

October 2018



## 'It's Punkie Night Tonight'

Laurina Deacon

A punkie or punky is a lantern which was traditionally carved from a mangold or mangelwurzel, but where did the custom originate? No one knows, but it is almost certainly linked with Hallowe'en and here in the West Country the tradition of Punkie Night was practised on the last Thursday in October, as in Hinton St George where the tradition of children marching around the village with carved jack o'lanterns still takes place. Another theory is that it goes back to the days when wives made their husbands a jack o'lantern for lighting their way home in the dark on their return from Chiselborough Fair. The tradition was for children to march around the villages singing,

*It's Punkie Night tonight,  
It's Punkie Night tonight,  
Adam and Eve would not believe  
It's Punkie Night tonight.*

Or, in what appears to be an earlier version of 'Trick or Treat' children went from door to door begging for candles singing,

*Give me a candle, give me a light,  
If you don't, you'll get a fright.  
Give me a candle give me light,  
If you haven't a candle, a penny's all right.*

The custom now is to use a pumpkin, which is a lot easier to carve than a mangelwurzel and if, as in earlier times, it is placed on the gate post it will supposedly ward off evil spirits at this time of year!

## The Scariest Pumpkin Competition!

### CRiB Event on Sunday 28th October 3-5pm

Bring your carved pumpkin along to the village hall, come in fancy dress! Adults too!

Prizes for the best carved pumpkins and the fancy dress.

Please use battery operated night lights, no live flames.

£1 per ticket which is redeemable for a Halloween tea.

Sandwiches, cake & a drink.

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Tombola, Raffle, Chocolate fountain, Green slime Jelly! Games, stalls, music.....

Tickets will be available from early October. For more info contact Paul Crocker 01458 252545

Look at the CRiB website and the village website for details of where to buy your tickets.

We hope that lots of you will dress up and bring your scary carved pumpkins to join in the fun.

# HALLOWE'EN

When bats are grooming their silky fur and owls unveiling their eyes,  
Large things take flight; small things take cover;  
They'll all be glad when this long night is over  
And the sun comes again to the skies.



Deep in the forest where no-one goes the witches are lying in wait,  
Bats hear their call; owls fly to greet them;  
Creepy things, crawly things, steal out to meet them.  
(It is not a good thing to be late).

Wise folk are sleeping at Hallowe'en, no soul is abroad to-night.  
All locked away, safe in their dwellings.  
Dance your mad dance, cast all your spellings.  
You'll be gone with the coming of light

Morning sun breaks through the misty dawn, larks trill a happy refrain.  
Mortals awake! Witches have vanished.  
Creepy things, crawly things, daylight has banished.  
All is well with the world once again.

By Geraldine Hawley

**G**erry Hawley writes poetry and fiction and has won an international competition to gain a place in an anthology with one of her science fiction stories, 'Whistle in the Fog'. Gerry has been writing poems, short stories and pantomimes for years, and was one of the founding editors

of the parish magazine, the forerunner of the Curry Rivel News. She lives on the Green with Calypso, her small, eccentric springer spaniel. For information on the book, please contact the publisher at [livingspringpublishers.com](http://livingspringpublishers.com) or Gerry at [geraldine.a.hawley@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine.a.hawley@gmail.com).

## Punky Night Party

*Roger Hampton*

**A** Charity Hallowe'en Bonfire Party for the local community is being held on Saturday 27 October, by the Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton. The event will be held at Orchardleigh, Martock Road, Long Sutton, TA10 9HU. Following the success of last year's event, there will be Fancy Dress, Punky Competition, Splat the Rat, Hoopla, Apple Bobbing and much more. The Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm. No Fireworks!!

Tickets are just £5 per adult, and children under 11 go free. Entry includes a hot dog and drink. Additional refreshments will be available to purchase. Don't worry if the weather is inclement, as there will be a large marquee for shelter. All proceeds will go to a range of local youth causes. Last year Rotary supported both Langport and Somerton Youth Clubs, and Long Sutton School. For tickets please call Rupert on 01458 241616 or [rupertandangie@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:rupertandangie@btinternet.co.uk)



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## CRiB AGM

Our AGM has been rescheduled - the meeting will now be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** in the Chatham Room in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, come and hear about our efforts this year and our plans for next year and share your ideas. Refreshments provided.

**South West in Bloom** awards ceremony takes place at the new Westlands Centre in Yeovil on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. As soon as we have any results we hope to put the news straight onto the village website! We hope you have seen the War Memorial lately, it really does look amazing and is still flowering well. Let's hope it lasts until November 11<sup>th</sup>, frosts permitting.

### Poppies for Remembrance Day - knitted and home made

We are hoping to have hand knitted poppies and poppies made from plastic bottles on display around the village. To make a plastic poppy, cut any plastic bottle in half using scissors, then cut down to the base in four equal divisions, some bottles have a base with four dips in them so use those as a guide. Shape the petals, adjusting the length and flatten out your poppy, pressing the centre and petals into shape. Paint with red gloss paint, paint the middle black or glue on a black

# Curry Rivel in Bloom

*A flowering community*

button. Use florist's or gardening wire to make a stem or staple to an orchid stick. There is a good pattern at [www.harlow.gov.uk](http://www.harlow.gov.uk) search for knitting pattern info sheet. You can search on line for other free patterns or ask Gina to provide a copy for you. If anyone has any suitable wool they would like to donate please let us know. A large red and black ball of wool for only £3.50 can be purchased at Mrs McGregor's wool shop in Somerton. Let's hope for a great display of poppies in the village leading to the war memorial. If you have knitted or made poppies you would like to be included in our poppy trail please contact Gina [cribsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:cribsomerset@gmail.com) tel 01458 762296

### Return of the Village Open Gardens 2019

More news on this in next month's edition. There is no set colour scheme for next year, just a riot of colour around the village!

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# The Royal British Legion Great Pilgrimage 90

Peter A. Hayes

Having just returned, along with Mick Brett of Fivehead, from the Great Pilgrimage, held in Belgium and France between the 5 – 9 August I would firstly like to say how extremely proud and honoured I feel at being able to represent the Royal British Legion Branch of Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead and secondly to honour and remember those brave lads from these villages and all the other service men who sacrificed their lives for our today.

It was a phenomenal experience standing on the ground where they once stood and really brought home the horrors and privations and above all the bravery and sacrifice they made.

GP90 represents the ninetieth anniversary of the Pilgrimage made in 1928, ten years after the First World War ended, where the British Legion took some 11,000 veterans and war widows, back to the Ypres and Somme areas. GP90 revisited the same places they did.

It is virtually impossible to convey to others the visual and emotional

pictures I encountered on the Pilgrimage. One sees pictures and reads in books and accounts of the conditions and fighting that took place and the numbers involved, but nothing comes close to the humbling feelings one gets on

visiting and getting one's feet on the ground!

The culmination of the Pilgrimage was, as in 1928, a Memorial service held at the Menin Gate Ypres. Over 1,100 Royal British Legion Branch Standards together with an equivalent number of poppy wreaths from those branches were paraded through the streets of Ypres to the Menin Gate, where a ceremony was conducted during which more than 1,100 poppy wreaths were laid inside the Gate.

Mick and I are ex-regular soldiers, I can't speak for Mick but this experience has greatly affected me emotionally, which

has only strengthened the feeling of sadness and pride I hold for those gallant young men who gave their all so that we could enjoy the life we have.

Having now visited the battlefields myself and been a regular soldier I can fully appreciate why so many of the soldiers who fought there could not or would not speak of their experiences, it was too painful.

I would also like to thank all the people and

organisations from around the villages whose endeavours and financial support helped us to be able to make this memorable pilgrimage.

Thank you one and all and God Bless.



**A spectacular two-mile march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial, led by 1,100 Standard Bearers, was the culmination of the three-day event, which saw the 2,200 participants visit the First World War trenches, battlefields and cemeteries at Passchendaele, Tyne Cot and the Somme.**

## Probus Club of Langport and Curry Rivel

Dorothy Wadeson

We had an excellent Summer Lunch with our husbands/wives/partners/friends in August at Hornsbury Mill near Chard. Our speaker in September came from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, who rely on our charitable donations to keep them in the air. We were interested to hear about night flying which is the latest development in this

wonderful service.

In October we are planning a trip to Shepton Mallet Prison. Let's hope we all return!

For more information contact Paul Crocker on 252545 or look on our website: [www.langportandcurryprobus.btck.co.uk](http://www.langportandcurryprobus.btck.co.uk).

# District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

If you ever want to keep ahead of what is happening in South Somerset then subscribe to [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/ssn](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/ssn) which will update you on everything from the Regeneration programmes taking place in Chard, Yeovil and Wincanton, the Yeovil Literary Festival, Waste and Recycling, Playdays and Health Walks in the area, Westlands and Octagon news to the latest award winning activities of SSDC. You can also follow SSDC on social media on a variety of platforms including twitter and facebook.

The Medium Term Financial Plan has been presented. Despite the decrease in Central Government funding the leading party remains confident that ambitious programmes such as Transformation, making staff savings without cutting services, and their Commercial Strategy, buying properties as assets in Yeovil High Street such as Marks and Spencer and Wilko for investments will in the long term deliver a sustainable council.

The Langport to Muchelney Cycleway has taken a step closer to being transferred from SSDC to local Town and Parish Council management. A survey has recently been undertaken and shows that the cycleway is increasingly being used by locals and visitors. The cycleway is part of the River Parrett Trail and if transferred the new management have said it will be essential to keep the track open and well maintained at all times of the year.

## Short Mat Bowls Club – new hours

Julia Jewell

Curry Rivel Short Mat Bowls Club is now playing on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons in the Village Hall. All ages welcomed, beginners or experienced players, bowls are provided plus a cup of tea and biscuits! Tuesdays from 7.00 pm and Thursdays from 2.00 pm. Contact 01458 251616 for details or just turn up!

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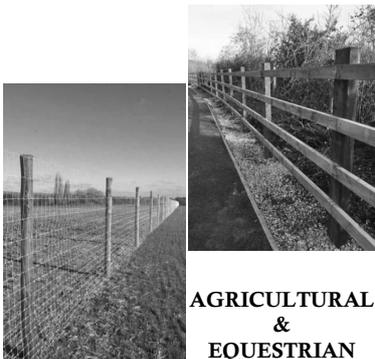
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# Curry Rivel Music

Malcolm Cotterill



## KOSMOS ENSEMBLE

Regular concert-goers in Curry Rivel are accustomed to hearing flights of brilliance from artistes clearly destined for stardom but whose fees make them still affordable. However, the concert in September hit stratospheric heights. The Kosmos Ensemble excelled. While composers like Dvorak and others have shown what can be done with the folk tradition, Kosmos have nothing to learn from them. Their ingenious and inventive arrangements and variation of music from around the world including wild gypsy themes, emotive Jewish and Greek tunes, wild tango along with Japanese, Polish and Sephardic songs were executed with extraordinary brilliance on violin, by Harriet MacKenzie, on viola by Meg Hamilton and by Miloš Milivojević on accordion. The music soared with unimaginable speed and bravura leaving the audience as elated and exhausted as the three virtuosi were entitled to feel. It was sheer, unforgettable brilliance on an evening to remember.

The next concert will take place at 7.00 pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. After the novelty of the accordion in the initial concert, CRM will celebrate another first with the saxophone at centre stage. Its master is Jonathan Radford who is sponsored by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust which supports only the most able musicians at an early stage of their career. Jonathan has, in fact, a glittering CV already and will be accompanied on the piano by Kaoli Ono whose career, passed mainly in France and Japan, has been no less sparkling. Their programme will include music by Debussy, Rachmaninov, Greig and Gershwin. Tickets are £12 at the door. Students and children come free of charge. For further information please contact our Secretary, Mrs Anne Michell: telephone 01458 250863, email [anne.michell@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.michell@btinternet.com) or visit our website [www.curryrivelmusic.org](http://www.curryrivelmusic.org)

## Big Breakfast Breaks Record

Roger Hampton

We are delighted to confirm that the BIG BREAKFAST in September raised a record breaking £733.60. The Village Hall Committee is very grateful to Scrivens the Butchers for supplying the bacon, sausages and eggs and to Phil and Karen Peppard for sponsoring the tea and coffee, thanks also to those who provided raffle prizes,

All profits from the event go towards maintaining and continually improving the hall.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Curry Rivel Village Hall will take place on **Wednesday 21st November**, commencing at 7pm in the hall. All are welcome to attend

## Somerton U3A

Denise Clarke

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 26 October when Gordon Kemp tells us of his journey on two wheels across India. Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar

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### The Happy Prince (15)

Friday 19 October



Actor Rupert Everett fulfils a long-standing ambition to make a film about the last days of Oscar Wilde. As well as playing the central character he also wrote and directed the movie.

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Also stars: Colin Firth, Emily Watson, Colin Morgan, Tom Wilkinson & Anna Chancellor.

Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Refreshments are on sale. Tickets £7 are available at the door. Don't forget we have our annual ticket for only £50 – saving you £20.

Coming soon:

The Book Club, Swimming With Men and Mama Mia! Here We Go Again.



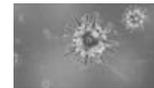
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## Langport and Somerton Inner Wheel

Dorothy Wadeson

The Langport branch does not have a meeting in August but we met up at our stall at the Drayton Street Fair in September to advertise the existence of Inner Wheel, which is a worldwide organisation with clubs in virtually every town area. The organisation exists with the aim of friendship, working together to make a difference both at home and around the world and we support local communities, local, national and international charities and generally have fun and enjoy ourselves. Drayton Fair had to suffer our "Roll a Penny" (in our case 10p) game which was quite good fun

especially as more children than adults won and which covered our costs so thank you to one and all. We also had some articles made from ring pulls by people in the Philippines supported by the charity Protecting Children and Families which drew a lot of attention and a few sales.

Don't forget, we meet at the Langport Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at 12 noon so if you are interested in finding out more ladies, please ring Angie on 01935 840130.

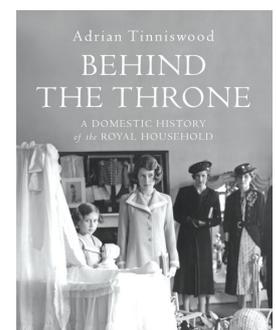


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Elizabeth I on Sunday 4 November at Long Sutton Village Hall between 2pm to 4.30pm

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# Langport & District History Society

Janet Seaton

## The Monmouth Rebellion 1685

The Society's first meeting after the summer break was an illustrated talk by John Allen on one of the most important events in West Country history, the Monmouth Rebellion of 1685, culminating in the Battle of Sedgemoor and its tragic aftermath locally.

John began with a summary of the life of James, Duke of Monmouth in the context of the turbulent political and religious climate of late 17th century England. He was the illegitimate son of Charles II, born in Rotterdam on 9 April 1649. Because of fears for his personal safety in this period before the 1660 Restoration, he was moved around the Continent and England.

When Charles was restored to the English throne in 1660, there was no legitimate heir, provoking various claims including that of the Protestant, James, and the Catholic Duke of York, the King's brother. Young James was brought to court in 1662, rapidly granted titles, including Duke of Monmouth, and was married the following year to a Scottish heiress, Anna Scott. He took up a military career and fought in the Dutch Wars.

As the constitutional enmity over the succession grew between Monmouth and York, breaking out in episodes such as in the Popish Plot and Rye House Plot, Monmouth bolstered his popularity by various trips around England, especially in the West Country, gaining support from local notables and the general citizenry alike, though for much of this time he was effectively exiled in Europe.

By the time York became King as James II in February 1685 on Charles's sudden death, there was seething rebellion in both Scotland and England against a Catholic monarch. Monmouth landed at Lyme Regis on 11 June, and marched northwards gathering troops and supplies. After a convoluted progress which failed to produce any decisive

outcome, his army eventually met the King's forces outside Westonzoyland on 5-6 June, in what is known as the Battle of Sedgemoor.

John described the various strategies and manoeuvres of the two opposing forces, leading to the rout of Monmouth's army, and then set out the terrible consequences for the West Country as the King took revenge on the rebels. Most famously this was done through the notorious 'Bloody Assizes' under the Chief Justice, George Jeffreys. Monmouth himself was captured, and beheaded at the Tower on 15 July, it taking 5 strokes to achieve the execution!

John concluded his presentation by regaling the audience with various myths and legends surrounding the Monmouth Rebellion.

The Society's next meeting will be at Langport Library on Monday 1 October, when Joseph Lewis of SSDC's Community Heritage Access Centre (CHAC) will talk about Langport in the 1980s. This will be followed by the Society's AGM. It is free to members (annual membership from September is £15): non-members are welcome, admission £4. Anyone interested in joining the History Society should contact Sue Standen (01458 273471, [suzannestanden471@btinternet.com](mailto:suzannestanden471@btinternet.com)). Follow the History Society at @langporhistory, and on: <https://sites.google.com/site/langporheritage/home>.

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Tuesday: Curry Rivel (Primary School)

5.45pm – 6.45pm (All levels)

7.00pm – 8.00pm (Intermediate)

Private sessions 1 to 1 also available

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**St. Andrew's Church**



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

**Thursday 10.30 Holy Communion BCP**

Please note that this service no longer takes place on a weekly basis, but only on the **1st** and **3rd** Thursdays. The applicable dates are in the diary below.

**October**

**Thursday 4th**

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

**Sunday 7th**

**10.15 time t.b.c.**

**FH** - Short Communion CW

**11.15 FH** - Family Harvest service

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Worship

**Tuesday 9th**

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

**Wednesday 10th**

2.45 pm **Immacolata House**  
Residents' Communion

**Sunday 14th**

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Holy Communion CW & Sunday Club

6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

**Monday 15th**

3.30 pm **CR School** - Messy Church

**Thursday 18th**

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

**Sunday 21st**

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

10.00 **CR** - All Age Family Service

11.15 **CR** - Short Communion CW

**Sunday 28th**

9.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW & Sunday Club

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Taizé service

**CR** = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

**CR OSR** = St. Andrew's Old School Room ('behind' the church)

**FH** = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

**SW** = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

**Scott's spot**



**Faith ... a crutch for the weak?**

Having my hair cut a while ago, I found myself 'talking faith'. As we talked it became apparent that my barber's view on faith, and those who professed it, was that it was effectively a 'crutch for the weak'. He seemed surprised that my personal faith journey **hadn't** involved some sort of major life trauma, and was seemingly convinced that faith came from the place of all else having been tried, and all else having failed. In short, a position of last resort. Perhaps you, or those you know, hold a similar view.

Now while I would want to challenge my friend's somewhat patronising assessment, holding instead that the Bible makes sense of the world around us, that faith in Jesus is intellectually defensible, and that publicly standing for Christ amongst our secular culture takes more courage not less, I would agree that acts of faith do often need a catalyst. Despite my objection to the above, it **is** true that acts of faith **aren't** usually born out of peace and calm. The Bible is full of examples of this. For example in the book of Exodus it wasn't military know-how that made Moses raise his staff on the bank of the Red Sea. He did it because he was between an army and an ocean. For Naaman, the leprous military commander, it wasn't medical research that convinced him to dip seven times in the river (see 2 Kings Chapter 5), it was because he was a very sick man.

**Scott's spot ctd...**

Neither was it common sense that caused the Apostle Paul to abandon the Jewish laws he'd followed his whole life and follow Jesus. He couldn't see any other way. And it wasn't a bold group of Christians who prayed in Jerusalem for Peter's release from prison (see Acts 12). It was an uncertain and vulnerable band of backed-into-a-corner believers with no other choice. A group of have-nots begging for help. Situations each leading to intervention and partnership beyond all expectation.

So although I do not agree with my barber's opinion that faith is the preserve of the weak, in a way he wasn't far from the truth. For at the beginning of every act of faith, there is often a seed of fear.

The message of the Bible is that, once opened, the door of faith leads to previously undreamt of divine resources – courage, strength and comfort amongst the maelstrom of life. Perhaps recent events mean that you're now ready to taste and see?

Faith, a crutch for the weak? Well not quite. Rather a step of the humble brave.

With blessings and prayer for you and those you love,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

**Craft & Coffee**

From Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> **October** and on the following 2nd Tuesdays of the month, a new event called '**Craft & Coffee**' will take place in the Old School Room, from **10 am until 12 noon**. On the 9th there will be a craft workshop.

In the following months people are invited to bring their own craft work to share their knowledge and expertise with others.

If craft is not your thing, then please come along for an informal chat with homemade cakes and refreshments.



**From St. Andrew's Registers**

**Baptisms**  
*We welcome into God's church.*  
9th September - Isla Cornelius

**Funerals**  
*May God grant them eternal rest.*  
17th July - Interment of ashes of Karen Elizabeth Vowels († 29th January)  
24th August - Memorial service of Mr Philip John Mounter († 7th August)  
29th August - Memorial service of Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Rudman († 11th August)

**Shoe Box Appeal 2018**

This year will again see the annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Boxes will be collected for **Blythswood Care**, a Christian charity based in Scotland. In 2017 the charity distributed **115.932** boxes to children and adults in countries of Eastern Europe and Pakistan.

For those who enjoy filling a shoe box for needy children, an older teenager or adult, details can be found in the leaflets from Blythswood Care, which will be available in St. Andrew's church later in September, or from Jackie de Ronde (251355) or Ginny Smith (250997). If you would like to know more, go to [www.shooboxappeal.org](http://www.shooboxappeal.org) or contact Jackie or Ginny.

Completed boxes can be delivered to the Old School Room during 'Craft and Coffee' (9<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 - 12.00) or during a Sunday service at St. Andrew's. Please have your box ready by the **last week in October**, but earlier delivery is very welcome.

**For your diary**

This year's **Carols, bangers and mash** evening in the Village Hall, hosted by St. Andrew's Church, will be on **Friday 7th December**.

*More in next month's CRNews.*

**St. Andrew's Rotas October**

**Brass** - Sue Blackwell

**Flowers**

6th & 13th - Margaret Davey

20th & 27th - Adrienne Holmes

**Cleaning**

6th - Julia Gauler

13th - Tina Geary

20th - Wendy Graves

27th - Liz Rendell



**A Date for your diary**

Because this year is a fallow year for our Christmas Craft Fair and as an alternative to a Christmas Tree festival, the United Reformed Church is hosting a **Village Christmas Carol Service 'with a difference'** on

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7 pm**

**at the United Reformed Church.**

*Information about 'with a difference' in next month's CRNews – but it will include mulled wine & mince pies.*

**United Reformed Church**



**October**

*(Services start at 10.30 am)*

**Sunday 7th** - Rev David Huggett

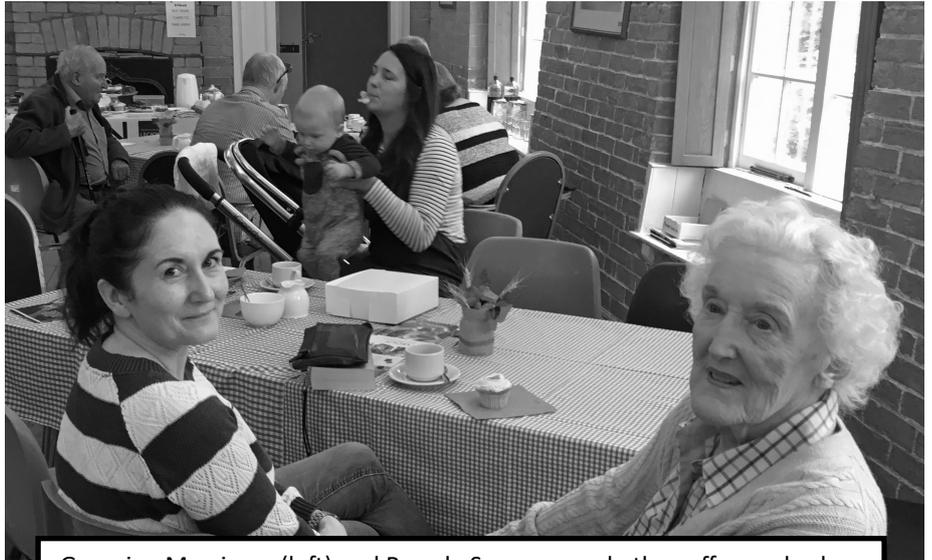
**Sunday 14th** - Members of the congregation

**Sunday 21st** - Mr Chris Pitman

**Sunday 28th** - to be arranged

**URC Minister:** our Minister Rev. Tim Richards is on sabbatical until 11<sup>th</sup> December; for church business please call 01458 447020.

**Royal British Legion Coffee Morning**



Georgina Morrisroe (left) and Brenda Swann sample the coffee and cakes.

**A**n inaugural coffee morning to raise funds for the Royal British Legion raised just over £60.

Organized by Sue Willis, the coffee morning was held in the Old School Room on Wednesday 12 September 2018. There was a competition to 'Guess the Weight of the Cake', which was 1.55 kg, and was won by Sheila Harding.

Sue said "This was fun to organize and I am very grateful to Suzie Potter for helping me bake all these cakes. It was just a pity that it was not better supported." Brenda Swann, who assisted with the organization of the morning, including the sale of second-hand books, said "Those cakes were delicious. People don't know what they missed!"

**LIVE ON**



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



**Regular Events****MONDAY**

9.45	Art Club	Village Hall
6.00	Pilates	Primary School
6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

**TUESDAY**

10.30	Dancing Classes	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
5.45 -8pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Guides	URC Hall
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridgway Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall, L'port
7.30	Tuesday Group (3rd only)	Drayton Village Hall
10.00-12.00	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room (or OSR)

**WEDNESDAY**

9.30	Mother and Baby Group	Village Hall
7.00	Dancing Classes	Village Hall
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St Andrew's

**THURSDAY**

9.30 -11am	Parent, Baby & Toddler Group (Term time only)	Primary School Hall
10.00	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows	Village Hall
4.30	Brownies	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

**FRIDAY**

9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Cinema Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

**Special Events In October**

Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	CRiB AGM	Village Hall
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00	CR Music Concert	St Andrew's
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	3.00	Scariest Pumpkin Fun	Village Hall

**Some Useful Telephone Numbers****Youth Organisations**

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts	01460 281184
Rainbows	01823 698940
Brownies	251953
Guides	252901
Pynsent Youth Football Club	251084
Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

**Sports Clubs**

Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

**Social**

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	252146
Royal British Legion	251280
Twinning Association	251432
Women's Institute	259688
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
PROBUS	252545
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	253953
Get Together Club	251773
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 741606
Inner Wheel	252648
Tuesday Group	252657/252022

**Arts**

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Dancing Classes	07730 755203
Art Club	253126

**Community Facilities**

Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	741606
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Lettings etc.	259391

**Community Services**

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlinton Housing	01935 404500

**Education**

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

**Local Authorities**

Parish Council (Clerk) m.ludgate@btinternet.com)	251432
District Council	01935 462462
County Council	0300 123 2224

**Religious**

Church of England Rector	251375
Lay Reader	01460 281555
Churchwarden	259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
United Reformed Church Minister	01458 447020

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