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Curry Rivel Flower Show 2023

Sat 12th Aug 2023, 2.30-4.30pm

Curry Rivel Village Hall

<https://curryrivelflowersh.wixsite.com/curryrivelflowershow>
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Kevin Loe 252579



There is still time to enter the Curry Rivel Flower Show. You will be able to pick up an entry form from the Curry Rivel One Stop, Petrol Station, Sandpits Heating, Greenslade Taylor Hunt (Langport) and the Langport Library. You can also view the program online (see above).

The 2022 Show was very well attended, with free entry for kids and lashings of cream teas and cake. **But we do need people to enter the competition!** Post-pandemic we had the lowest number of entries ever, yet so many people could be heard to say... "Oh I could have entered my roses", "I could have baked a cake" or "Call those courgettes? You should see mine".

If nobody enters, the show will die. It only costs £1 to enter any number of classes, £1 to enter your roses, sweet peas, onion, painting, photos, etc.

So how do you enter?

Bring your completed entry form to the Curry Rivel Village Hall on Thursday 10th August, 6.30-8.30pm. **For £1 you can enter any number of 89 competition classes. If you are under 17 you enter FREE.....**

There are 24 Vegetable classes, from the largest onion to unusual tomatoes. We have 25 Flower classes, lots of cut flowers and flower arranging. Soft fruit classes, Floral Art, Cakes and Jams, etc. You can enter the painting classes or a photo. There are classes for the young, who enter for free.

If you cannot enter on Thursday night, email us your entry, name, contact details and which classes you are entering, you can pay your £1 entry fee on Saturday morning.

What happens on the morning of the show?

Exhibitors should bring their entries to the Village Hall on Saturday 12th August, between 8-10.30am, all entries should be staged by 10.30am. If you have entered by email, remember to pay you £1 entry fee on Saturday morning. When you arrive on Saturday, you will be handed an entry card for every class you have entered and will be invited to stage your entries.

The Show will be open to the public 2.30-4.30pm.

Entry to the show is just £1, free if you are under 17.... so, bring the kids. For every class there will a judged result, resulting in a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There are many cups and prizes for the various sections, which are given out in a short ceremony at the end of the show.

We have a delicious assortment of cakes to partake of with your cup of tea or coffee.

So come along and see if you agree with the judges' decisions.

Can You Help?

On the evening of Friday, 11th August the staging, tables and chairs are laid out in the Village Hall.

We would be happy to have some help, preferably help with a few muscles. Help is also needed to dismantle the staging on Saturday, 12th August, after the show.

The Curry Rivel Flower Show is a local show for local people. Please Take part.

Movies in the Village Hall

mvh.curry.wixsite.com/films

Alison Cockrell

What's Love Got to Do with It? (12A)

Friday 18 August



A romantic comedy starring Lily James and Emma Thompson.

Documentary maker Zoe Stevenson has always been unlucky in love, much to her mother's dismay. However, Zoe sets out to film the wedding of her childhood friend and neighbour Kazim 'Kaz' Khan who is about to have an arranged (or 'assisted') marriage with a beautiful girl from Pakistan. Despite Zoe's misgivings, Kaz assures her that such marriages do work out and she begins to wonder if there is something to be learned from this way of finding love. The wedding takes place in Lahore but then things start to change.

Also stars: Shazad Latif, Shabana Azmi and Asim Chaudhry. Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall.

Tickets £7 are available at the door. Refreshments available.

Bygone Days

Janet Seaton

The union of two prominent families

On 20 July 1819 a marriage took place in Curry Rivel between members of the Bagehot and Stuckey families. Already bound together in business, this marriage brought together Mary Anne Bagehot and John Stuckey Reynolds. Mary Ann's father was Robert Bagehot, Walter Bagehot's grandfather. John Stuckey Reynolds' mother was Ann Stuckey, Vincent Stuckey's sister. The witnesses were Vincent Stuckey and Thomas Watson Bagehot, Walter Bagehot's father. The two family trees are seriously intertwined!

Langport and District History Society

Our next talk will be at 7.30pm on 4 September at the Sports & Social Club, Eastover, Langport. Peta Henley, Collections and House Officer at Stourhead House, will present a talk on *Collection care and conservation at Stourhead House*. All welcome; non-members £4.



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Music & Munching. Wow!

Dot Walford

And yes, it was a Wow! as approximately 50 people listened to the extraordinary sounds of 20 recorders being played in St Andrew’s Church at our recent Tea & Cake Concert. Forget those tiny, whistly recorders of our primary school days to discover instruments of all shapes and sizes, some of them 6ft tall. Melodic sounds were heard whilst the musicians played. Just Superb!

Mendip Consort of Recorders enjoyed presenting this concert and we as an audience enjoyed listening to them too. Here’s to it not being too long before they come again. A very big ‘Thank You’ to all the musicians for giving their time.

Last, but not least, we must not forget those fabulous cakes and say a thank you to those who baked and served them with a smile.



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We are looking for someone to join us in the Curry Rivel News team as our secretary.

It doesn't involve a lot of work, but you can help us to keep the Curry Rivel News an interesting and relevant read for everyone in our village.

Email Jane Hamlin at: curryrivelnews@gmail.com for more information

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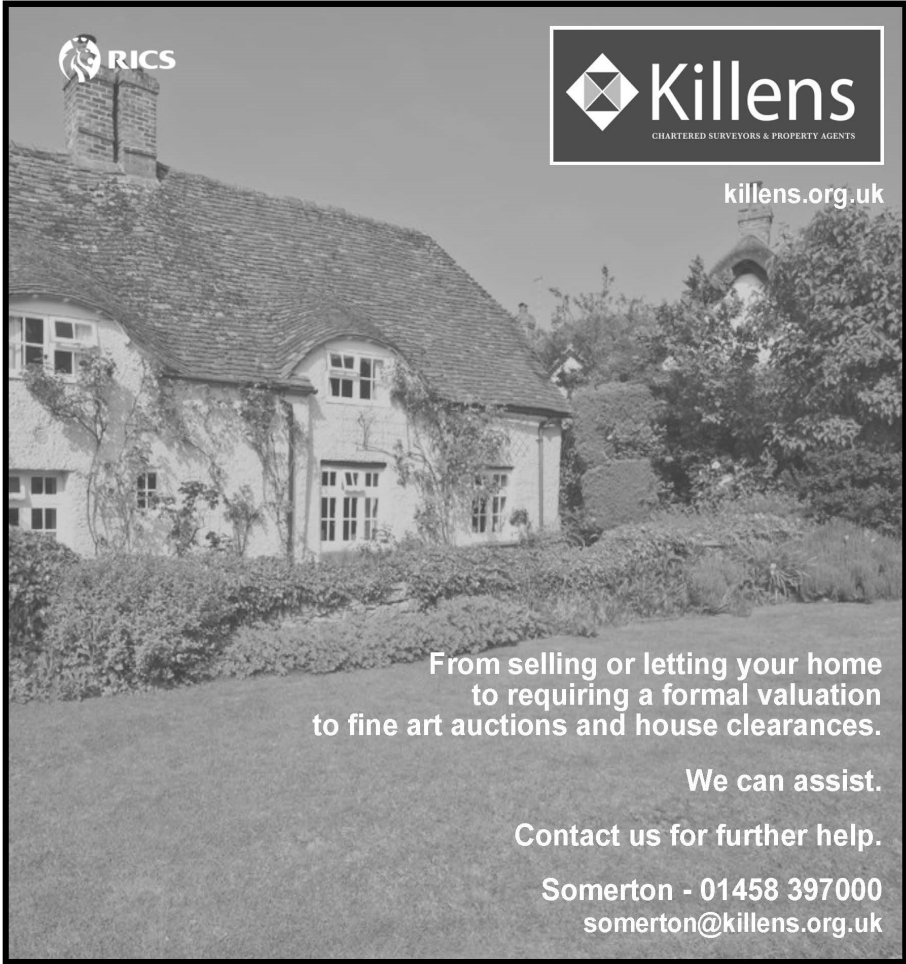
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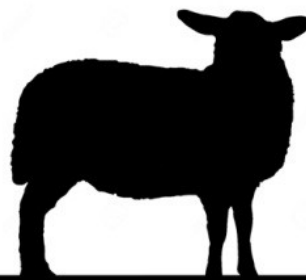
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Charity Theatre Trips News

Chris Cox

Our latest booking is for the musical 'Come From Away', Several of our patrons who saw the production in London have sung its praises to the sky, and are looking forward to seeing it again. One wrote 'It was such an uplifting warm show. We loved it.' We are going on Monday 26th August 2024.

The hit musical 'Hamilton' is booking up fast so if you want to come don't put it off. Payment may be due at the end of August, but I will try to get the date pushed back to next year.

The best way to keep up to date is at www.charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form, send an e-mail to charitytheatretrips@btinternet.com, or phone Chris on 01458 273085.

All profits are donated to British Red Cross.

42nd Street: Thu 3 Aug; Blood

Brothers: Tue 29 Aug and Wed 27 Sep;

Pretty Woman: Wed 1 Nov: Life of Pi:

Wed 17 Jan; Wicked: Thu 22 Feb;

Everyone's Talking About Jamie: 27 Mar;

The Wizard of Oz: Wed 3 Apr; Hamilton,

Thu 2 May/Mon 24 Jun; Come From

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We warmly welcome visitors and new members of the community to any of our services and other events.

August

Thursday 3rd

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 6th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments
 11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW
 6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Tuesday 8th

10.00-12.00 **CR OSR** - Craft & Coffee

Sunday 13th

10.00 **SW** - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Sunday 20th

10.00 **CR** - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Sunday 27th

10.00 **FH** - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

September

Sunday 3rd

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments
 11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW
 6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

We wish them God's blessing at the start of married life
 1st July - Kathryn Dunlop and Aaron Lewis

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.
 8th July - Evelyn Joan Frome

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.
 21st June - Memorial Service for Mrs Jane Ronda Rowland († 25th May)

Scott's Spot

He hears your prayer

In recent months I've had a couple of conversations about prayer. One was with someone who is just beginning to piece Christianity together, and another with someone who has heard a lot of 'things Christian' in their time. Both however were uncertain about prayer. Where is prayer directed; who is listening; and what difference does it make?

Well, an article like this isn't the place for detailed answers, but here's a start...

Christian prayer is not about inward gazing meditations seeking truth within, but rather about clear words addressed to the Creator of the universe through His risen and ascended Son Jesus Christ. It's not about saying the right words at the right time in the right way and in the right place, but rather it's about words spoken any time, anywhere, humbly and honestly from the heart, to an ever attentive God. And it's not about what we bring to the table - our IQ, our eloquence, our likable character, our high moral standards - but rather it's about an empty handed recognition that in our own strength we are weak, but in His, all things are possible. Perhaps this true story will help.

Derek Redmond, a British twenty-six-year-old, was the favourite to win the four-hundred-metre race in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Halfway through his semi-final heat, a pain seared through his right leg. He crumpled to the track with a torn hamstring.

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel
CR OSR = Old School Room, Curry Rivel, 'behind' St. Andrew's Church
FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead
SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

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Scott's Spot ctd.

As the medical staff approached, Derek climbed to his feet. "It was animal instinct," he would later say. He set out hopping, pushing away the coaches in a crazed attempt to finish the race.

When he reached the final straight, a big man pushed through the crowd. He was wearing a T-shirt that read "Have you hugged your child today?" and a hat that challenged, "Just Do It." The man was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. "You don't have to do this," he told his weeping son. "Yes, I do," Derek declared. "Well, then," said Jim, "we're going to finish this together."

And they did. Jim wrapped Derek's arm around his shoulder and helped him hobble to the finish line. Fighting off security men, the son's head sometimes buried in the father's shoulder, they stayed in Derek's lane to the end. The crowd clapped, then stood, then cheered, and then wept as the father and son finished the race.

What made the father do it? What made the father leave the stands to meet his son on the track? as it the strength of his child? No, it was the pain of his child. His son was hurt and fighting to complete the race. So the father came to help him finish.

God does the same. When it comes to our prayers, they may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference. Why not pray right now?

With blessings and prayer for you and your family this summer,

Revd Scott Patterson.

SAVE THE DATE !

On **Saturday 30 September**

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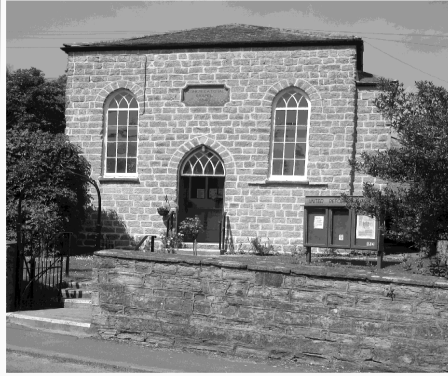
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August

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13th - Rev Evelyn Ridout

20th - Jenny and Tony Potts

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A View from the Orchard.....

August month: traditionally the month of holidays and vacations, trips to the seaside, days on the beach. Growing up in Cornwall summers consisted of full days on the beach. If we were going to the beach, we made a day of it and always with another family or two for company: towels, swimming costumes and if Granny was with us a cricket bat & tennis ball. My cousin briefly played cricket for England in the late 1980's and if we wondered where his talent came from, I reckon it was this grandmother.

Picture the cartoon Giles and you have the perfect pictorial caricature of Granny – short and squat. We would settle her folding chair in the sand and there she would sit in command of all proceedings. And there she would sit and bat when we played cricket; holding the bat in front of her there was no need for running between wickets, she could thwack a six with every hit! The only way to get Granny out was a catch – fielders spread far and wide, in and amongst other folk trying to enjoy the beach; often a stranger with quick reflexes making the catch as the tennis ball came hurtling in their direction, co-opted onto the team briefly so their catch counted.

A View from the Orchard ctd

My brother's churches are much closer to the seaside than ours here and during August they have arranged a 'Tide Fight': the building of sandcastles of varying shapes & sizes on the tideline and as the tide comes in the last structure to crumble and fall is the winner. Just a bit of fun – something everyone can take part in and I suspect even Granny would enjoy patting the sides of the sandcastle firm with her cricket bat. The Tide Fight reminds me of a story told by Jesus about wise and foolish folk: wise folk build their houses on rock (on solid foundations) whilst foolish folk build their houses on sand (without foundation) and when the rain comes (or the tide turns) the houses on the sand collapse; the houses on the rock stand firm. You may be familiar with the story told through the words of simple Sunday school song.

So, a question to ponder during August month: what is your 'house', your life-view, outlook, attitude or faith built upon? Solid foundations which will hold you firm in challenging times? Or something a little more wibbly, wobbly? When the 'tide turns', or the 'rain falls', my prayer is you will find yourself 'shored up' and supported by Love, Faith and Hope.

Ali Richards.

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6.00	Pilates	Primary School
6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

TUESDAY

10.00	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room
10.00	Keep Fit (nicky.barker1@btinternet.com)	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows/Brownies	Drayton Village Hall
5.45	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Rangers	URC Hall
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridge way Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall L'port

WEDNESDAY

10-11am	Movement to Music (Age UK)	Village Hall
10.30	Sparklers Toddler Group	Old School Room
5.30	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

THURSDAY

10.00	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
6.30	Yoga	Village Hall

FRIDAY

9.30	Pilates	Village Hall
9.30-2	Friday Club	Village Hall
7.30	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

SATURDAY

9.00	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
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Somerset Wildlife Trust breaks new records in latest citizen science event, The Big Count 2023!

Emily Wetherburn

This June, Somerset Wildlife Trust hosted its biggest citizen science event of the year, The Big Count, and an incredible 1,400 people from across Somerset signed up to help the Trust learn more about their local wildlife.

The count took place between June 16th – 25th, and this year was sponsored by Southern Co-op. It challenged participants to get outside and help collect vital information about the wildlife on their doorsteps, in their parks, and outside their schools and workplaces. An annual event, the count is part of the Trust's Great Somerset Wildlife Count initiative, which, launched back in 2021, is all about encouraging more people to connect with nature, while also asking them to gather important data on Somerset's wildlife — all with the help of iNaturalist, a popular site for wildlife spotting and identification.

The Trust first launched The Big Count last year, when just over 600 people took part and helped record nearly 1,000 records of species including goldfinches, butterflies, snails, and spiders. This year, the number of participants more than doubled, which, as Kirby Everett, Head of Communications at Somerset Wildlife Trust explains, is exciting news for both the charity and Somerset's wildlife:

"This is only the second year we've hosted The Big Count, and to see so much enthusiasm and desire to help Somerset's wildlife is absolutely fantastic. The data participants have helped collect will allow us to better understand some of Somerset's often underrated species, letting us know what is present, where, and how those populations might change over time. We're extremely grateful to everyone who took part in the event this year, as well as of course our wonderful friends at Southern Co-op for sponsoring this year's count and helping us make it such a success!"

Holly Bramble, Community Lead at Southern Co-op, said: "We're proud to have supported Somerset Wildlife Trust in this important citizen science initiative. At Southern Co-op, we believe in the power of connecting with nature and preserving wildlife. By encouraging more people to get involved and collect valuable data about Somerset's wildlife, we can contribute to a better understanding of the local ecosystem.

"Our retail and funeral colleagues are dedicated to serving their local communities and promoting environmental conservation, and we are thrilled to be part of this successful event."

The next citizen science event run under the Great Somerset Wildlife Count initiative will be The Fantastic Fungi Focus, which is scheduled to take place in October half term. In the meantime, you can find out more about citizen science and events like The Big Count on the Somerset Wildlife Trust website: www.somersetwildlife.org/get-involved/citizen-science



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(c) David Martin*



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