

PUBLISHED MONTHLY AND DISTRIBUTED FREE TO ALL CURRY RIVEL RESIDENTS; ALSO AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS OUTLETS AROUND CURRY RIVEL

Active Travel Project Update

Tony Greenaway

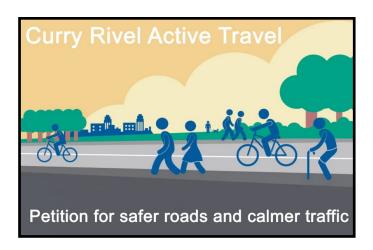
The Active Travel Project took another step forward when, at the March meeting, the Curry Rivel Parish Council formally adopted the list of recommendations for improving Active Travel in and around Curry Rivel, as well as the preferred route linking Curry Rivel to Langport.

The report sets out the range of measures that the Parish Council may wish to see delivered within the village and on the route between Curry Rivel and Langport to benefit everyone who lives, works, learns or visits Curry Rivel. The prioritisation of measures should not be implied by the ordering of the measures outlined on the plans, or the order in which they appear in this report.

Curry Rivel Parish Council welcomes early discussions with interested parties in order to identify how funding or development opportunities might deliver the maximum benefit to the community. The Parish Council welcomes discussions with landowners who may be able to support the delivery of measures within the document. Clearly there is a lot to do, but this sets out our stall for the coming years. With Huish Episcopi, Langport and Drayton looking to develop Active Travel in their communities, and Active Travel sitting high on the priority list of the new Somerset Council, I am hopeful that we will be able to make a start on implementing some of the recommendations before too long despite the recent setbacks.

The existing busy stretch of the A378 between Curry Rivel and Langport is unsuitable for cyclists and pedestrians due to being very narrow in places and the volume and speed of traffic. Residents of Curry Rivel and surrounding villages rely on amenities in Langport and Huish Episcopi such as local shops and businesses, doctors, the library, the secondary school and Huish Leisure Centre, but the vast majority use their cars to travel there and back.

The need for an improved transport link is clear and the proposed project would bring a wide range of benefits to cyclists, pedestrians and the wider community, for example:



- an accessible, safe and traffic free path for cyclists and pedestrians
- Increased opportunities for exercise, contributing to a healthy lifestyle
- reduction in volume of traffic and dangerous emissions on this stretch of the A378
- Increased trade for local shops and businesses
- a link to a possible future rail station at Langport a solution to the need for a safe route for students to get to the school, academy and leisure centre

For further information, to get involved please contact: Tony Greenaway by e mail: <u>tgreenaway51@gmail.com</u> or call: 07563 900646

You can download a copy of the report here:

https://www.curryrivel.org.uk/latest-news/curry-rivel-active-travel-update-update.html



Plans for Coronation Weekend

Marcus Hembrow, Chairman of the Parish Council

S aturday May 6th 2023 is a day when history will be made when the the Coronation of King Charles III takes place. Coronations are rare events. The last one was some 70 years ago and there have only been 7 such occasions in the past 200 years.

The Village and Parish have a proud history of celebrating previous Coronations and Jubilees and steps are underway to similarly mark this May's Coronation weekend.

A working party has been assembled with a remit to provide a series of events that will bring together all ages and generations to Celebrate as well as reminisce Jubilees and Coronations past.

The details will include an enactment by the primary school in St. Andrews Parish Church on the Friday followed by a Tea Party. On the Saturday a live big Screen showing of the Coronation with refreshments in The Village Hall, a nod to the previous Coronation when TV was in its infancy and a screen with a TV projection of the broadcast was rigged up by Arthur Mounter. In the afternoon a BYO picnic is being

organised at Westfield with music and entertainment for all ages. On the Sunday morning a Coronation themed Big Breakfast in the Village Hall is being held.

To commemorate, a special edition of Curry Rivel News will be published later in the summer and to go alongside the usual photos and memories of the weekend we want to hear from you with your memories and pictures of 1953 and for those of a more senior age 1937 Coronations. These events are being arranged to bring our community together and I encourage you all to get involved. If anybody wishes to get further involved or has ideas of how we can celebrate please get in touch with the Parish Council.

See back cover for details

WIN £50 IT'S EASY!

Just tell us how many times the number **01458** appears in this month's *Curry Rivel News*

Email your answer to the editor: curryrivelnews@gmail.com

including your name and address. Or drop your answer including your name, address and telephone number into the Curry Rivel Post Office in an envelope addressed to:

Curry Rivel News, Easter Comp No stamp is required - just hand it over the counter.

First valid correct answer out of the hat wins £50.00. Good Luck. RULES

- 1.Competition open to readers who live or work in Curry Rivel or are or Curry Rivel News subscribers
- 2.Only one entry per applicant allowed3.Minimum age 11
- 4. Closing date: 30th April 2023
- 5.Not open to *Curry Rivel News* team members or their immediate families
- 6. Winner announced in the June issue.

VOLUNTEER CARETAKER REQUIRED



- Curry Rivel Village Hall needs a volunteer Caretaker
- Approximately one hour per week
- Various duties
- For more information contact: peter.sleightholme1@btinternet.com









Open weekdays from 10am for Coffee & Cake Weekend Brunch 9-11.30am Sunday Lunch menu 12-2:45pm

All this is available plus our daily deals & super specials... f @ @thefirehousesomerset Call, hop online or pop in for more information 01458 887447 | firehousesomerset.co.uk

Across the century

Carolyn Paton

he WI's programme this year links with some of the topics addressed in the first year of operation in Curry a hundred years ago, and it is intriguing to note the onward progress of life since then. The speaker at March's meeting was Rob Waldrond - a Pitney farmer, known in the area, who is well placed to comment on a century of changes within his profession; one that is so essential to us all. He began with a quiz - the success rate of which was rather less than dazzling! O dear! De-crypting what were to his audience mystifying terms, proved challenging, e.g.

Q: What do you buy at a candle auction? A: Grass!
(The candle reference is to the guttering end of burn-time; the last bid before it finally goes out being the winner.)

Our knowledge of current trends was also tested, and answers were illuminating, e.g.

Q How many Somerset farmers have left the sector? **A**; 66%. Salutary. Rob went on to comment on the farreaching influence of agricultural life on villages in the past. Ancillary trades such as wheelwrights, and blacksmiths etc were needed as well as labourers for fields and livestock. It all meant that a considerable proportion of the local population were agriculture-dependant for their living. The contrasts with today were compelling. As an illustration, within three generations of the Waldrond family, the farm

workforce went from 64 to 2. The drop in agricultural representation within them altered the balance of communities and has led to a diminished understanding and respect for the role, as fewer and fewer people were directly involved. This has had its own effect on well-being. Generalising, this has been of far-reaching impact on those engaged in farming, as the problems of finance, loneliness and consequential poor mental health took their toll.

different from the past; fields and farms are larger for one thing, and sometimes it seems as though one of the crops is solar panels. Aesthetically pleasing they are not, and opinions vary, but the search for renewable energy is very pressing, and some farmers have found co-existence possible. They have put grazing sheep beneath them, and the edges of fields have been able to regenerate and allow flowers and wildlife shelter to increase. If no farm animals are present, the whole area takes on this character. A similar effect is gained from the requirements of the Levels, where more hedging has been retained and the hedgerows provide shelter beneath them. An interesting statistic is that there is less land given over to solar panel acreage than golf courses. There has apparently been an increase in the planting of maize, due to its worth in anaerobic digestors! Adaptation is the name of the game.

this has been of far-reaching impact on those engaged in farming, as the problems of finance, loneliness and consequential poor mental health took their toll.

Today's picture is, of course, very different from the past; fields and farms are larger for one thing, and sometimes it seems as though one of

the Winspiring women

Naturally, farmers need to

make a living, and margins are tight. Farm shops help, and have the added benefit of re-connecting the public with food production as well as keeping farms in the black. For a variety of reasons, British food is the cheapest in Europe and among the cheapest in the world. Sixty years ago, we spent 25% of our income on food – today it is more like 10%. Food for thought indeed. We all need feeding, and for most of us eating is a profoundly pleasurable experience, so the health of our agriculture is crucial to us. As the producers of what we eat adjust to ever-changing regulation, we all have an interest in their success, and wish Rob and his fellow-professionals well as they turn their vocation to our benefit.

Members thanked Rob for his illuminating reflections, and everyone felt they had a better understanding of farming across the years and today's challenges as a result.

The WI engages in a wider set of activities than listening to talks, and if you wish to know more, or are interested in joining, please contact: Anne Geach 01458 253078

Retired or semi-retired? Want to keep your mind and body active?

..and meet more people and make new friends?

SOMERTON u3a

The u3a is a national organisation.

Somerton u3a has almost 400 members with over 50 different interest groups: e.g. short mat bowls, walking, discussion, scrabble, jazz appreciation, and many more.

There is also a monthly meeting at the Edgar Hall, Somertonan opportunity to catch up with friends over coffee, followed by a guest speaker.

Come along...you will be assured of a friendly welcome!

For more information, visit our web site https://u3asites.org.uk/somerton/home

VOLUNTEER TREASURER REQUIRED



- Curry Rivel Village Hall needs a volunteer Treasurer
- For more information contact:
 Myfanwy 01458 251877

BOOK REVIEW

Butterfly Safari by Andrew Fusek Peters

This is an incredible true story about our wonderful butterflies

f you had just been told you had bowel cancer and were contemplating your future, when a Painted Lady butterfly flitted by, what would you do?

Well Andrew Peters, a professional author and an accomplished wildlife photographer, thought "I think I'll travel across the whole of the UK photographing every species of UK butterfly. And I'll photo them flying and sometimes their eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises in new enlightening ways". That was in 2017.

Cancer recovery

Fortunately Andrew's op was a success and he completed his expedition. His book *Butterfly Safari* was published last month and you don't have to be a lepidopterist to enjoy it. "It's brilliant" said Nigel Grinsted who happens to be a very amateur butterfly and moth geek which is what lepidopterists are called.

Every species

In the book Andrew looks at various different aspects of butterflies including their wonderful flight. "This is a first" said Nigel, "and he's managed to capture every species". There are 58 butterfly species in the UK and some are very local and difficult to catch on camera especially on the wing. "Andrew has found and photo'd some of the very elusive butterflies including the High Brown Fritillary which is very scarce now. It flies at speed across the bracken. I think it should be called the High Speed Fritillary! Fortunately it's still found in a few remote places in the South West" Nigel said. Andrew filmed it in Shropshire.

Elusive hairstreak

Another very local butterfly that Andrew caught on camera is the Brown Hairstreak. "It often flits high up in deciduous woodlands" said Nigel. It does come down sometimes for nectar from brambles but not for long. It also is found in the South West, even in some woodland near Curry Rivel.



The "not so common these days" Common Blue with the distant Milky Way in the sky.

Photograph: Andrew Fusek Peters



The very local Glanville Fritillary—only found on the Isle of Wight Photograph: Andrew Fusek Peters



The Brown Hairstreak in flight - often not very active. It can be found near Curry Rivel

Photograph: Andrew Fusek Peters

Isle of Wight star

One of the most local butterflies is the Glanville Fritillary. "It is only found on the Isle of Wight - the Undercliff at Niton is its strongpoint" said Nigel. "My friend Charlie and I cycled there in 1968 and bred the species on its foodplant, Ribwort Plantain, and released the butterflies back there the following year" said Nigel.

The Emperor's secret

Often considered the star of UK butterflies is the Purple Emperor. "The male has a wonderful purple sheen on its wings. They spend most of their time soaring around the tops of oak trees" Nigel said. "I've only got close to one once but it didn't stay long. They don't feed on flower pollen or nectar—they prefer more savoury delicacies like cow pooh. Indeed butterfly hunters often concoct particularly pongy concoctions to attract them" said Nigel. It's not found in the South West but can be found in Bentley



The magnificent Purple Emperor - here drinking from some damp soil Photograph: Andrew Fusek Peters

Wood near Salisbury. "Best butterfly book"

The beauty of the book is the combination of entertaining copy and innovative photography. Patrick Barkham, author of *The Butterfly Isles* said "This book captures the glorious beauty and heart-lifting spirit of butterflies better than any other".

Sedgemoor Gardens Club

April Meeting

Talk by Derek Dexter Fuchsias My Way

All Saints Hall, Langport Tuesday, 11th April 2023 7:15 - 9:30 p.m.

Non Members £3.00 **Enquires Tel 01458 259025**



We're local, we're friendly and we're here to help. We stock a wide variety of meats including Game, Homemade pies, pasties, scotch eggs and faggots. And a wide selection of local cheeses and local seasonal veg.

6 Parrett Close, Langport, TA10 9PG Tel: 01458 250778

Mon-Fri 7am—5pm

Sat 7am-4pm

Wood Drove Kennels & Cattery

A family run 'home from home' in Langport for your dogs and cats, with plenty of space and cuddles!



Viewings by prior appointment

> Tue, Fri & Sat at 2pm 01458 250556

www.wooddrovekennelsandcattery.co.uk

SEAN MOUNTER





Trained

For full Gas & Oil Central Heating

All types of plumbing & **Fully apprentice served**

heating installed, Boiler changes, Heating

upgrades

Complete bathroom, shower rooms installation incl. tiling, building work etc.

No job too small. No VAT. Free competitive quotes and advice

Tel: 01458 253015 Mob: 07748 183282

with City & Guilds

qualifications

Gas

contracted

installers

Herald House. Langport TA10 9RQ

The washing machine's not working!

Dishwasher...washing machine... tumble dryer...vacuum cleaner. If it's gone wrong, IT CAN usually BE FIXED. And it'll cost you nothing to find out if it can be fixed as I will provide a no obligation quote.

Today people think fixing household equipment isn't worthwhile due to the high cost. But often that's not true. For example a new washing machine can cost you up to £900 or more. But normally we can fix it for under £100. A saving of up to £800! With none of the hassle and timescales of ordering and fitting a new machine. Just contact me for a no obligation quote. We're local.

JASON WILLIAMS

07793 495091

AUTOWASH ELECTRICS

Naturally Beautiful Beauty Salon

Naturally Beautiful Beauty Salon is based in Curry Rivel offering a wide variety of treatments including eyelash extensions, lash lifts, CACI, radio frequency collagen lift, massage, facials and waxing.

Reiki and Reflexology are also available with Debbie.

Call 07903 727 590 or find us on Facebook @naturallybeautifulbeautysalon

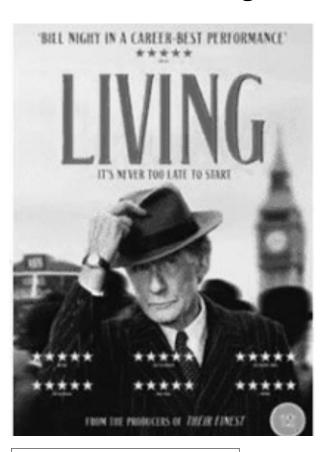




Movies in the Village Hall

Alison Cockrell

mvh.curry.wix.com/films



Living (12A)

Friday 21 April 2023

Rodney Williams is a bureaucrat with London County Council but is bored and uninspired by his work. A group of women petition the council to have a World War II bombsite turned into a children's playground, but Williams has no intention of launching the project. That is until a terminal illness diagnosis forces him to re-evaluate his life and consider creating a legacy.

An outstanding performance by Bill Nighy in the leading role. Also stars: Aimee Lou Wood, Lia Williams, Tom Burke and Adrian Rawlins.

Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall.

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

Clean as a whistle!

We can clean anything in your property.

Inside and out, including:

- Windows
- Gutters and downpipes
- · Facias, soffits and frames
- Conservatories including roofs
- Solar panels
- Patios, pavements and drives
- Greenhouses
- Carpets

Just contact us to discuss your needs:

Tel: 01823 690154 Mob: 07590 636079

E: kevin@bawdencleaning.co.uk

BAWDEN
CLEANING SERVICES LIMITED
Established 1082





Poole House, 17 Market Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 7JU 01460 279100 crewkerne@hklaw.uk www.hklaw.uk Diary date

Curry Rivel

Annual Parish Assembly

At the Village Hall Wednesday, 3rd May 2023 at 6 to 7.30 pm

The Assembly is a meeting of the village. Come along to find out what will be happening in Curry Rivel over the next year.

Ask questions, raise issues



Meet the people who run clubs and organisations

Talk to a councillor

Everyone is welcome



Free tea and coffee.. wine and snacks



It's easy! TO ADVERTISE IN HERE

Just contact the Advertising Manager:

Nigel Grinsted

07734 226000 crn.nigel@outlook.com

- Trees & Hedges
- Dry-Stone Walls & Features
 (DSWA Professionals)
- Lime Mortar Walls & Pointing
- Gardening & Landscaping
- Fencing

Telephone: 01458 250 819 Mobile: 07765 518168

Sticks & Stones

Emrys Evans & Denise Evans

Forsey and Son

ESTABLISHED 1946
INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS
MEMORIAL MASONS • PRE PAYMENT PLANS

Pound Pool, Somerton, Somerset TATT 6LZ **Telephone 01458 272297** or Langport **01458 250509**

28 High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8SY **Telephone 01458 850654**

Willowfields, Lowerside Lane, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9GY Telephone 01458 831020



www.forseyandson.co.uk



Don't be fooled, just spring into April

t is not clear why the custom of April Fool started in Britain. Some people say that the tradition of All Fools' Day is connected with a Hindu custom called the Huli Festival and others that the French custom of Poisson Avril, which has a long tradition, made its way across the Channel at some point in the past. Apparently, in Somerset in the 19th Century gullible lads were sent to the chemist for 'pigeon's milk', the saddler for 'strap oil' or were told to get home quickly because their mother wanted them, only to be told "April Fool". Some unlucky youngsters were sent to a neighbour with a note that said, "Send the fool farther". The note would be readdressed, and the unfortunate victim of the prank would be sent from house to house in the village until they realised what was happening. In more recent times, newspapers and television programmes have often included April Fool stories

The Curry Rivel News has also, in the past, tried its best to fool its readers with a fake story. In 2014 we told how a wind turbine was to be attached to the Burton Pynsent monument to aid the production of renewable energy. In 2015 we reported that the Bell Hotel, which had been closed for 7 years, had attracted the interest of Chinese property developers who wished to reopen it as an exotic lingerie boutique. How many residents of Curry Rivel were disappointed that this didn't happen we have been unable to ascertain.

None of the team came up with a good idea in 2016, but in 2017 we unveiled the bold plan to set up a Park and Ride scheme for the village to alleviate the traffic jams that were becoming all too common. In 2018, we broke the devastating news that a temporary arrangement had been put in place to limit the use of footpaths by dog walkers based on the colour of their dogs which, of course, alarmed those with dogs of different colours. In 2019, our steadfast reporter Flora Pilo, revealed that the scruffy village signs were to be replaced by digital illuminated signs with the village name, but also space for locals to advertise special events.

We hope that readers appreciated these attempts at brightening the mood. However, I can assure you that there are no April Fool stories this month. Mainly, of course, because none of us could think of a good one. All our articles – including our competition this month - are completely genuine.

The details of the competition can be found on page 2.

Jane Hamlin

Yandles Spring Handmade Craft Market

SATURDAY, 22ND OF APRIL | 10AM - 4PM

Great offers in the Tool Shop and the Arts & Crafts Shop

There will be over 70 stalls full of handmade products made by talented artists and crafters from across the South West.

Free Entry • Free Car Parking

www.yandles.co.uk | crafts@yandles.co.uk | 01935 822571 Yandle & Sons Ltd, Hurst Works, Martock, TA12 6JU

Langport and District History Society

Janet Seaton - Chair, LDHS

e will be making a Group Visit to the Blake Museum in Bridgwater on Wednesday 26th April at 2pm. It costs £5 per person, which includes a guided tour and refreshments. If you'd like to join us please contact Peter Mottram on 07936 166841 or motty.goodwood@yahoo.co.uk to book a place.

BYGONE DAYS

A timely reminder of what it was like before the NHS "I have been asked to make the following announcement on behalf of the Nursing Association. For the future, the Nurse's Services will only be available for regular Subscribers. It will not be possible for Non-subscribers to obtain her services even in cases of emergency. Those who wish to be able to call in the Nurse in times of necessity must conform to the rules of the Association, in helping to retain the Nurse for the District, by subscribing." Parish Magazine for Curry Rivel, High Ham, Huish Episcopi, Langport, Kingsdon and Long Sutton, July 1931.

To learn more about the Society and find more fascinating stories about bygone days in this area visit our website: https://langportheritage.org.uk

WORD OF THE MONTH

flumadiddle

Meaning: utter nonsense

THAT MADE ME LAUGH

Time flies like an arrow Fruit flies like a banana

Bow House Physiotherapy Practice

Stacey's Court Car Park Bow Street Langport TA10 9PQ 01458 253388

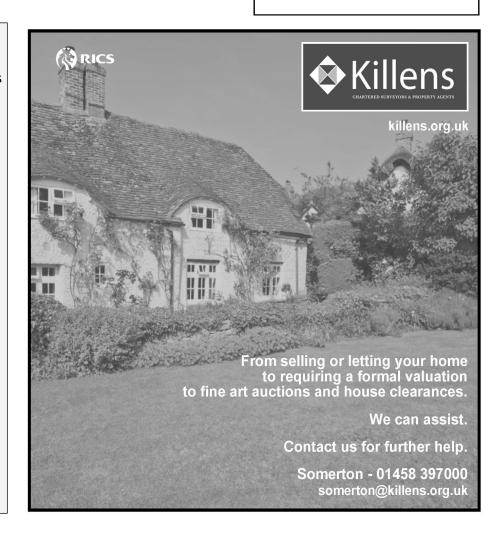
Chartered Physiotherapists

Also available:-Foot Health and Orthotics, Massage Therapy, Homeopathy, Occupational Therapy, Acupuncture, Bowen, Reflexology, Hopi Ear Candles, Pilates Classes.

www.bowhousephysiotherapy.co.uk info@bowhousephysiotherapy.co.uk

News are those of the contributors and not those of the publisher. Whilst every effort has been taken to ensure the information supplied for inclusion in the publication is accurate, responsibility cannot be accepted for any omissions or inaccurate information.

We reserve the right to edit any contribution for the purpose of clarity, consistency and layout limitations. By supplying material for publication, you are giving consent for its publication on the village community website.



Getting Older — A light-hearted, but useful talk

s part of their centenary year Curry Rivel WI are looking out into the community and would like to invite you to a talk by Consultant Geriatrician from Musgrove Park Hospital, Dr Lucy Pollock. Lucy is a local author of 'The Book about Getting Older' published by Penguin Random House.

Lucy will be talking about – 'Getting Older – Delicate questions and useful answers.'

Lucy promises it will be a light-hearted but useful look at the aging process for us all.

This talk is for everyone (men and women) not just the 'old' and will be useful for people who may have ageing

Ginny Smith

family members or for those who want to understand what to expect!

Monday 24th April 2023 at 7:30pm At Curry Rivel Village Hall

Entry by donation to include refreshments with proceeds to Age UK

01458 259679 / 07779 322130

SR BUILDING

Brickwork
Plastering—Roofing
Patios—Tiling
Decorating
All General Building Work &
Property Maintenance

stephen.reddings@live.co.uk

- Qualified to provide plumbing and related electrical services.
- Specialist in kitchen and bathroom planning and installation.
- Tiling, plastering and flooring work undertaken.
- Will also investigate and repair plumbing and related electrical problems.
- Advice and estimates provided free of charge.
- No VAT charges.

For any work required, please contact

Richard Ovenden, Prime Plumbing

on **07800 543795** or e mail: <u>prime.plumbing@btinternet.com</u>

JONES

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

HEDGES

BORDERS

LAWNS

AND MUCH MORE

TO ENQUIRE δ FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TRACEY δ SEAN ON.

07815 082984

IN ON

"BOOTHIE"

General "Handy Man" Services

- Window Cleaning with Reach & Wash System
- Guttering Cleaned & Cleared—Give your gutters that spring clean Out of reach guttering no problem using gutter vacuum from ground
- Grass Cutting; Shed Refelting
- UPVC Cleaned & Revitalised—we can restore your
 Fascias, soffits, door & window frames to look like new

If the job you need isn't listed, just ask
Call Mike Booth on 01458 251498 or 07872 345623
email: mikeboothie@btinternet.com



D.D.I.Y

Don't Do It Yourself!

Do you have any work to do in or around your property that you can't or don't want to do? If so, we could do it for you.

We are a husband and wife team with over 30 years of home improvement, refurbishment and maintenance experience.

- Free Estimates
- Reliable
- Personable
- Clean & Tidy

Contact Roy or Debbie 01458 762604 or 07920 192471

Find us on Facebook
DDIY Don't-Do-lt-Yourself

St. Andrew's Church

To find out more, please visit us at: www.curryrivel.org.uk or www.achurchnearyou.com



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

April

Sunday 2nd - Palm Sunday

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

Monday 3rd

8.30 pm - Night Prayer - via zoom **Tuesday 4th**

8.30 pm Night Prayer - via zoom **Wednesday 5th**

8.30 pm Night Prayer - via zoom

Thursday 6th - Maundy Thursday 10.00 CR <u>OSR</u> - Holy Communion BCP 7.00 pm CR URC - The Last Supper together with members of the URC

Friday 7th - Good Friday

2.00 pm **CR** - United Benefice - Hour at the Cross

6.00 pm **SW** - Compline **Saturday 8th**

10.00-12.30 **CR OSR** - Families Easter activities & refreshments (see next page)

Sunday 9th - Easter Day

8.00 **SW** - Easter Communion BCP 9.30 **FH** - Family Easter Communion

11.00 **CR** - Family Easter Communion **Tuesday 11th**

10.00-12.00 CR <u>OSR</u> - Craft & Coffee Sunday 16th - Easter 2

09.30 FH - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Thursday 20th

10.00 CR <u>OSR</u> - Holy Communion BCP Sunday 23rd

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship

11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends

Service + refreshments

12.15 **CR** - said Communion CW 6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Scott's spot

Beginnings from endings

As you receive your Curry Rivel News this month, Holy week and

Easter will be just around the corner. Once again the events that brought Jesus to the Good Friday cross will be remembered and reflected upon in churches across the globe. Then on Easter Day sober reflections will give way to celebration with Christians boldly proclaiming: "Alleluia Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

I wonder what you make of Bible passages that tell of Christ's resurrection. If you know them then you'll be aware of a breathless quality. Amongst the Gospels we encounter confusion, doubt, disbelief and shock. I think this is understandable. None of it was within normal human experience; the events the disciples were dealing with were unique. For me then, degrees of confusion only add to my confidence that the events really happened. They read like real people experiencing strange things; accounts that therefore have the ring of truth.

John chapter 20 verses 11-16 is one such account. Mary Magdalene stands beside Jesus' tomb weeping. She peers in and sees two angelic figures where Jesus' body had been, and they ask her why she is crying. Expressing her fear that Jesus' body has been removed, she turns to find Jesus standing there. Strangely though she doesn't recognise him, imagining instead that he is the gardener. It isn't until Jesus calls her name that she spins around in recognition calling out in Hebrew: "Rabbouni!" (which means 'Teacher').

Scott's Spot ctd. . .

It is one of those puzzling questions. How is it that, having been told earlier that Jesus is risen, and then seeing him face to face, she doesn't realise who he is? But is that so strange? She'd watched as he died on the cross, she'd seen him carried lifeless into the tomb, she'd witnessed the stone being rolled across, and, understandably, she was convinced that it was all over. Anyone who has faced the apparent finality of death of a loved one will understand those feelings.

Yet slowly the truth dawned. From that ending had come a new beginning, a beginning not just for Jesus but for anyone. The joy, hope, purpose and love that had been buried in that tomb, came bursting back to life. The future that had seemed so empty was suddenly full of promise again. That is part of what the resurrection means. It does not only speak of life beyond the grave, it also assures us that from what looks like the bleakest of endings, God is able to bring new beginnings beyond our wildest dreams.

Are there areas in your life where you have given up believing in the possibility of starting afresh? Jesus' Easter morning resurrection shows us that he can make 'all things new' (Revelation 21:5). Perhaps he's the One you've been looking for?

With prayer this Easter season and beyond.

Rev'd Scott.

April ctd . . .

Saturday 29th

3.30-5.30pm CR OSR - Messy Church Sunday 30th

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW 11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW

+ Kids Church

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

St. Andrew's Rotas April

Brass - Lorraine Gill

Flowers

1st - Lent

8th - Easter arrangements

14th, 21st & 28th - Annette Stein

Cleaning

1st - Tina Geary

8th - Wendy Graves

15th - Anne Geach

22nd - Anne Goff

29th - Jackie &

John de Ronde



'Curry Capers Variety Show'

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who came to St. Andrew's Church on Friday evening 24th February to attend a programme of varied musical performances and sketches.

The 100 or so strong audience were well entertained and their generous donations towards the restoration of the North Chapel windows has reached £1,500.

Many thanks also to all who helped behind the scenes and a <u>very special</u> thank you indeed goes to the initiator and main coordinator of this enjoyable event Dot Walford. Well done Dot!

Easter Family activities in the Old School Room Saturday 8th April 10.00 - 12.30

Families are welcome to join us for a morning of craft activities, Easter garden building and a

treasure hunt.

Refreshments will include tea, coffee and hot cross buns.



St. Andrew's Annual meetings Monday 24th April 7.30 pm, in the Church

 Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) for the election of Churchwardens,

followed by the

- Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), with reports about church life; PCC proceedings; the church's financial affairs over 2022, and the election of PCC members (there are 3 vacancies) and representatives to the Deanery Synod (2 are sought).

From St. Andrew's Registers Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.

22nd February - Service of Thanksgiving at Taunton crematorium for the Life of Mrs Enid Muriel Sage († 31st January)

11th March - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Geraldine Ann Hawley († 17th February)

followed by burial in the churchyard

United Reformed Church



We are an inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all, wherever they are on their spiritual/life journey, without regard to age, denominational background, sexual orientation, ability or race. Refreshments are served after the service providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.

The month of April is both confirmation that Springtime is here, a consolidation of the change of the seasons (beginning mid-March) from winter into spring – all blossom & new greenness– and also the ending of the period of Lent culminating in the resurrection celebrations of Easter – New Life & Hope.

The following blessing prayers celebrate both of these April occurrences:

Spring Blessing

God bless to us each sign of spring, Each new green shoot, Each lighter day, Each warmer wind. God bless to us rebirth.

Kate McIlhagga.

Easter Prayer

Risen Lord,

Give us a heart for the simple things: Love, laughter, bread and wine and dreams.

Give us a green growing hope, And make of us a people whose song is alleluia.

Whose name is love, whose sign is peace.

Amen.

Da Noust.

The hope of the Easter message is echoed in the hope we feel as days grow lighter, warmer & the world of nature wakes up from its winter slumber renewed, refreshed, reborn.

April

Services at 10.30 (unless indicated otherwise) in our Chapel building and simultaneously via Zoom

If you wish to join with us via Zoom please email sbeney6@gmail.com with a request to be included in the Zoom link invitation list.

Sunday 2nd - Palm Sunday

Rev Rowena Francis (incl. Holy Communion)

Thursday 6th - Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm The Last Supper - together with members of St. Andrew's congregation

Sunday 9th - Easter Sunday To be arranged

Sunday 16th - Mr Steve Beney

Sunday 23rd - Mid Somerset Group

Service @ Glastonbury URC **Sunday 30th** - Service with

congregation members

URC Minister:

Rev. Tim Richards 01458 252799

Curry Rivel Superstars Variety Show

Dot Walford

Curry Rivel's Variety Show on February 24th was organised to help raise funds for the restoration of one of St Andrew's North Chapel Windows. To restore this beautiful window that contains medieval glass costs £10,000.

With that in mind, the Superstars of Curry Rivel – helped along by a great 'Behind the Scenes' team - put on the above show which, with the support of people from in and around the village, was enjoyed by over 100 people and raised the amazing sum of £1517.

It's now time to say a 'Thank You' to all of you who've supported us. It was thrilling to have such an appreciative audience, that was also generous with donations.



An Independent Family Funeral Service for Langport, Curry Rivel and Surrounding Communities

> Offering a 24 Hour Service from our Qualified Funeral Directors

Care, Respect and Compassion - 'The Crescent Way'
www.crescentfunerals.co.uk
01458 252505 ~ 01458 259476

Bow House, Bow Street, Langport, Somerset. TA10 9PQ Townsend, Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerset. TA10 0HP

Prepaid Funeral Plans - Private Chapel Of Rest - Bespoke And Inclusive Services







- CARPETS & VINYL
- WOOD & LVT
- BLINDS & SHUTTERS
- DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL

THE OLD POST OFFICE, 38 NORTH STREET, LANGPORT, TA10 9RH

T: 01458 887301 E: langport@sjhcarpets.co.uk W: www.sjhcarpets.co.uk MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9-5 SATURDAY: 9-1

Also at Tythings Commercial Centre, Wincanton & High Street, Tisbury

Wiltown Garage

Wiltown, Curry Rivel TA10 0JF Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm Saturday 8am to 12pm www.wiltowngarage.com





- Batteries
- Exhausts
- Clutches
- ◆ Tyres

Vehicle Servicing & Repairs Air Conditioning Servicing Breakdown Recovery Service Car Valeting Inside & Out Body Repairs & Car Sales

Phone **01458 252 166** Mobile **07921 788 169**

We can service your **NEW CAR** and it **WON'T AFFECT**The Manufacturer's **WARRANTY**. Ask us for details



at's ...In April

Regular Events

| MONDAY | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10.00 | Art Club | Village Hall |
| 10.00 | Table Tennis (kevlo | e@outlook.com) Village Hall |
| 6.00 | Pilates | Primary School |
| 6.45 | Explorer Scouts | Scout Hall, Langport |
| TUESDAY | | |
| 10.00 | Craft & Coffee (2nd onl | y) Old School Room |
| 10.00 | Keep Fit (nicky.barker1 | (@btinternet.com) Village Hall |
| 2.30 | Forget-Me-Not-Café | Village Hall |
| 4.30 | Rainbows/Brownies | Drayton Village Hall |
| 5.45 | Pilates | Primary School |
| 6.00 | Cub Pack | Scout Hall, Langport |
| 6.30 | Rangers | URC Hall |
| 6.30 | Langport Youth Club | Ridge way Hall |
| 7.00 | Short Mat Bowls | Village Hall |
| 7.30 | Sedgemoor Garden Clul | b (2nd only) All Saints Hall L'port |
| WEDNESDAY | | |
| 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 | r) 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 |

How many 01458s on this page?



Deadlines for May 2023 Edition

Advertising: 5pm Thursday 6th April crn.nigel@outlook.com

Comments & Articles: 5pm Monday 10th April curryrivelnews@gmail.com

The Curry Rivel News is published monthly by the **Curry Rivel News Group** and is delivered free to households within the Parish.

| Curry Miver News | and is delivered free to flousefion | us within the ransii. |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Editor | Jane Hamlin | 252946 |
| | curryrivelnews@gmail.com | |
| Advertising | Nigel Grinsted | 0773 422 6000 |
| | crn.nigel@outlook.com | |
| Treasurer | Graham Finlayson | 0790 0082194 |
| | cr.news.treasurer@gmail.com | |
| Publisher | Mike Davis | 0786 799 1338 |
| | crnpub@gmail.com | |
| Distribution | Bernard Hall | 252378 |
| | bernard@hall159.plus.com | |
| Secretary | Natalie Gunter | |
| | crngsecretary@gmail.com | |
| Church Pages | John de Ronde | 251355 |
| | johnderonde51@hotmail.com | |

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 | 07703 331304 |
| | 250211 |
| 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 |
| Arts | |
| Entertainers | 250311 |
| Music Club | 250863 |
| Art Club | 253126 |
| | 233120 |
| Community Facilities | |
| Farad Barada (Isalia Garamania al anaca | 1.) |
| Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.u | * |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. | com) 07789 661288 |
| | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 ss etc. 259391 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 ss etc. 259391 250464 101 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 ss etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 ss etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings)) United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings)) United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips Primary School Huish Episcopi Academy | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings)) United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips Primary School Huish Episcopi Academy Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.cold School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings)) United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips Primary School Huish Episcopi Academy Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Local Authorities | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings)) United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips Primary School Huish Episcopi Academy Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Local Authorities Parish Council (Clerk) clerk@curryriv | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings)) United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips Primary School Huish Episcopi Academy Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Local Authorities Parish Council (Clerk) clerk@curryrivices | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (community Services) (community Ser | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (cros | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (cros | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (cros | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail. Old School Room Bookings (crosrbooki United Reformed Church Hall - Booking Community Services Doctors Police Yarlington Housing Footpath & Litter Warden Education Little Pips Primary School Huish Episcopi Academy Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre Local Authorities Parish Council (Clerk) clerk@curryriv District Council County Council Religious Church of England Rector Churchwarden Secretary PCC | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 251355 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (community Services) (co | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 gs etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 251355 253856 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (community Services) (community Services | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 g etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 251355 253856 252710 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (cros | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 251355 253856 252710 07483 120 603 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (crosrbookings) (community Services) (co | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 251355 253856 252710 07483 120 603 252799 |
| Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings (crosrbookings) (cros | com) 07789 661288 ngs@gmail.com) 250655/253856 s etc. 259391 250464 101 01935 404500 johncasebourne@sky.com 252822 251404 250501 251055 el.org.uk 07534 318840 01935 462462 0300 123 2224 251375 259003 251355 253856 252710 07483 120 603 |

Pick up your Prescription from the Post Office

Do you pick up repeat prescriptions from Langport surgery? If so you can request your medicine to be delivered to Curry Rivel Post Office in the BP petrol station. When you reorder, simply ask for delivery to Curry Rivel PO (including reorders on the surgery website). The surgery delivers to the Post Office every Tuesday and Friday. And while you're in the Post Office you can pick up a cappuccino too!















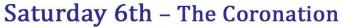


Curry Rivel's Coronation Weekend Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May





The Coronation Cream Tea at the School at 2.15 p.m.



- live screening at the Village Hall from 10.00 a.m. a free (ticketed) event for our Senior Citizens Tea and refreshments provided

The Coronation Picnic at Westfield from 2.00 – 6.00 p.m. Bring your own picnic (no BBQs) or enjoy hot food to buy on site. Children's entertainment - Live music Licensed Bar – plus a free soft drink for the kids

Sunday 7th May – The Coronation Big Breakfast

in the Village Hall, 8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. With Raffle and Tombola

And throughout the weekend an exhibition in the Village Hall of images by the Curry Rivel Art Club

Hold the dates and watch out for additional information























