 2025 – 17th June 2025.

If you're aged 75 and over or have a weakened immune system, you may be eligible for the Spring booster vaccination. If you are under 75 years of age – please check your eligibility - www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

Drive-through vaccinations available at Greendale Vaccination Centre, EX5 2JU

Walk in appointments are available at most of our clinics. You can book an appointment at one of our clinics via the National Booking System or by calling 119 – [Book, change, or cancel a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online - NHS](#)

Use our vaccination clinic calendar at <https://shorturl.at/uQTUu> to find the most up to date clinic information or you can search for your local walk in clinic on the **Walk in Finder**: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/vaccination-and-booking-services/find-a-walk-in-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

For any queries, please contact us - Eastern Vaccination Service: 07729 300349 / rduh.exetervaccinationcentre@nhs.net

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	01404 850005	Robert Leach (Vice-Chair)	01404 841408
Phil Chamberlain	01404 841773	Mike O'Hagan	07471 035938
Karen Edwards	01404 849186	Paul Thomas (Chair)	01404 841516

Parish Clerk: Dawn Chamberlain 07396 841 803

Parish Council email address: clerk@payhembury-pc.gov.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

Sunday 8am to 12pm

Saturday 8am to 1pm

Tel: 01404 841856

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