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Curry Rivel News Online

Jane Hamlin

Welcome to the May 2020 issue of the Curry Rivel News. Like the April issue it is only available on the Curry Rivel website – www.curryrivel.org.uk . You can download it and send it to your friends, or just tell them how to download it themselves. If you would like a printed copy you can print it yourself – or just print some of the pages like, for example, the Children's pages.

As I am sure you discovered, the April issue was not delivered to anyone because of the lockdown. We had got it all ready to send to the printers - despite several last minute updates because of events being cancelled – but then it became clear that even if it was printed we could not be sure of distributing it safely. I hope that you were able to see one of the notices that we pinned up around the village explaining this.

We will continue to carry the advertisements from our regular advertisers, but we will not be charging for them while the Curry Rivel News is only available online.

We will be publishing the June issue at the end of May whether or not we are able to get it printed, so if you have items that you would like included send them to the usual address: crng2019@gmail.com . We look forward to hearing from you.

Children's Art Competition

We had hoped to include in this issue the results of the children's competition that we launched in the March issue and some of the winning entries. Unfortunately because of the lockdown this has not been possible, so the competition will be on hold until village life returns to normal.

Pictures of Spring...more inside

Planned Events

Before you go please check that planned events mentioned in this month's Curry Rivel News are going ahead; at the time of writing some events have already been cancelled but in the current fast moving situation they may change at short notice.

Curry Rivel News Editorial Team



Apple Blossom

District Councillors' Report

Clare Paul and Tiffany Osborne

What unprecedented times we find ourselves in. However, amongst the difficulties it is heart-warming to see how our communities have pulled together in time of need.

The emergency team are continuing to support those vulnerable or in need in the village. A testament to its necessity can be seen by the number of (thankfully mostly) green cards that are in the window. Thanks to Steve Allinson and his team who have worked so diligently – a fantastic success story.

Also thanks to everyone who has been supporting local businesses throughout this lockdown. Businesses have been adapting to the 'new normal' supplying services over and above their normal duties – some to the point of exhaustion, and their commitment can only be applauded.

Don't forget if you are a business you can apply for a Business Support Grant from SSDC – just go on their website to complete the form - it's quick and easy to do. Feedback from businesses who have applied so far have been impressed with the speed in which their request has been paid.

Business continues as close to normal within South Somerset District Council. All meetings are now taking place via Zoom. Area North will take place this upcoming week and members of the public can sign in as if turning up for a 'real' meeting. Unfortunately there are negative consequences of the lockdown and one is of fly-tipping. Everything from mattresses, children's toys and general rubbish have been dumped all around our lovely countryside. Please, if you are using the time to de-clutter your house please do not clutter our rural lanes. There are conversations taking place to re-open recycling sites so just hold on to your belongings and

wait to off load it in appropriate manner. Otherwise we are wasting valuable SSDC resources picking up your unnecessary waste. They have more important work to be doing.

The excellent news is that we are in good hands as Clare is the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Public Health at Somerset County Council so we will hear what is happening as soon as it happens. As you can imagine the situation is changing daily and as such all new and important information from us both will be now given via the Curry Rivel website whilst the hard copy of the Curry Rivel Newsletter is temporarily suspended when required.

Until the next dispatches please heed the Government advice and stay home and only go out when necessary for food and medicine.

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We are thinking a lot about our friends in Curry Rivel

Barbara Hamlin

This message came from a family in Chevilly along with many other emails from friends in our Twin Community. Since the beginning of the 'confinement' ('lockdown'), we have exchanged news and views on how we are all faring in this new and strange environment. It's interesting to share experiences and to compare similarities and differences. As you probably know, the French have to print, fill in and sign a fearsome document every time they go out for food provisions or medical needs. They are allowed, like us, to take exercise for an hour within a kilometre of the house, but even that has to be supported by the correctly dated and timed form. I was sent an example and it certainly makes one consider carefully if one's outing is necessary! The French way of life usually includes a daily visit to the baker's, sometimes two visits!! One could be stopped at any time and asked for the document. A fine of €135 awaits any infringement!!

Other friends describe working from home [le télétravail], heaps of

homework given to the school-age children, concerns over the situation in the hospitals and care homes. The hospital in Orléans, very close to Chevilly, took patients from the Paris area to alleviate the need there.

On 1st May, it's the French tradition to give little bunches of lily of the valley to family and friends. This brings good luck. We would, under normal circumstances, have been visiting Chevilly in early May this year. Sadly, no visit but we hope the 'muguet' will bring us all good fortune.

'Nous sommes tous dans la même galère!' We're all in the same boat! We share the same anxieties and hopes for a safe outcome for our families and friends. On a Friday evening at 7p.m Jane and I have taken to raising a glass of aperitif to the continued good health of loved ones wherever they are and in thanks to those who are working so hard to protect us. In solidarity, friends in Chevilly having been doing the same....8 p.m in France! 'Santé!' Last week, one couple chose their last bottle

of Somerset cider bought here last year, to

toast our good health! All my correspondents finished their messages to all of you in Curry Rivel and the surrounding communities "Prenez bien soin de vous!" Take good care of yourselves!

The Curry Rivel News is sent in digital form to our friends in Chevilly every month and is distributed by them to all their members. They tell us how much they enjoy reading about the news in Curry Rivel.



Lily of the Valley

Nothing To Do? Don't know what To Do?

Here is an idea from Angela Edwards – one of the CRN team – that she got from a friend. This friend had lots of lolly sticks she could use for this, but it would work just as well with pieces of card or paper. This friend used 31 (one for each day of the month, but it could be as many as you like) and wrote a different idea on each one and put them all in a pot. So, if you have nothing urgent to do you could pick out a stick (or piece of paper) from the pot and do that activity. Here are some suggestions: read a book, take up a new hobby or craft (because lots of online craft retailers are still delivering), gardening, fence-painting, phone a friend, tidy a drawer – or three, clear out your wardrobe and make a pile of good quality but unwanted clothes to


go to the charity shops when they re-open, re-organise your kitchen, start writing that book you know is just waiting to be written, have a picnic in the garden, Facetime or Zoom someone, do 10 star jumps (or equivalent), write an article for the Curry Rivel News, do some online puzzles or quizzes, do a jigsaw, organise your photos, catch up on an old TV series (box sets as they call them now) on iPlayer or equivalent, learn a new language, cook or bake something new (if you can get some flour). Do you know that if you are a member of the library you can download e-books and e-magazines for free?

This is just a list to get you started. No doubt you can think of many more worthwhile activities. If you can, make sure that you have fun!

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Somerset Customs in the Month of May

Jane Hamlin

May Day (1st of May) was the great rural festival of previous generations in Somerset as in other counties. It was the custom for young people of all classes and backgrounds to rise at the break of day and 'go a-Maying' to the sound of music and song, and the jovial blowing of horns. I bet those hoping for a lie-in loved them! They would often dance to a local wood and cut thin branches laden with blossom from suitable trees to decorate themselves and the doorways to their houses. The prettiest girl would be crowned as May Queen. This was probably intended as a compliment, but it often meant sitting and shivering while all the others kept warm by dancing around her. In some places, girls and young women would bathe their faces in the fresh morning dew in the belief that this would aid their complexion. Some would do this for the next couple of days as well to prevent 'summervoy's' - or freckles as we would

take turns to dance around it – no doubt some would be assisted by generous quantities of cider and other beverages. We have a photograph of a maypole and dancers in Curry Rivel in 1907, and another one of the children from our school dancing round the maypole just over a century later in 2008.



(Both photos are in *Curry Rivel: Past & Present*)

In the days before there were weather forecasters on the radio and television there was a lot of weather folklore related in particular to agriculture and horticulture. Ones associated with May Day (which also St Philip's and St James's Day) are: a hoar frost on May Day indicates a good harvest, and the later the blackthorn blooms after that date the better the rye. Generally it was believed that a cold May was good for corn and hay. I don't know if our beekeepers would agree with this, but one old Somerset rhyme was;
A swarm o' bees in May
Be worth a load o' hay;
A swarm o' bees in June

Be worth a silver spune;
A swarm o' bees in July
Bain't worth a fly.
3rd of May used be known as Kidney Bean Day, because some people believed that unless you planted the seeds on the 3rd of May they would not grow. I suppose the seeds were so precious and these superstitions were so strong that people would not tempt providence by doing otherwise.
The 29th May - which is known as Oak Apple Day - was once a public holiday to commemorate the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. People would wear a sprig of oak leaves to mark the occasion after the Battle of Worcester in 1651 when Charles II hid in an oak tree to escape the Roundhead army. The holiday was abolished in 1859, but in some communities it is still observed.

Maypole dancers 1907



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VE Day

Jane Hamlin

The early May Bank Holiday is usually held on the first Monday of May each year. However, this year our early May Bank Holiday will be on Friday 8th of May. This change to our holiday calendar was made so that we could all commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, although with the Covid-19 lockdown, the celebrations will be more muted than was envisaged when this change was first proposed. The original Victory in Europe Day was in May 1945.

After six years of war with all its dangers, difficulties and loss of lives, people were relieved when peace was declared. The shortages of food and other essentials would continue for a while, but at least people no longer needed to ensure that they observed the blackout so that no light could escape from the houses, or fear that bombs might fall on them. The end of the blackout was a sign that things might be returning to normal, but it was only after Hitler killed himself on 30th April that the war truly began to reach its end. Finally, the total surrender was signed on 7th May with effect from midnight on 8th May.

This was marked by celebrations all over the United Kingdom. In Somerset, just like everywhere else, people were so happy and relieved at the thought of peace that they gathered in churches and other public buildings, or just joined with their friends and neighbours in the local streets and parks. In towns and villages all over the county there were parties in village halls, and even in the streets in some places. I do not know how people in Curry Rivel celebrated, but would love to hear from anyone who can remember. We know that in 1995 villagers gathered by the Burton Pynsent monument for the 50th anniversary because we have a photograph from that time.



However, VE Day was not the end of the World War. In the East hostilities continued, so those who had loved ones still involved in combat continued to worry until Japan surrendered on 15th August which became known as VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day). Let us hope that it will be possible for those who wish to do so, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of that in about three months' time.



VE Day in Whitehall



Woodpecker on telegraph pole



Dear Curry Rivel...

Very recently I would have scoffed at the idea that 700,000 people would offer to be volunteers. In the past the reality has been that groups have found it difficult to recruit helpers; we had become a more inward looking society, too many pressures on us as individuals with no spare capacity to think of others.

I have been so encouraged by new schemes in our towns and villages. Without fuss and with little finance people have rallied to collect prescriptions, shopping, become 'phone friends', and much more.

Our NHS has been given more financial support and we have begun to reassess who we consider to be 'key' in society, with growing appreciation for those who work in the food chain, utilities, social care etc.

Ecclesiastes, in the Old Testament, contains a passage which begins; 'For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven'.

A vast majority of people have responded to this crisis with a sense of collective responsibility; the question now asked is, 'when will it end'?

It will end when its season has passed and that will be sooner rather than later if we all continue to think and act knowing that for once we truly are all in this together.

My prayer is not that things return 'to normal', but rather that we retain this collective spirit.

My hope is that we will be less selfish, more selfless; that we will act with compassion and with generosity continuing to help and support those who are most vulnerable - feeding the hungry, housing the homeless and caring for the weakest.

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Churchway

Sarah Nicolle

Here is an aerial photograph of the Churchway area of our village, where you can see Charlie Cave's garage. I think it was taken before 1966 when some new houses were built on part of the area shown. If you can provide any more information about this photograph and what can be seen, we would love to hear from you.



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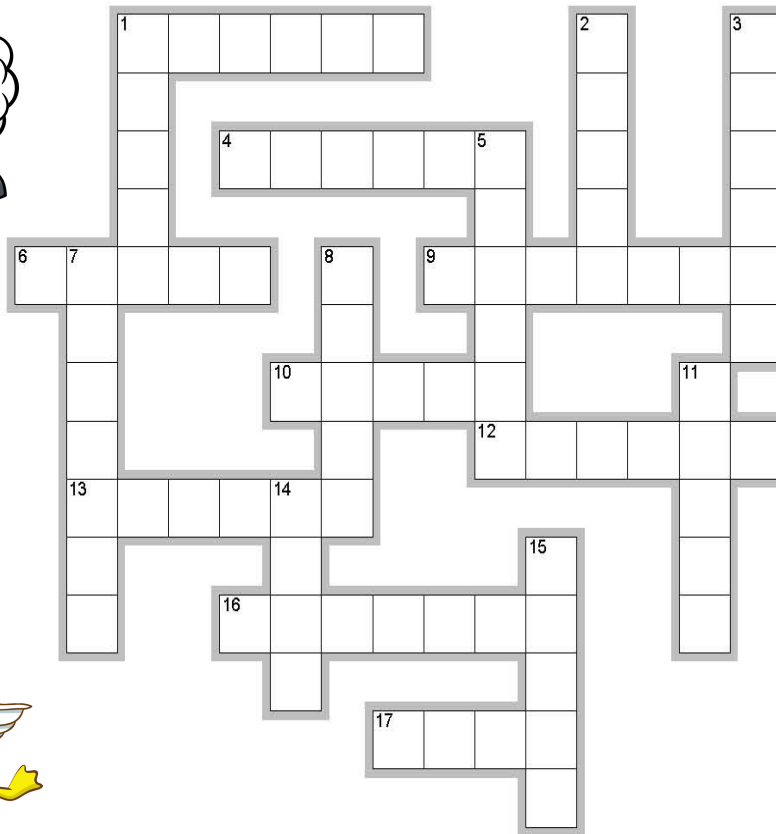
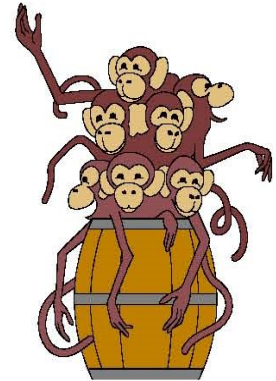


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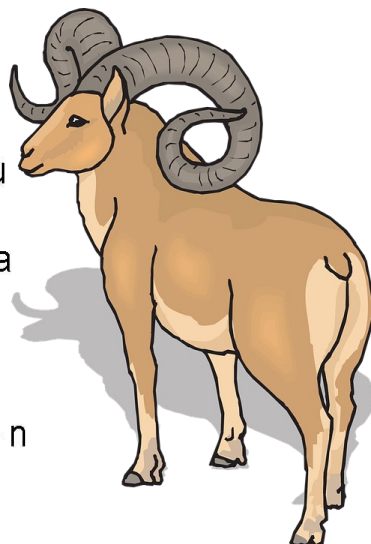
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6. laweh
9. frigfea
10. shero
12. braibt
13. lerutt
16. holdipn
17. cukd



Down

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3. nekyom
5. drepsi
7. methars
8. osoge
11. grite
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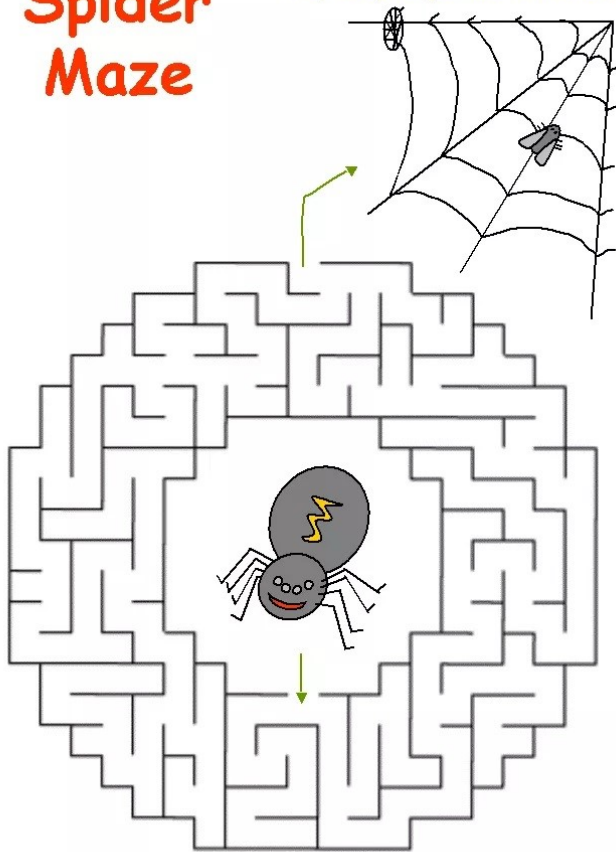
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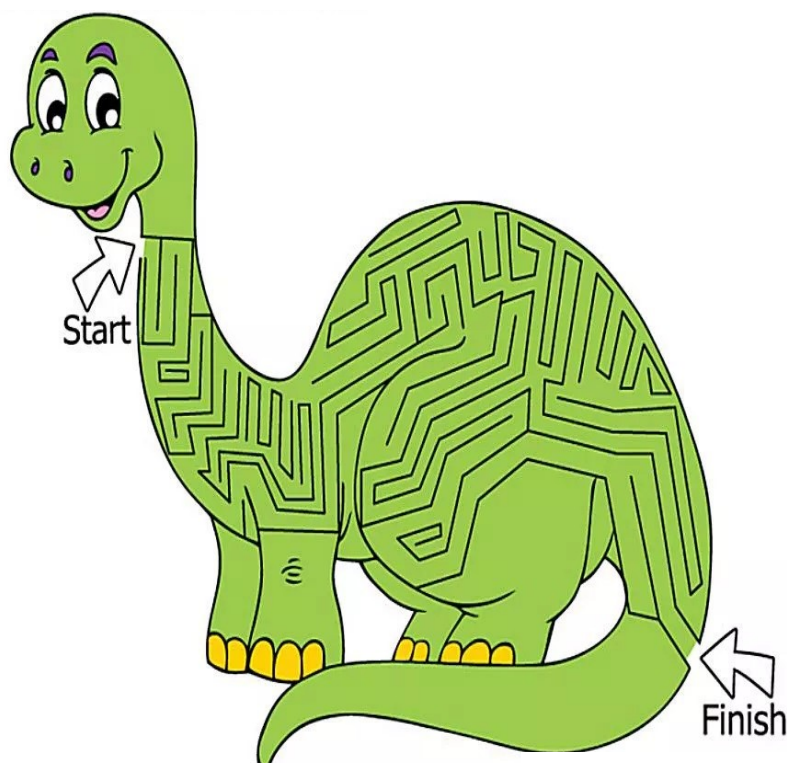
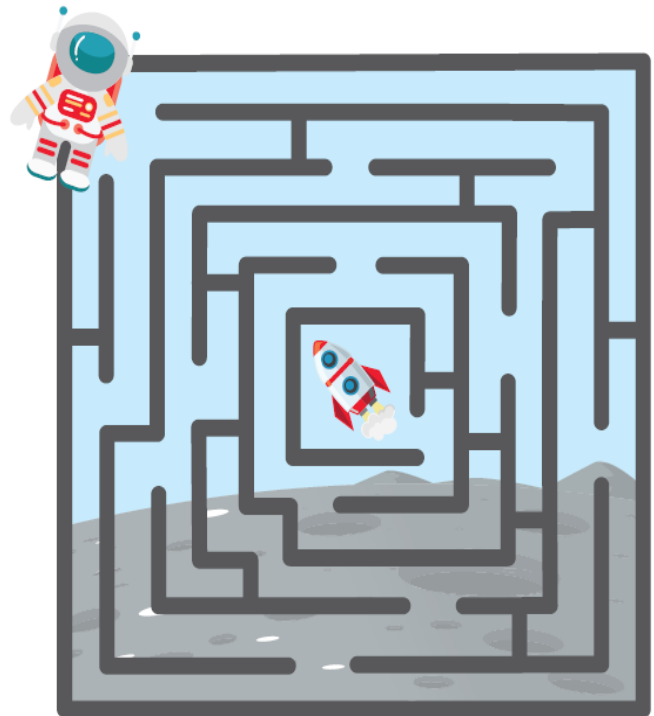
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Help the spider get to her web its rock.

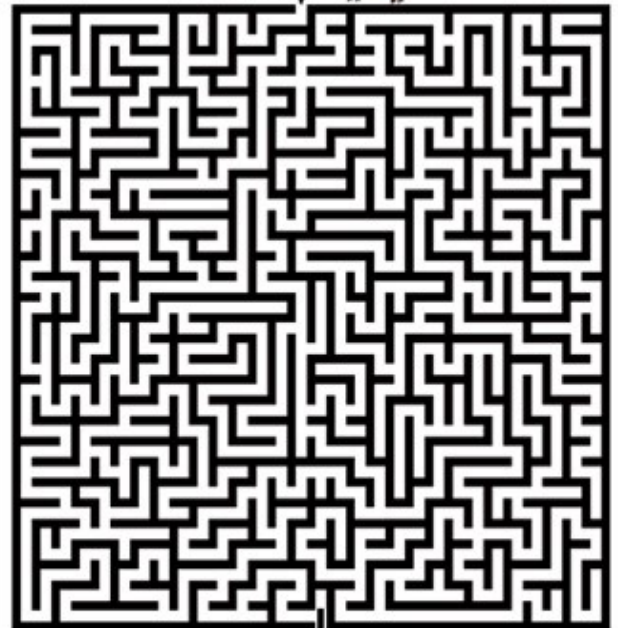


Moon Landing Maze

Help the astronaut get back to his spaceship!



Help Shelly the Sheep find her farm friends!



Curry Rivel Foodbank

Ginny Smith

When the Wednesday afternoon food bank was started in Langport, just over 5 years ago, a number of residents in Curry Rivel wanted to donate food; there was a wide feeling amongst them all, that they wanted to help local people. However, the system in place was that the food had to go to Taunton to be logged in to the warehouse before being distributed to the satellite centres, such as Langport.

I am constantly touched by the generosity of our donors, who seek neither praise nor publicity but simply want to make the lives of anyone in the locality, a little more bearable in times of stress, unemployment, sickness or bereavement. At the beginning, a bread bin by my door sufficed as a container for food to be dropped off but that has been replaced by a 64-litre crate which, during this Coronavirus pandemic, is now filled several times a day.

Originally, I stored the donated food so that, if a call came from a family when the food bank wasn't open, I could ensure that they had food as quickly as possible. Any food that that wasn't needed after a few weeks of storage, was then taken to the Taunton warehouse; a system that worked well but didn't quite follow the rules.

Our donors' gifts of food, toiletries, cleaning products and lovely treats, have been steadfast for years; some even apologise for being on holiday for their weekly delivery and then insist on making it up with double rations the following week. They have come from our local Churches, our Primary School, WI, as well as our neighbours, friends, relatives and our One Stop shop; whatever the weather, the food has turned up with regularity.

As the person fronting the delivery of the food, I have had very mixed emotions. The recipients have been so grateful, the children excited to see the contents of the bags, whilst I have felt embarrassment to be the person

receiving such exuberant thanks, when I am merely the facilitator. However, I feel such pride to live in a village where the residents deeply care about each other, giving generously and anonymously week in week out.

We are now at a time when the need for help, in receiving the donations, organising the food parcels and the requests for food, are all growing at an incredible rate. I am pleased to be a small part of the Curry Rivel Community Support Group, led by Steve Allinson with the support of the Parish Council. The team will be organising food deliveries in the village; donations of food or money can be dropped off at the United Reform Church on a Wednesday or a Saturday between 12 noon and 1 pm. Those of you who have delivered to me in the past, will still see the crate outside my front door. Deliveries can continue to be made there at any time.

If you are in need of help, or would like any additional information please email : help@curryrivel.org.uk or telephone the dedicated number (07716792760). Delivery arrangements can be made directly with you by our group administrator Carenza Hewitt. All contact will be in the strictest confidence and all data will be destroyed once this emergency situation is over. Please keep the donations coming; they are very much needed, and I can assure you that the recipients greatly appreciate them.

I cannot thank the modestly generous and empathetic residents of Curry Rivel enough for their continuous support for over the years, as well as those of you who are now donating during these unprecedented times. How fortunate we are to live in Curry Rivel.

Curry Rivel Health Walks

Andrew Jordan

South Somerset District Council has cancelled all the Health Walks in the district, to align with government recommendations to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Curry Rivel Health Walks are consequently cancelled until there is a change in government policy and the threat of infection is minimised.

Curry Rivel Health Walks will start again when SSDC indicate that it safe to do so. There will be a note in the Curry Rivel News and on the website when we are able to recommence Health Walking.

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Tuesday Group

Barbara Lancey

What a difference a month makes! Since my last upbeat article, here we all are now (writing this on 9 April 2020) in 'lock down' trying to keep well and not succumb to Covid 19! Very worrying times indeed, and all our lives have been put on hold indefinitely. I am heartened though by how local communities and people in general are rallying round to help those who need it most, so thank you to all those volunteers selflessly helping others, and especially NHS workers, deliverymen, postal staff, shop workers, and all those keeping us supplied and cared for.

Needless to say our March meeting on St Patrick's Day did not take place, and all regular Tuesday Group meetings are on hold until restrictions are lifted. However, to keep our group 'alive' and keep members in touch with each other, we are issuing a regular newsletter by email called the 'TG Times', and already on the 3rd edition our members are contributing 'articles', 'anecdotes', 'recipes', advice, photos and much more, and the resulting issues are keeping spirits up and keeping us in touch!

I must say we have had some fabulous contributions, and are discovering many previously hidden talents! So important to keep spirits as high as possible in these challenging times, so we hope to continue with the TG Times as long as necessary.....but of course we also look forward to the time we can resume our monthly group meetings and enjoy socialising again.

For information, in normal times, the Tuesday Group is a ladies social group drawing from Drayton, Curry Rivel, Muchelney, Fivehead, Langport and beyond, and meets on the third

Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Drayton Village Hall. Annual membership is only £10, or come and try for a guest fee of just £2.50 per meeting. For further information please contact either Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657, email barbaralancey@hotmail.com, or Jean Padfield on 01458 253948, email jeanpadfield2002@yahoo.co.uk.

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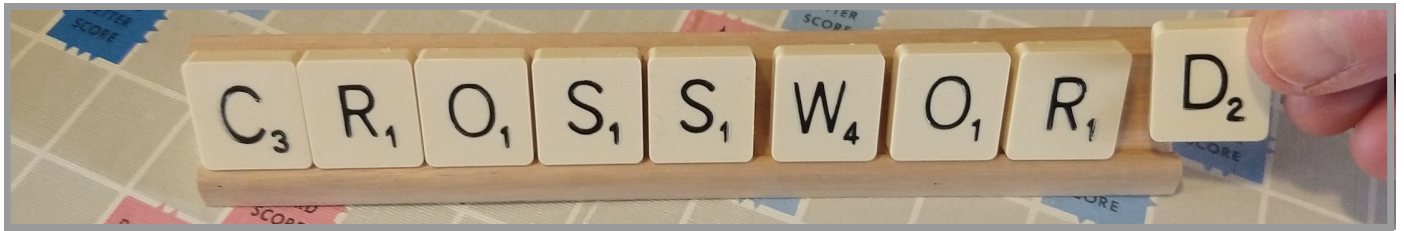


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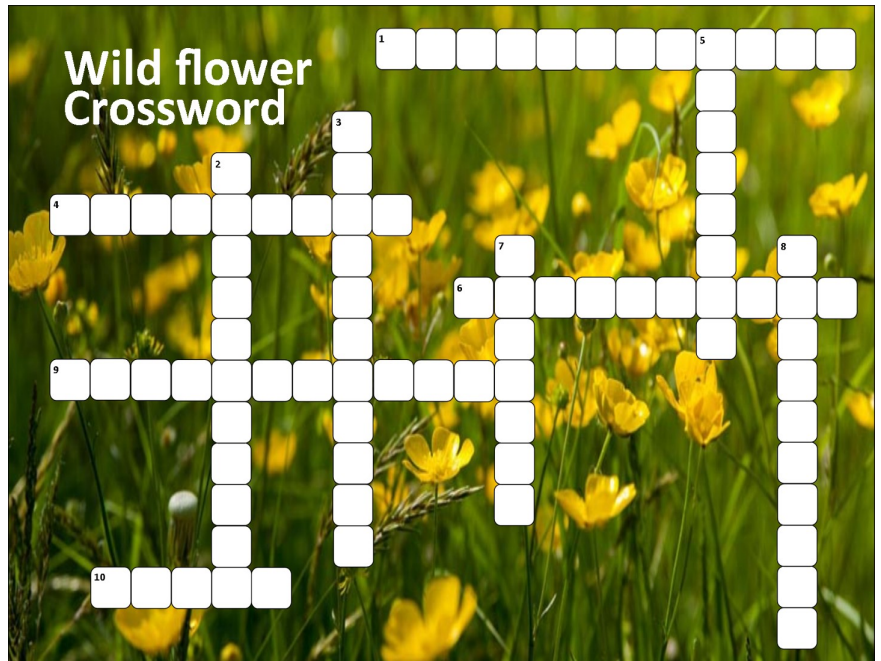
CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

1. Pale wonder horse has lost his H (5,7)
4. 17th Century foppish big cat (7)
6. Bovine herb (3,7)
9. Remember my tangled rope, never (6,2,3)
10. 24 hours to end the American alphabet (5)






Down

2. Expired stinger (4,7)
3. Forest Foe (almost) (4,7)
5. ...and proper, civil war flower (8)
7. Rudiment mistake (7)
8. Matching two cider with crustacean (10)








PICTURE

Across

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Try the Langport & District History Society Online Quiz

Janet Seaton

Try this for a bit of escapism!

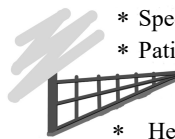
The Langport & District History Society is renowned for our quirky quizzes, but our current printed quiz 'It's about time' is also in lockdown as many of the venues who sell it are closed.

So we've decided to release our next one to help everyone stay occupied and amused in these difficult times. We'll be tweeting a new clue each day. As usual, the clues are a mixture of cryptics, anagrams and puns. They are all completely original.

We're asking people to keep the answers to themselves so as not to spoil it for others. Instead they should save them up and send them in at the end for a prize. (And no, like everyone else, we don't know when the end will be!)

Appropriately, it's called 'Out of this world'. Don't worry if you don't have Twitter because all the clues will appear on the quizzes page of our website <https://sites.google.com/site/langportheritage/ldhs/quiz>

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A message from Revd. Scott Patterson

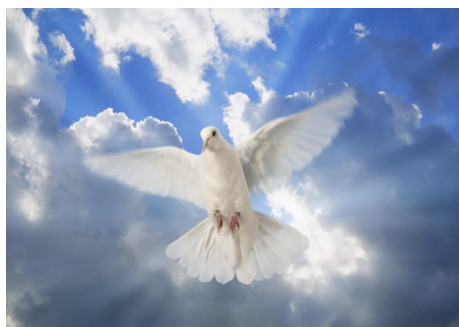
This column normally shows this month's diary with all our Benefice services, but, due to Covid-19 related regulations, these have had to be suspended.

Also, the church building has had to be closed, even for individual prayer and reflection.

However, this doesn't mean that the Church of England or Christian communities are 'shut down'. Far from it. As part of our creative response to this, if you would like to receive e-mails with reflections, encouragements, talks, news, funnies and links to some excellent live-streamed services etc. then please do contact me at: scottr.patterson@btinternet.com.

You would be most welcome to join the (virtual) gatherings.

With prayer in all we face together,
Scott



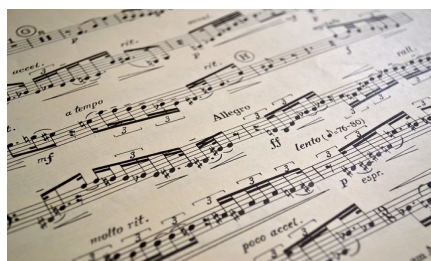
A view without a pew

Learning not to play out of turn by Rowan Patterson

Those of you who know us personally are probably aware that I've been Scott's wife for about twice as long as I've been a 'Vicar's Wife'. In fact, we met in a church orchestra, in London, when we were both starting out as professional musicians. Despite his 'new' role, I continue to work as a violinist, as and when family life permits.

Except that I can't. Like so many other people, the part I usually play in life just isn't possible during lockdown. It's hard. But it has reminded me of a talk both Scott and I heard multiple times during our membership of that orchestra back in London.

The speaker took Paul's illustration of 'the church as a body' from 1 Corinthians 12 and reshaped it for a musical context. Just as Paul calls some of us eyes and some hands in the body of the church, said the speaker, so we might all be different instruments in an orchestra. Each plays their own part, building something beautiful together. St. Paul is talking about the church, of course. But any group of people working together will function in the same way – any family, business, club or community is made up of people with different talents and abilities, who need to lean on each other's strengths – to know when to step forward and when to step back.



Something which has always struck me about the orchestra illustration is that every part, for every musician, will contain not only notes to play, but 'rests': moments when you don't play. These rests are just as important as the notes. If you try to play in your rests, you spoil everyone else's music.

A view ctd. . . .

The current situation is forcing us to play a new piece for a while. For some of us, coming across a page of rests is upsetting, and, for some, genuinely stressful and worrying, as income stops or too many people are crammed into too little space.

But there are opportunities here too. If you play an instrument which is rarely used and has lots of rests, the moment when you do play is extra special – like a delicate triangle 'ting' at the top of a quiet phrase, or a rich trombone chord at the end of a symphony. Maybe, in some context, this is your moment to play – your moment to add your special texture to your community or family, with notes you've never played before. You might have an opportunity to play a solo because someone else has to rest just now.

Or maybe you're a member of the violin section, who is used to playing constantly. Sometimes you play the tune and everyone notices you. Often, you play repetitive, challenging music which supports other – melodies but goes largely unnoticed. For you, this might be a much needed chance to roll your shoulders and stretch your aching back.



Whatever section they're in, musicians learn to use rests in two ways: firstly, to listen to what other people are playing. Secondly, to study the music on the next page so that, when it's time to join back in, they're ready.

To honour the origin of the thought – there is a time for a body to sleep, with only the vital parts continuing to function. (Ecclesiastes 3: There is a time for everything.) If you are struggling with resting just now, I hope that you can accept the chance to breathe, to listen, and to look forward to the next page. Christians can trust that the maker of their instrument is not only conducting while they count, but has written the music to come.

Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of the corona virus?

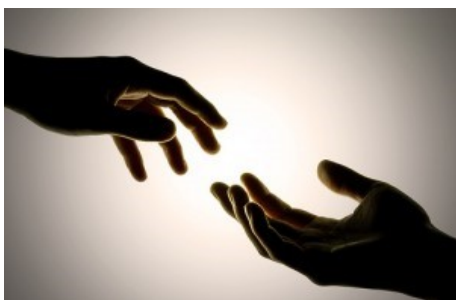
The 'Phone-Friends' service has been set up in the village, linking people who are on their own with others in a similar position. The idea, from a local resident who felt in need of conversation, is that you can chat over the phone or via the internet (if you have that facility).

At this time our whole community is working together to provide what assistance is necessary. This includes the Parish Council, the Churches and the team of local volunteers set up to provide support during the current crisis.

If you would value conversation with someone else also managing alone, and/or perhaps pray with them or maybe specifically talk with a church minister, then please do get in touch via the dedicated Community Support number **077 1679 2760** or

e-mail help@curryrivel.org.uk

You will soon be contacted by a 'phone friend'!



Prayer

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the corona virus - may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may your community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.

Amen

United Reformed Church



May

Our response to Covid-19 & the Government's Directives:

Services continue at 10:30 am on Sundays

However, no longer able to gather in person at the Chapel, we are meeting remotely using the video calling platform Zoom. From the comfort of our armchairs we have been sharing in scripture readings, prayers, singing together, sharing our concerns and listening to Rev. Tim's thoughts for the day, lighting a candle for peace & hope. Though prevented from meeting together in person for the time being, we continue to be *"an inclusive, outward looking community and wherever you are on your life/spiritual journey we welcome you without regard to age, gender, denominational background, sexual orientation, race or ability"*. We have been joined by folk from Glastonbury, Somerton - all unable to meet in their usual place of worship but still wanting to join with others as best they can.

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

Prayer Requests can be either emailed to our minister Rev. Tim Richards at richardstim@hotmail.com or call 01458 252799 (leave a clear message if no one is available to take your call)

and they will be included in our daily & Sunday prayers for each other, our community and the wider world.

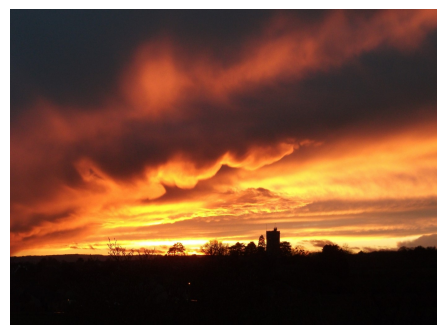
A BIG THANK YOU to those who took up our invitation to put something aside during Lent for our local foodbank: we were only sorry that we were unable to provide lunch for you as a thank you!

TEMPORARY FOODBANK

Whilst the Langport Foodbank is closed (during the Covid-19 restrictions) the Langport Cares Group are supporting Langport & Huish Epsicopi area. We have teamed up with Curry Rivel Voluntary Support Group (CRVSG) to bridge the gap in supplying food and necessities for the Curry Rivel community. **Foodstuffs can be donated on Wednesdays & Saturdays between 12 - 1pm; the Collection point is the United Reformed Church.**

If you are someone who would benefit from a food parcel in this way, please email the CRVSG on: help@curryrivel.org.uk or call the dedicated telephone number 07716 792760 (please do not contact the URC direct).

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Keep well, Keep safe

In May Regular Events



MONDAY

9.45 Art Club *#postponed until further notice#*
 3.30 - 5.30 Messy Church (2nd only) School Hall
 6.00 Pilates Primary School
 6.45 Explorer Scouts *#postponed until further notice#*

TUESDAY

10-12 Craft & Coffee (2nd only) Old School Room
 2.30 Forget-Me-Not-Café *#postponed until further notice#*
 5.45 - 8 Pilates Primary School
 6.00 Cub Pack *#postponed until further notice#*
 6.30 Guides *#postponed until further notice#*
 6.30 Langport Youth Club Ridgway Hall
 7.00 - 9.00 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

WEDNESDAY

9.30 Mother and Baby Group Village Hall
 7.00 Line Dancing Classes Village Hall
 6.45 Scouts *#postponed until further notice#*
 7.30 Bell Ringing St Andrew's

THURSDAY

10.00 WI *#postponed until further notice#*
 2.00 - 4.00 Short Mat Bowls Village Hall
 4.30 Rainbows *#postponed until further notice#*
 4.30 Brownies *#postponed until further notice#*
 7.30 Parish Council (1st only) Village Hall

FRIDAY

9.30-2 Get Together Club Village Hall
 7.30 Cinema Night *#postponed until further notice#*

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

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