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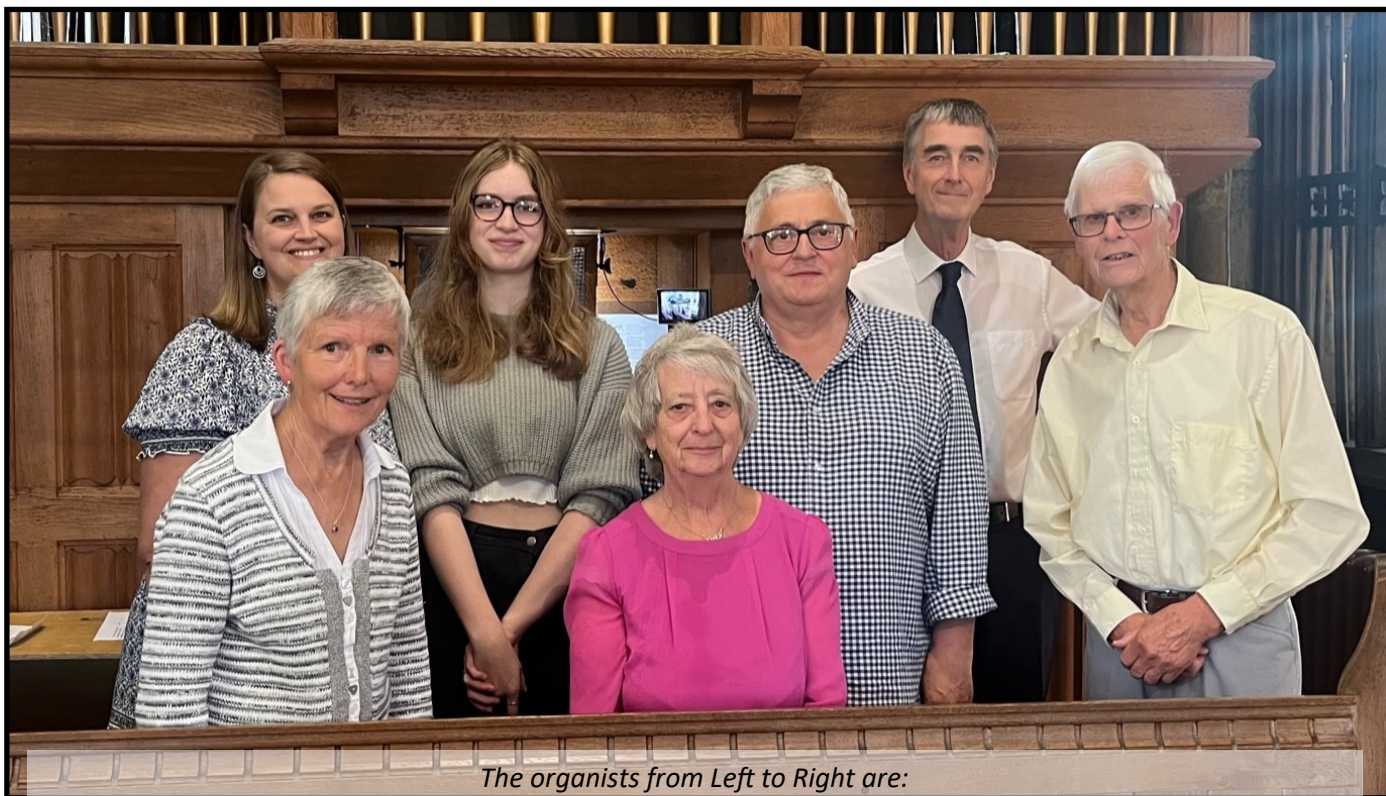
Jane Hamlin

**O**n Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October there was a "Sunday Tea Concert" in St Andrew's Church that drew a large audience and raised £545 towards the church window appeal. Seven local organists took turns to perform pieces of their choice on the organ.

Dot Walford played the beautiful *Gloria* from Mozart's Mass in C, Mel Rendell played the very popular *Air on a G string* by Bach. Matilda Sowter played the stirring *Toccata in D minor* also by Bach. One of the movements from Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony* was Robert Cole's contribution. Patrick Rendell played *To a Wild Rose* by MacDowell, *Fugue in D minor* by Mendelssohn and *Elegy* by Thalben-Ball. Martin

Holister chose to play Bach's *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß*, John Rutter's *Prelude: Te Lucis Ante Terminum* and Andrew Gant's *The Sons of Morning Danced for Joy*. The concert came to an inspiring conclusion with Alma Tucker playing *Meditation* by Jules Massenet, *Bring Him Home* by Claude-Michel Schonberg and *Spring* from the Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi. Three generations of the Rendell family were represented: 14 year-old Matilda Sowter, her aunty Melanie Rendell and her grandfather Patrick Rendell (the current village organist).

A splendid tea was then served to the audience and organists.



The organists from Left to Right are:

Mel Rendell - Dot Walford - Matilda Sowter - Alma Tucker - Martin Hollister - Patrick Rendell and Robert Cole

# Christmas Craft Fair

*Angela Edwards and Hazel Morris*

We will once again be showcasing some of our talented local crafters at our 3rd annual Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 26th November 2023. It will take place in Curry Rivel Village Hall between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm and entry is free. There will be a variety of stalls selling all sorts of crafty gifts including knitted items, gift boxes, key rings, cards, jewellery, pottery, wooden items, wax art and table linen so we are sure there will be something for everybody.

During the event, we are hoping to raise some funds for the Curry Rivel, Drayton and Hambridge Foodbank. Hazel has kindly knitted a beautiful teddy bear and you will have the opportunity to win this lovely bear if you can correctly guess his name. Tickets are £1 each. Tea and coffee will also be available and donations raised from this will also go to the Foodbank. We look forward to welcoming you to our event.



## Letter to the Editor

*Dear Editor,*

I believe that the Parking Charges at Musgrove Hospital are extortionate. Please pass on this information to as many people as possible. Today I had an appointment at 8.40am. I drove to the Park & Ride got the bus and paid only £1.00. I was dropped off outside the Duchess building in the hospital grounds and saved at least £8.00. Cracking service, highly recommended and far from a rip off.

*John Casebourne.*



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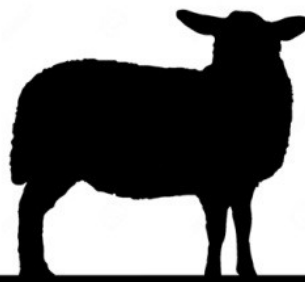
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# Curry Woods Conservation Trust

## An Open Evening with the Trust

Peter Goodenough

**W**e are very pleased to invite all Curry Rivel residents to join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Old School Room at 7.30pm. We have James Chapman, one of the leaders of the new county wide Tree Strategy, coming to give a talk about the vital importance of increasing the tree cover in Somerset.

Our county faces probably the most difficult future of any in the country as a warming world leads to rapid sea rise. Did you know that in 2022 Switzerland lost 10% of the volume of its glacier ice, followed by 5% this spring? This was more than it lost between 1900 and 1996. Clearly the loss of continental glaciers is increasing. This was expected but not as quickly. Sea levels will rise, and the Somerset levels and moors will be at threat of inundation in those times when there is heavy prolonged rainfall (as seen in Scotland on October the 6-8<sup>th</sup>) this year. With increased tide heights and heavy rainfall, the only way to hold back water from the hills above the moors and levels is to plant trees and shrubs on them to absorb water and prevent it reaching the levels.



This is urgent and a target of planting trees on 240 hectares a year for the next five years is set in the

County Tree Strategy. The Curry Woods Conservation Trust was early into the operation as was the Re-imagining the Levels team. In total together 85000 trees and shrubs have been planted on the hills above the Levels.

To see the locations, go to [reimaginingthelevels.org.uk](http://reimaginingthelevels.org.uk). Local help is needed to find and plant the target 240+ hectares each year so please come along to find out all about the plans and continue Curry Rivel's leading role in the tree strategy. This is our Annual General meeting so there will be an opportunity to hear about the progress of the trees we have planted since 2021, ask questions and very hopefully volunteer!

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Also stars: Issa Rae, Kate McKinnon, America Ferrera and Rhea Perlman. Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall.

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### Sedgemoor Gardens Club November Meeting

Talk by James  
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## Hold your nose!

Carolyn Paton

**F**ollowing the summer break, the September W.I. meeting began with a round-up of the various August activities independently organised by members, and then moved on to forthcoming dates. It concluded with a brief review of the National Federation policies on Safeguarding and Carers. Serious but important.

The speaker this month was John Dando from Glastonbury, who is a regular broadcaster on local radio, and an expert on the Carnivals of the SW. He took for his topic an unlikely theme that he entitled cryptically 'A walk up the Garden Path' which turned out to be a history of 'Privies' and took us on a rapid history tour of man's efforts to manage bodily waste. In earlier times people naturally carried out this function anywhere – sparse population and lack of settlements wider than the family meant this was not a problem. As Britons began to live in wider groups and settled together though, it became desirable to find a way of waste disposal, and thus streams and waterways were sought out.

When the Romans arrived, they found this primitive organisation shocking, and set about establishing sanitation systems and bathing. The sophistication of their arrangements and their society is readily available to see in Bath and other places. Castles and major Manor houses began to make private arrangements within their properties. These largely consisted in seating arrangements built so that waste was deposited draughtily directly outside and down the exterior wall. Hmmm. It was apparently believed that the resulting odour was effective in deterring moths, so woollen clothing was hung outside near the deposits in order to warn the creatures off! A more effective understanding that this waste was good fertiliser led to its use on the fields to encourage the crops.

As towns and villages grew, there was increasing need for some kind of system to get rid of malodorous waste, and for

some time what was collected in chamber pots was simply thrown out of a

window into the street 'Gardy loo' might have been shouted (an adaptation of the French 'Garde l'eau' - mind the water) though whether the warning came in time is debateable. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century you could be fined for having a dung heap in front of the house. Let us hope the fine was a deterrent! The 'Great stink' from the polluted Thames as it passed the Parliament building eventually led to legislation so that indiscriminate dumping was outlawed – in theory at least. Some may say that such problems have disconcerting echoes today....

The 1850s saw the invention of earth closets; fine earth or sand covered each deposit, and this was found to be largely effective in cutting out smells and made disposal a lot easier as well. They have a role today and can be found in some rural locations. These privies were often in the garden and were eventually succeeded by water closets – or WCs. These were invented not by Thomas Crapper as is commonly thought, but by one Alexander Cummings, and were much improved by the addition of an S-bend, a refinement proposed by Joseph Bramah, inventor and hydraulic engineer. It may seem that internal WCs were a tremendous improvement, though some still felt that the production of human waste was best done outside the house rather than in it.

John had a fund of humorous stories of local arrangements, traces of which can be found in museums and indeed some old houses. He managed to make his topic light-hearted enough to make us smile, and as is often the case, there was some information that was new to us.

Anyone wishing to join or to know more about our local WI should contact Anne Geach 01458 253078

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# Tripping the light fantastic

Carolyn Paton

**A** good crowd from all over the village (and indeed from across the Channel!) put on their dancing shoes to come to a Harvest Barn Dance in the Village Hall on the very last day of September.

It comes in the long tradition of celebrations around the time of the completion of harvest, when country communities made their own fun. Present were some who knew they loved a Barn Dance, some who'd never heard of such a thing, and some in between. French visitors were not only intrigued but joined in enthusiastically, and felt they'd discovered something hitherto unknown about this hidden corner of British culture.

Brian Heaton accompanied the dancing on his accordion, giving a proper rural feel to the evening, and called out instructions as he did so. The fact that the 'barn' was in reality the hall mattered not one jot; everyone was up for enjoying themselves. He good-humouredly organised the dancers, coping with a broad array of competence! Early muddles had by the end of the evening become rather more recognisable dance patterns - though the general hilarity

remained constant - and all felt they'd had a good time as well as taking some hot-making serious exercise.

The break for a welcome Ploughman's gave the participants a chance to recover, and the cooling off continued not just with ice cream but with access to the bar – this throughout the evening in fact.

An eclectic set of raffle prizes tempted most to try their luck, and those whose numbers came up took away vouchers for Green Shutters Garden Centre, Marshfields ice cream, a veg box from Chris Whitmore, chocs, fizz, a lovely bouquet of dahlias, and a magnificent Harvest Hamper crammed with local goodies, some of them home-made.

Brian's efforts culminated in whole-room participation in Auld Lang Syne (it wasn't New Year's Eve, but no-one was bothered) and a warm round of applause for his hard work. The evening had been set up as an enjoyable way to generate funds for the repair of the St Andrews North Chapel windows, and the necessary sum is inching in the right direction.

Thank you to all who joined in the fun!



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## Bygone Days

### A political celebrity visits Curry Rivel

Janet Seaton

**T**he Conservative MP for Yeovil, Aubrey Herbert, addressed a well-attended meeting in Robert Sewers' Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1912.

He spoke about the loss of the Titanic, the prospects for agriculture, Home Rule for Ireland and the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales. A popular Member, he was the half-brother of the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Carnarvon, who led the excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb. He was a passionate advocate of independence for Albania, and was twice offered the Albanian throne!



### Langport & District History Society

Our next talk will be at 7.30pm on Monday 6 November at the Sports & Social Club, Eastover, Langport. Giles Bradford will present a talk entitled: *Bradfords: 250 years as part of the Somerset community*. All welcome; non-members £4.

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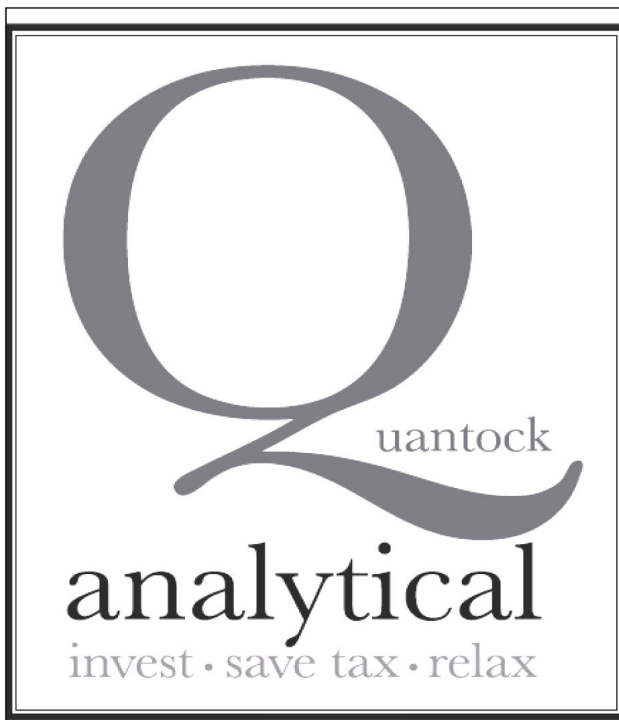
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# Westfield Recreation Field News

*Les Hood*

**T**he Parish Council are pleased to announce that a multi-purpose track has been installed around the perimeter of Westfield Recreation ground.

It is suitable for walking, prams, wheelchairs, jogging and cycling - particularly for the young children learning to cycle. In the near future, we intend to replace the rubber tiles in the play area with a new layer of continuous rubber base thereby

doing away with the cracks that have developed in the existing surface. All the equipment has been overhauled by a qualified inspector.

Unfortunately, the Ash tree near the play area had to be removed because of Ash die back. We will be planting a replacement tree, though.

## Open Gardens 2024

*Debs Hockley*

[cropengardens@gmail.com](mailto:cropengardens@gmail.com)

**W**e held the first planning meeting of the Open Gardens for 2024 and had quite a few new people turn up, which is lovely.

We have confirmed the date as Sunday 16th June 2024. If you would like to open your garden, or if you would like a little bit more information then please get in touch using the email address above.



We are also looking for a new Treasurer. This is not an onerous task as we just try to raise funds for the village, and we only run every 2 years. Please get in touch if you think you could help. You don't have to open your garden to do this role.

Our next meeting will be end of January 2024.

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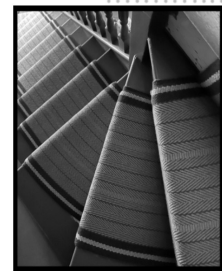
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# Curry Rivel Music

Malcolm Cotterill

## Amici

**F**riends they clearly are, and united in membership of this 36 strong choir from Taunton who entertained a well-attended concert on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in St Andrew's Church.

Their range and virtuosity appear unlimited as they demonstrated in a programme that ranged from Robert Pearsall's "Lay a Garland" from 1840 through Vaughan Williams' Shakespeare Songs, Benjamin Britten's "Dances from Gloriana" to John Rutter's arrangement of Hoagy Carmichael's "Skylark" - and that was all before the interval!

Then came the contrast – not in the quality of the singing but in programme contrast. We were taken from the screen as in "As time Goes By" from Casablanca through Broadway as in, among others Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns" from "A Little Night Music", "West Side Story" and "Carousel" before London's West End had the audience swaying, tapping or weeping to the melodies of "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera". Whatever their response the audience had a great time as clearly did those many Amici who came and entertained so well.



The last concert in the 2023 season will be at the same venue at 7.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November when we greet the return of that delightful organist, Gordon Stewart, with Tom Osborne accompanying on the trumpet. It is an evening not to be missed. More details on the website, [curryrivelmusic.org](http://curryrivelmusic.org) or contact our Secretary, Anne Michell on 01458 250863 or email [anne.michell@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.michell@btinternet.com)



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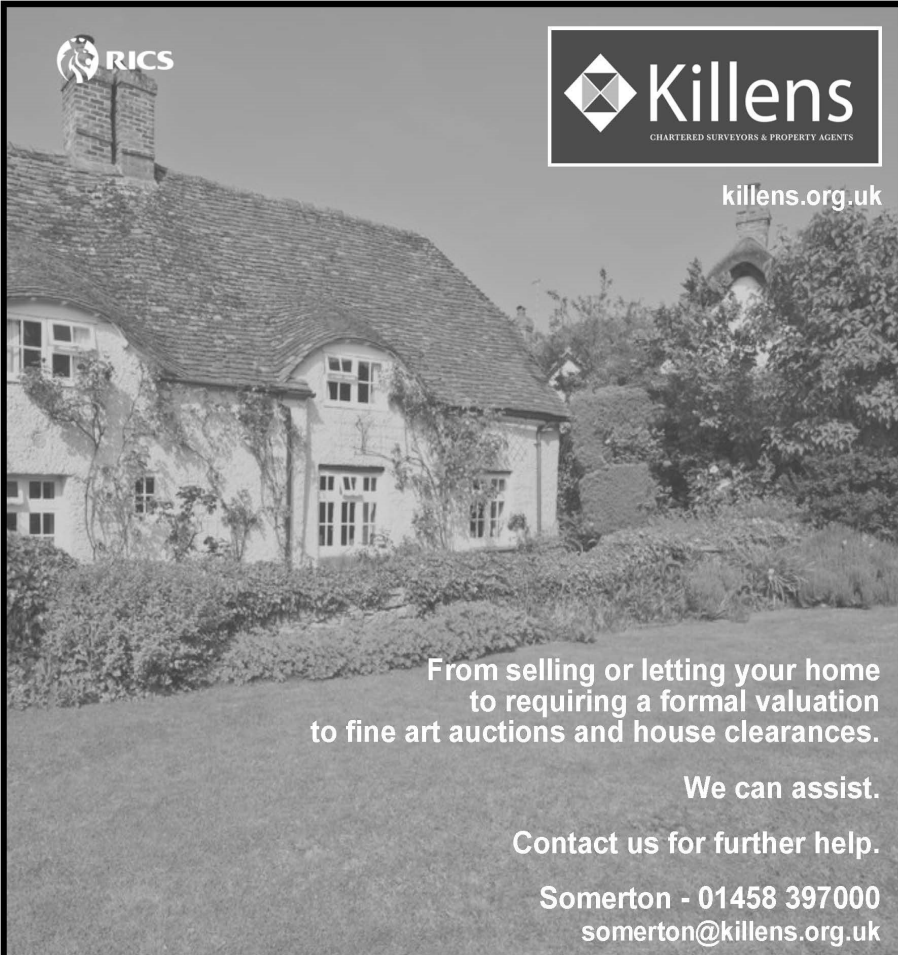
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# Curry Rivel Health Walks Have Ended

Andrew Jordan

**P**lease note that the twice monthly Curry Rivel Health Walks have ended.

Walker numbers have dropped off significantly over the last few months.

There is another Health Walk group which meets in Langport on Monday mornings.

The Health Walk programme is managed by Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) and Health Walks are led by volunteers throughout Somerset. The purpose of Health Walks is to encourage people to walk and exercise in a social environment.

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## St. Andrew's Church

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[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)



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

## November

### Thursday 2nd

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 5th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments

11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - United Benefice

All Souls Service of Thanksgiving

**Monday 6th CR OSR - NEW** Lego Club  
*(see information on next page)*

### Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

Time tbc **FH** - Remembrance Sunday Service, with FH Baptists

**10.53 CR** - Remembrance Sunday Service

4.30 pm **CR OSR - NEW** Café Church

**Monday 13th CR OSR - NEW** Lego Club  
*(see information on next page)*

### Tuesday 14th

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

### Sunday 19th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship

11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments

12.15 **CR** - said Communion CW

**Monday 20th CR OSR - NEW** Lego Club  
*(see information on next page)*

### Saturday 25th

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

### Sunday 26th Christ the King

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW

11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW

4.30pm **CR OSR - NEW** Café Church

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

**Monday 27th CR OSR - NEW** Lego Club  
*(see information on next page)*

## Scott's spot



### A new heart

As I write in early October the news is full of the Hamas attack on Israel. Hundreds of Israelis have lost their lives, hostages have been taken and many are still unaccounted for. Israeli reprisals are also being reported with Palestinians too facing the loss of many. It is painful to watch these events unfolding and the future seems unclear. Tragically, the spiralling escalation of violence seems inevitable as Israel seeks to re-impose dominance and Hamas resists.

For those with (not very) long memories these events will seem tragically familiar. Not familiar in terms of the details of the attack, but that once again these two nations are at each other's throats. It seems as if both are destined to repeat this pattern of violence like some kind of horrific Groundhog Day. We ask 'when will it ever end?' and wonder what could change radically enough that reconciliation and lasting peace might have a chance. It seems impossible as we watch yet another generation polarised into hatred through violence and death inflicted and endured. Real change doesn't stand a chance, does it?

Well in the face of human intransigence, I offer another perspective with hope.

About 2,500 years ago a messenger to Old Testament Israel said this: ***These are the words of the Lord God: I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit into them; I will take the heart of stone out of their bodies and give them a heart of flesh*** (Ezekiel 11:19/20).

These words are figurative, but the heart transplant they speak of is dramatic. What Ezekiel is talking about is people being changed not on the outside but deep within.

**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

## Scott's Spot ctd. . .

Maybe as you read this you're thinking 'yeah right, fat chance', and you wouldn't be alone. According to worldly wisdom 'a leopard can't change its spots'. It's hard as life goes by not to share such a cynical view of the world.

The people of Ezekiel's day felt much the same, greeting his words with scepticism if not scorn. Experience had taught them that they would go on making the same mistakes in the future as they had in the past. Ezekiel, though, believed differently. He was confident that God had the power to change people deep within, and would do it.

It is this hope that I point to in the face of the cyclical pain unfolding on our TV screens. Indeed it is the hope I hold out to anyone seemingly locked into an endless 'war' with family or neighbours. The hope I hold out is the fulfilment of Ezekiel's ancient words and comes in the shape of the God-man Jesus. Through His ministry and sacrifice, and through His sending of the Holy Spirit, new hearts are indeed possible. As a Christian man and church leader, it has been my privilege to know personally this gift and to see it in others and in Christian history. The witness of Corrie ten Boom as she was enabled to forgive the concentration camp guard who so cruelly treated her sister, and that of many Christians involved in the Truth and Reconciliation process in post-apartheid South Africa, come to mind.

Deeply engrained hatreds have been replaced with forgiveness; cold hard hearts have become warm and kind; cycles of violence and pain have been broken.

The Christian message is that human sin means we are all, in the end, quite incapable of overcoming our own nature through our own efforts. We shall find that personally, or as nations, our best efforts will fail and history repeat itself. Only the heart transplant that comes as a gift to those who ask will cut it. If you despair of ever changing, have you considered asking Christ for a new heart?

With prayer for the Israeli and Palestinian people, and all situations where new hearts are so desperately needed.

Rev'd Scott.



### **Café Church** **Exploring God, Faith and Life.**

Café Church is an opportunity to get together to discuss different matters around God, faith, and life over drinks and nibbles, in an informal setting, including some music.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd **Sundays of each month 4:30 till 5:30-ish in the Old School Room** (see diary).

All ages welcome, with some activities for younger ages too. Things last for around an hour but you are welcome to stay for cuppas and to chat.

For more information contact  
Rev Mark McKnight on 074 7155 6366  
or [markmcknight5@gmail.com](mailto:markmcknight5@gmail.com)

### **Lego Club**

For primary age kids to create and play, while their grown-ups chat over a cuppa.

**Term time Mondays, 3.30 — 4.30pm in the Old School Room** (see diary).

Donations for drinks and biscuits are welcome. For more information contact  
Rev Mark McKnight (details above)

### **Carols, Bangers & Mash** **in the Village Hall**

**Friday 1st December**  
**Doors open at 7.00 pm**

This year St. Andrew's Church will again host this popular event, held in the Village Hall.

On arrival a glass of mulled wine/cider will be available, followed by a meal of bangers & mash and a selection of puddings, for £10.00 per ticket.

There will also be a bar.

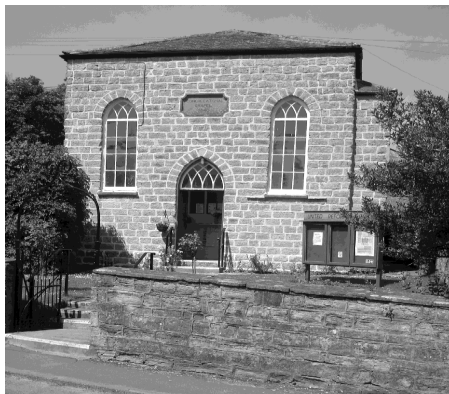
The evening will feature intervals of light entertainment and Carol singing.

Tickets will be on sale from **mid November** in Sandpit's, the Post Office/petrol station, or from Dave & Sally on 253431 or [curryrivelsta@gmail.com](mailto:curryrivelsta@gmail.com) and some members of St. Andrew's congregation - NOT at the door on the evening.

Tickets for the **raffle** will be available from **mid November**, from members of St. Andrew's congregation, until 1 December 4.00pm and in the Village Hall, on the evening.

We look forward to seeing you.

## **United Reformed Church**



### **November**

**Services are now taking place in our Chapel building only (no longer available via Zoom).**  
**All below Services start 10.30.**

**5th** - Prayer & Fellowship

**12th** - Rev Tim Richards

Joining with mid Somerset URC Group,  
in Curry Rivel

**19th** - Jenny and Tony Potts

**26th** - Rev Evelyn Ridout  
(incl. Holy Communion)

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 service leader.

**URC Minister: Rev. Tim Richards**  
**01458 252799**

### **St. Andrew's Rotas November**

**Brass** - Lynne Comley & Wendy Graves

**Flowers**

4th & 11th Poppies - Evelyn Leckie

18th & 25th - Angela Cole

**Cleaning**

4th - Nicky Barker

11th - Liz Rendell

18th - Lynne Comley

25th - Tina Geary



### **Harvest Festival**

**Thank you** to all who contributed to our local celebration of Harvest through the gathering and donating of goods to our local community foodbank.

### **A View from the Orchard....**

November: bare branch lattice work patterns, morning mists and dew bejewelled cobwebs, red berries & frosted lawns, black nights and meteor showers. In the blink of an eye (or so it seems) the clocks have changed, the evenings have drawn in, leaving some of us bemoaning the lack of sunlight and others rather enjoying drawing the curtains on the outside world to keep warmth in and cold out.

In last month's CRN I wrote about autumn as a time for reflection; this past October month proved to be just that - a month of reflection, review, and readjustment as once again we found ourselves, roles reversed, in a place of recovery from essential surgery. It was imperative to put down and let go in order to heal, regroup, reassess and reset.

The month of November will see the beginning of a return to work albeit gradual - a considered and thoughtful taking up of responsibilities again.

Once more we have been reminded of God's Love through the care and concern shown through the words, actions and skill of others; once more we have needed to trust God's Love to be enough to see us through.

November will be a gentle month this year - often frenetic in the run up to Christmas, circumstances will demand we approach life differently, weighing in the balance each request, expectation, demand, should and ought, prayerfully considering where to focus time and energies. Rather than the whizz and bang of November the 5<sup>th</sup> fireworks this month will be a gentle re-establishing of connections and commitments within the parameters of what is healthily possible. Not quite the tail end of the year we expected - another curve ball! - but within the experience is being found Faith, Hope & Love.

Ali Richards

# Sedgemoor Gardens Club

*Sylvia Goodenough*

**B**eautiful bouquets! That's what several lucky Sedgemoor Gardens Club members went home with after our September meeting.

They were prepared by Helen Toon, of Bradbury Cut Flowers in Isle Abbot, after her talk describing how she and her husband John set up their company.

While she was working her magic, we held our AGM and members collected the daffodil bulbs that come as part of their membership - the resulting pots of plants will be judged at our Daffodil Festival in March. Also at the AGM, as well as hearing what the committee has been doing over the past year, those members who gained the most points in the 2022/23 monthly competitions were congratulated and awarded their prizes.



At the time of writing, we are looking forward to October's talk about two contrasting gardens owned in turn by David and Pauline Wright, and then to November's talk about the gardens at the Bishop's Palace in Wells. We hold our meetings in All Saints Hall, Langport on every second Tuesday in the month with the formal business starting at 7.30pm, though most members arrive between 7-7.30pm, to allow time for chatting, displaying competition exhibits and getting a raffle ticket. After the talk, meetings end with refreshments and lots more chatting.

We are a friendly club and we welcome new members or guests - our secretary, Jean, can be contacted on 01458259025 for more information, or just turn up.

We'd love to see you!

## Harvest Flowers

*Dot Walford*

St Andrews looked spectacular for our October Harvest Service. Everywhere one looked there were beautiful displays of flowers, plus fruits and veg too!

A huge, huge thank you must go to those who created this magnificent show. It was truly a joy to behold!



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# ...In November

## Regular Events

### MONDAY

10.00am	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00am	Table Tennis (kevl@outlook.com)	Village Hall
6.00pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.45pm	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

9.30am	Pilates	Village Hall
9.30am-2pm	Friday Club	Village Hall
7.00pm	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

### SATURDAY

9.00am	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
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)		<b>07714 265384</b>
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)		07789 661288
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)		250655/253856

United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc. 259391

### 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
Messy Church		01458 762523



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