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Your Food Bank Needs You!

Steve Allinson

In a recent edition of the CRN, my wonderful colleague, Ginny Smith, updated readers on our ongoing work and the importance of it for our community. As many of us now look forward to summer and an opportunity to enjoy this lovely area in which we live, I want to make an ongoing plea for your support for our work.

In recent months, the cost-of-living crisis has bitten for many. We are seeing increasing requests from those in our community for help (either regularly or on a "one off" basis to alleviate a particular short-term need). Almost all our clients are family groups and when we talk to them, as we do, it is quite clear that there are no easy answers to the current issues they face.

Our community has been so very generous in the past in supporting our work, but we have seen a reduction in donations (of food and money) in recent months. This has meant that our reserves are decreasing and, unless matters change, we shall not

be able to operate in the same way later in 2024.

So, could I humbly request that if you are able to donate food or other essentials you make a note to bring those to the Parish Church on Wednesday between 10.30 and 11.30 am when our wonderful volunteer team prepare the food boxes etc each week for our clients.

If you would prefer to donate money, then I can confirm that any donations are used 100% to buy the items needed by our families. No administrative or other expenses are charged by us, and



that is one of the beauties about operating in this way on a local level.

Regular or "one-off" donations can be made by contacting myself by my email or mobile below and I will then supply our bank account details on a private basis to you.

I really do hope that we can receive the support we need to continue this work.

Thank you so much for taking the time and trouble to read this plea.

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Shopping List

Curry Rivel, Drayton and Hambridge Food Bank

Items most needed - 8th June 2023

1	Tins; meatballs, minced beef & onion, hot dogs	
2	Squash, fruit juice	
3	Sweet & sour cooking sauce	
4	Lunch box bars, small boxes of raisins	
5	White long grain or basmati rice	
6	Ladies deodorant	
7	The Food Bank is only able to accept donations of food/groceries and money	
8	Your continued support is much appreciated	

Curry Rivel Flower Show 2023

Sat 12th Aug 2023, 2.30-4.30pm
Curry Rivel Village Hall

<https://curryrivelflowersh.wixsite.com/curryrivelflowershow>
curryrivelflowershow@gmail.com

Kevin Loe 252579

The Curry Rivel Flower Show needs you to enter.

Flower shows are an important part of traditional village life and should not be left to become extinct.

Planting Inspiration

Many people come to the show and think, "I could have entered my dahlias, baked that cake or grew those tomatoes". You do not need to be Monty Don to enter.

Flowers and vegetables, cooking and crafts - there's something for everyone. Do encourage your friends and neighbours to enter.

You will be able to pick up an entry form soon 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).

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.

Enter the Curry Rivel Flower Show
Sat 12th August 2023
2.30-4.30pm
Curry Rivel Village Hall



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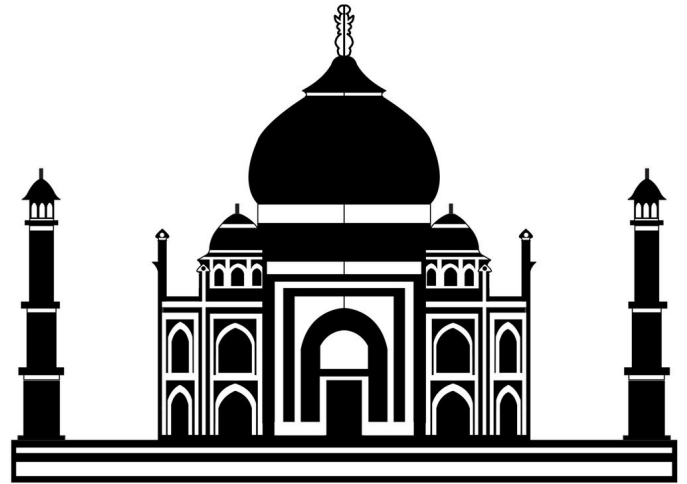
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Curry in Curry

Carolyn Paton

A great evening was had by those who attended the Curry Night in mid-May. It was organised to boost funds towards the repair of windows in the North Chapel at St Andrews. As grade 1 listed building, any repairs are hugely costly, and funds are urgently needed.

The Old School Room was buzzing with a full house as curries were served to a capacity crowd. Room and tables were decked out and the latter were laden with poppadoms, raita and chutney, prior to guests bringing their loaded plates to sit and enjoy their meal. Excellent curries were provided by Alasdair Marshall ('Spice and Rice' – to be found on Langport market on Fridays) who did not disappoint. Desserts followed, and the bar and raffle were well supported. Many people expressed their enjoyment of both food and ambiance, and it was a social occasion that was also successful financially, and will certainly be repeated at a future date.



One date is already fixed – maybe mark it down in your diary? A Barn Dance will take place on Saturday 30th September in the Village Hall, in aid of the same cause. Fun across the generations!

Save the Date!

Langport & District History Society

Janet Seaton – Chair LDHS

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.

A Curry Rivel Ghost Story

The following article appeared in several newspapers circulating in various northern counties of England, though not, so far as I can see, in the South West. This is from the *Leeds Times*, 17 March 1855.

“At Curry Rivell, a ‘ghost’ was lately seen, whereupon two heroes of the village, armed with bludgeons, sallied

forth, determined to test the character of the said object, and ‘if it could speak to make it do so’. They discovered the object of so much alarm to be the daughter of a neighbour, dressed in black, and disguised by a mask. She had practised this freak as a means of carrying on communications with her lover.”

<https://langportheritage.org.uk>

Keep active in Curry Rivel

Age UK Somerset

Keeping active is vital for our health and wellbeing. Local charity, Age UK Somerset have launched a new Movement to Music exercise class in Curry Rivel, which is specially designed for people over 55.

Local Curry Rivel resident, Becky, leads the fun and lively class each week. The Movement to Music is held on Wednesdays in Curry Rivel Village Hall, 10am-11am, costing only £5 - drop-ins welcome.

Instructor Becky said,

“My new Movement to Music class is a great way to improve your general fitness, have fun, and meet new people. Expect music, laughter, dance and joy! The class will feature a mixture of seated and standing exercises. I look forward to meeting you.”

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Curry Rivel Entertainers – *Let's not lose a village institution, please!*

Steve Allinson

For over 40 years village pantomime and other variety entertainment has been “part of the furniture” in Curry Rivel. Many of our generation (and before) have enjoyed seeing their friends and family “tread the boards”. We have laughed with them - sometimes at them - and there is nothing like village pantomime and variety shows, in my humble opinion, to allow a little bit of escapism and to see people we know in a different light!

Members of the Entertainers have, in previous years, even won some awards in the Somerset local drama annual celebrations. We also always donated our profits to local charities and have been pleased to do that for many years. However, this is all at risk of being no more unless we can recruit new blood and breathe new life into a village tradition.

The dreaded word COVID surfaces again as we had to cancel our performances in 2021 and 2022. We were very hopeful to perform earlier this year and started rehearsals last Autumn, but sadly the ceiling alterations that were carried out by the Sewers Hall Committee meant that we had to put our 2023 Pantomime on hold.

This has meant that the Entertainers has taken an honest look at itself as a group and as a part of the village community. A number of the current committee and stalwarts have been with the group for a long time. Our present producer is the daughter of our previous one. Whereas we had two or three new members join us last September we all realise that ‘new blood’ is necessary if we are to thrive and flourish and expand.

So, I am using this platform - and a similar message will be placed on the village website - to call for anyone in the village who feels that they have creative juices flowing in them, to offer to come forward and breathe new life into this village institution. Our present producer, Liz Hembrow is stepping aside and several of us will give full support but are really wanting to encourage the group to go in a new direction, and potentially also rebrand itself.



Hopefully, this plea may strike a chord with a younger family. One of the joys for me was being part of the Entertainers with my children and sharing with them as they grew up.

We are offering a ‘blank canvas’ and a chance to encourage young (and not so young) people to look up from their phones and other electronic devices and express themselves in other ways. I do hope that this plea will not fall on deaf ears. If we find the personnel, several of us are prepared to commit time and energy to seek to adapt the Sewers Hall, with their permission, to allow productions to follow, but we need the green shoots of a new group first, obviously.

So, if this chimes with you, either to direct, act or support us backstage, in whatever capacity, please contact me via the details below.

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Hazel Morris



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This was an incredibly busy but highly enjoyable event, and this money is invaluable for the maintenance of your village hall. Once again, a big thank you to all the volunteers involved, donors of prizes and to Black Sheep Butchers for their generous contribution of food. And of course, to all of you who came along and took part.

Date for your diary: 10th September

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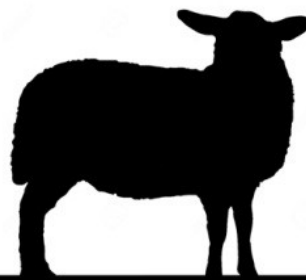
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Fishy Tales at the WI

Sally Harvey

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This month the speaker at the WI meeting entertained the members with his Fishy Tales! Kevin Little, a fishmonger of some 54 years, had a shop in the famous Smelly Alley in Reading.

Kevin had many tales to tell of his time in the trade which started when his father took over a shop in Slough after the war. Kevin's own shop in Reading had been there for 100 years and he owned it for almost 50. He told members of what it was like in the early days collecting the fish from the station where there was a dedicated fish dock. There was no refrigeration in those days and the fish arrived in wooden boxes with ice thrown in and around them. It was important there was no delay collecting it to ensure the fish was as fresh as it could be in the shop where it was displayed on marble slabs and ice. Shop floors were covered in sawdust to make clearing up easier. Kevin's stories included the history of the expression 'red herring'. Red herrings are actually a real thing and a delicacy in Norfolk. They are herrings which are salted for 8 weeks and then smoked for six and have a very moreish taste and smell. Sometimes tied to a string they were used to distract hunting dogs from the scent they were meant to be following hence they were following a 'red herring'.

There were numerous stories of encounters with officialdom – such as a

health inspector who objected to aspirins in the first aid box, so he kept one box for use in the shop and one for the inspector. Another tale was of an inspector who did not approve of the sale of goose eggs – something sold in the shop for many years. The rules seemed ridiculous, with different distances from the farm allowed and regulations depending on whether the market was covered or uncovered or if it was a fete. He also told of the armed police, who arrived at his shop thinking that the pike on sale were dangerous wild animals.

The problems small local shops had when large retail chains came on the scene were shared and Kevin explained the ingenious way his father dealt with the threat from the large Macfisheries shops that threatened his trade. They started selling butter at a knock down price and shoppers switched their allegiance. He then advertised butter at

an undercut price, and this continued with both retailers reducing the price until Macfisheries approached him and said they could not afford to sell butter at the rock-bottom price they had reduced to. The two retailers agreed to work together and not take each other's custom and at the conclusion of the deal his father revealed he didn't sell butter anyway!

Members were delighted with the amusing and informative talk and had their eyes opened to the changing times for a fishmonger over the last century and the many Fishy tales that could be told.

Anyone wishing to know more about the WI membership should contact Anne Geach on 01458 253078

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Karate Club

The Ryuku Karate club that was once in Curry Rivel has been forced by circumstances to move again! We are now in the Long Sutton village hall (by the school and playing fields) on Tuesdays, from 7pm until 9pm. We've been told this will be our home for 2 years! Hurrah!

Sensei Terry and Sensei Mark would love to welcome along some new faces because our numbers have dropped in recent months, in part due to various relocations.

Notes.

All ages welcome to enquire.

Good for concentration, fitness, flexibility, breathing, energy levels.

And we have a great group of folks in the group!

For more information phone:
07749849798 or 01458 250173

Charity Theatre Trips News *Chris Cox*

The hit musical 'Hamilton' is at Bristol Hippodrome next spring. We have good stalls seats available for the evenings of Thursday 2nd May and Monday 24th June at £85 and £95 ("ouch") including the coach (not golden, though you might wonder).

The best way to keep up to date is at www.charitytheatretrips.com where there are full details and a booking form. All profits are donated to British Red Cross.

Strictly Ballroom: Tue 11 Jul:

42nd Street: Thu 3 Aug;

Blood Brothers: Tue 29 Aug;

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory: Wed 27 Sep:

Pretty Woman: Wed 1 Nov:

Peter Pan Pantomime: Wed 6 Dec;

Life of Pi: Wed 17 Jan,

Wicked: Thu 22 Feb;

Everyone's Talking About Jamie: 27 Mar. The Wizard of Oz: Wed 3 Apr;

Death in Venice (Opera), Sat 27 Apr; Hamilton, Thu 2 May/Mon 24 Jun

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Safer Cycling and Walking – *is there funding for our local scheme?*

Somerset County Council has been allocated £1,583,322 by the government for cycling and walking schemes.

The local Active Travel group are hoping that the proposed Curry Rivel, Drayton, Langport and Huish Episcopi footpath and cycle path will be supported from this cash, but no decision has been made yet. The transport secretary, Mark Harper, said that the government wants to make sure that everyone can choose “cheaper, greener and healthier travel”, though it is not clear how far this money will stretch. National Active Travel commissioner, Chris Boardman, said that the funding would help to improve public health, tackle climate change and give children the independence to travel safely under their own steam. Those of us who currently walk and cycle between Curry Rivel and Langport will understand how necessary our local scheme is.



Whether it will get the green light is yet to be decided.



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Alison Higson

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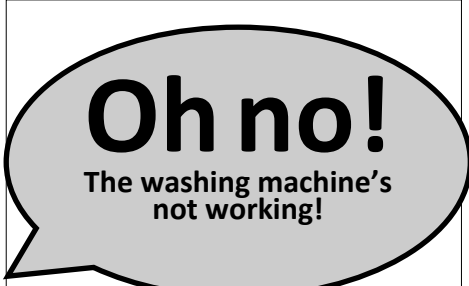
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Based on Alan Bennett’s play, this drama tells the story of the tenacity of the residents and the nursing staff struggling with limited resources.

Also stars: Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi, David Bradley and Bally Gill.

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Many many thanks to Nat

Sadly the Curry Rivel News team is saying "Goodbye" to Nat Gunter, who has been Secretary in recent years.

"She has been a hero with us – always getting the agendas and minutes circulated on time. And I can't remember her making a mistake" said Jane Hamlin, Editor. "Pressure of other work and family life meant something had to give", Jane said.

"We're now looking for a new Secretary. The job is straightforward: firstly, circulating a pre-agreed Agenda. Then taking notes at the monthly Team Meeting. Finally drafting the Minutes and emailing them to the Team. It would suit someone with secretarial skills" said Jane. "If you're interested, you'll need a PC, be comfortable with msWord and with emailing. Just call me on **01458 252946** or email: curryrivelnews@gmail.com for a chat", Jane said.

July

Jane Hamlin

In ancient times, it is said, that July was the fifth month and called Quintillus until Mark Anthony wanted to compliment Julius Caesar by naming it July after him because this was the month in which Caesar was born. This seems counter-intuitive as those of us who can count know it is the seventh month – but then Julius Caesar did revise the calendar among his other contributions to history.

On the 10th July 1645, the English Civil War came quite close to us with the Battle of Langport which took place near what is now known as Wagg Drove. The defeated Royalists retreated through Langport setting fire to as many buildings as they could and escaped over the River Parrett and away. Fortunately for Curry Rivel residents they followed the river to Aller and Bridgwater rather than rampaging through our village. Although it was not a huge battle, it proved to be an important step in the progress of the Parliamentary cause.

Just about forty years later, on the 6th July 1685 the last battle on English soil took place not far away at Westonzoyland. Known as the Battle of Sedgemoor, it involved the largely peasant army of the Duke of Monmouth against the far better equipped army of King James II. Let us hope that July 2023 will be much more peaceful.

Somerton u3a Enrolment Day

Friday 25th August

Edgar Hall, Somerton

It will be an opportunity for Groups to showcase their activities, for members to sign on and to meet with friends and new members to join.

DO YOU HAVE SECRETARIAL SKILLS?

Curry Rivel News is looking for a Secretary to join our team.

The job entails:

- Attending the remote monthly team meeting using Zoom
- (The meeting is held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday each month and lasts for no longer than 45 minutes)
- Taking notes of issues discussed at the meeting
- Writing minutes of the meeting including decisions made and actions required
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July

Sunday 2nd

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

Thursday 6th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 9th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP
 11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW
+ Kids Church

Tuesday 11th

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

Saturday 15th

3.30-5.30 pm Messy Church **CR OSR**

Sunday 16th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship
 11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments
 12.15 **CR** - said Communion CW

Thursday 20th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 23rd

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW
 11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW
+ Kids Church

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Sunday 30th

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

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

Curate's Corner



Story

I love a good story. Whether it's a good book, TV series or movie, I love being lost in a good narrative. Sometimes this is for escapism, unwinding from the stresses of the day. Sometimes it is to be inspired by the heroic acts of the protagonist or learn from a life well lived. From the tales around the campfires of our hunter gatherer ancestors through to the Greek epics or even eavesdropping on a conversation while in the supermarket queue, stories are an integral part of what it means to be human.

I was recently challenged by a story (*A Million Miles in a Thousand Years* by Don Miller) about a man who is approached to turn his biography into a film. The filmmakers had to adapt his life story for the big screen so much, that the character in it was no longer recognisable. The hero, realising this, takes it upon himself to "write a better story" with his life.

I was struck by the question: what kind of story am I writing with the life I've been given? I'm old enough (and hopefully wise enough) to realise that we're not talking about a story with explosions and car chases in it. I don't think I want to live *that* kind of life; but is my life being lived in a meaningful way?

When we think of the best stories, one of the common threads which give them meaning is sacrifice. The protagonist gives up something for a cause or a loved one, sacrificing what they have, to overcome insurmountable odds. This is true of the greatest epics we know: Gandhi, Schindler's List, The Bible, (and also the trashy "rom coms" I am a bit partial to).

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

We wish them God's blessing at the start of married life
 27th May - Chelsea Louise Lock and Oliver Keith Wills

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.
 In memoriam
 Mrs Jane Rowland

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Being risk averse and avoiding discomfort comes naturally for most of us. As a Christian, Jesus' call to sacrificial living is challenging to me. He said, in his typical counter intuitive way, "whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it". This does not sound like "Good News" in a culture that prizes comfort and convenience so highly but perhaps that is one of the reasons why it is so difficult to find meaning in life today.

In a good story there is often what writers call an "inciting incident". This is a disruptive event, like a doorway through which, if the protagonist enters, their life is no longer the same. I have a friend who is going through a really tough time at the moment. Despite their suffering, I see them gathering family around them, loving fiercely and embracing the good days with deep gratitude. They have chosen to live an extraordinary story.

So may we be people who write extraordinary stories with our lives. May we find peace, joy and meaning as you contend with the challenges along the way. And above all, may we find Life and Life in all its abundance.

Revd Mark McKnight



St. Andrew's Rotas July

Brass - Sue Randell

Flowers

1st - Marie-Anne Owen
 8th - Sue Randell
 15th & 22nd - Margaret Davey
 29th - Adrienne Holmes

Cleaning

1st - Jackie & John de Ronde
 8th - Carolyn Paton
 15th - Nicky Barker
 22nd - Liz Rendell
 29th - Lynne Comley



The Big Summer Concert is back!

Stopped, as so many things were because of Covid, the Annual Summer Concert returns and will take place at St. Andrew's Church on

Saturday 22nd July at 7pm.

As before, the music will be very varied, with contributions from some young instrumentalists, and music for strings and voices from our very own St. Andrew's Choir and Strings.

No need to buy a ticket - there will be a raffle and collection for charity.

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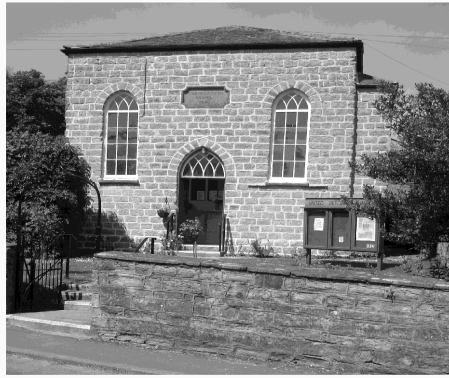
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United Reformed Church



June

Services at 10.30 in our Chapel and simultaneously via Zoom

Anyone unable to attend in person who would like to feel part of a worshipping community is invited to join with us - from any denomination or none - simply email Steve Beney on sbeney6@gmail.com expressing your interest and he will make contact with you explaining how you can join with us on Sundays @ 10:30 am.

- 2nd - Mrs Alison Reed Richards
- 9th - Rev Tim Richards
- 16th - Songs of Praise
- 23rd - Rev Rowena Francis **
- 30th - Rev Tim Richards

URC Minister:

Rev. Tim Richards 01458 252799

We are a small, inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all wherever they are on their life/spiritual journey, without regard to age, gender, denominational background, sexual orientation, race or ability. We respect the traditions of our past, engage with the present and look forward to the future, believing our work together is rooted in our relationships with God, each other, and the world around us.

Tea/coffee is served after every service providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.



A View from the Orchard.....

By the time you read this the Glastonbury Festival of Music and Performing Arts, held in Pilton towards the end of June, will be over.

And the attending 260,000 people will have dispersed back to whence they came to all points of the globe.

It is an extraordinary experience. Certainly not for everyone, it does get very crowded, noisy and yes even smelly! It is also uplifting, full of the most amazing energy and truly has something for everyone. If you don't like music....no problem, why not take in a movie, a top stand-up comic, listen to a topical debate with well-known politicians, get a massage, a hair-cut, have a sauna.... the list goes on.

I will have been in the church tent, the Sanctuary Tent, where we will have ministered to whosoever needed us. There are those for whom the festival enhances what they bring with them, be that for good or not so good. We sit alongside people and listen to them, we pray with them if they wish, but never push this upon them. We offer respite from what can be an overwhelming mix of colour and sensory overload, competing choices and temptations.

We never judge, we never turn anyone away, we aim in the simplest way to be the body of Christ at the world's biggest festival.

So, if you were watching the highlights on television, picture us from our 'church tent' looking down on to the pyramid stage and if you will offer a prayer that we may have been empowered to meet the needs of whoever needed us.

Yours, Rev Tim

**** On a note of gratitude;**

The Rev. Rowena Francis, Associate Minister with the Mid-Somerset Group of URC Churches, is retiring this summer. Sunday 23rd July will be her last preaching engagement at Curry Rivel and within the Group. We express our thanks for her ministry among us & pray God's blessing as she moves from active ministry into this next phase of life.



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...In July

Regular Events

MONDAY

10.00	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00	Table Tennis (kevl@outlook.com)	Village Hall
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 (nickyl.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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Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts	(gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)	
Rainbows		01823 698940
Brownies		251953
Rangers		075 07214 791
Langport Youth Club		0793 899 338

Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club		251616
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791	
Yoga		07789 862548
Pilates		07769 351984

Social

Flower Show		250311
Out & About		0788 737 7942
Royal British Legion		01460 281115
Twinning Association		01460 281905
Women's Institute		253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton		252813
Sedgemoor Garden Club		250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association		741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom		762296
Friday Club		252791
Health Walks		250725
Mother and Baby		07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café		252710 & 396123
Movement to Music, Becky Bostock		07706 734604

Arts

Entertainers		250311
Music Club		250863
Art Club		253126

Community Facilities

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)		07714 265384
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)		07789 661288
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)		250655/253856

United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.		259391
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Community Services

Doctors		250464
Police		101
Yarlington Housing		01935 404500
Footpath & Litter Warden	johncasebourne@sky.com	

Education

Little Pips		252822
Primary School		251404
Huish Episcopi Academy		250501
Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre		251055

Local Authorities

Parish Council (Clerk) clerk@curryrivel.org.uk		07534 318840
District Council		01935 462462
County Council		0300 123 2224

Religious

Church of England Rector		251375
Churchwarden		259003
Secretary PCC		251355
Organist & Bell Ringing		253856
Flower Guild		252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton		07483 120 603
URC Minister		252799
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Curry Rivel Coronation

Sally Harvey

For the real coronation day it rained but on our coronation day in Curry Rivel the sun shone. Just like in London the crowds cheered and the bells chimed as the King and his consort arrived at the church, in our case in a vintage Rolls Royce, rather than a state carriage. We had soldiers dressed smartly in their uniforms (although rather fewer than for the state parade) and trumpeters who 'played' the fanfare.



St Andrews church like Westminster Abbey looked splendid and the Flower Guild had done an amazing job bedecking the church in red, white and blue. Like the abbey the church was packed, in our case with the school children and staff, their parents, invited guests and members of the village community. The children had dressed in their best for the occasion and several hats (and tiaras) were sported by the invited guests and the children themselves. The Archbishop of Canterbury, played by Reverend Scott, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells, by Reverend Mark, were resplendent in their robes and mitres, beautifully made by the children in the school. They led the occasion with appropriate pomp and ceremony acting out parts of the service, using actual words from the service and handing the king the various accoutrements of monarchy, which had all been made by the children, before finally crowning our king (Yusef) with the Curry Rivel version of King Edward's Crown.



As with the real service, the congregation participated in the responses, sang hymns and listened to an anthem sung by the church choir. We even had our very own Huw Edwards or maybe Richard Dimbleby in the form of Steve Allinson. With a well judged mixture of solemnity and humour Steve commented on the proceedings from his position in the pulpit explaining the symbolism and significance of different parts of the service as they unfolded.

It was a splendid occasion enjoyed by all, which gave everyone a chance to see the great event close up before watching the real thing the next day. Hopefully everyone had a better understanding of the historic occasion having taken part in the re-enactment.



Although there was no balcony appearance and fly past, the royal party along with invited guests, children, parents and friends from the village all returned to the school for an excellent cream tea which was organised by the PTA. It was a joyful afternoon and thanks needs to go to Reverends Scott and Mark for their hard work in setting up the event, the school staff and PTA, the choir, the bell ringers, the flower guild, Steve Allinson, David Geach for the Rolls Royce and of course the children themselves for all playing their part in ensuring this event was such a success.