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## Active Travel News

*Tony Greenaway*

**The Curry Rivel Active Travel Group has been working for a number of years to create a new route between Curry Rivel and Langport taking pedestrians and cyclists away from fast-moving traffic on the A378. Work could shortly begin on the first short section, with volunteers and a local civil engineering firm working hard to prepare the ground for the new path. But further financial support is needed to deliver the entire route, which will link up with other local footpaths and cycle-paths in the surrounding area.**

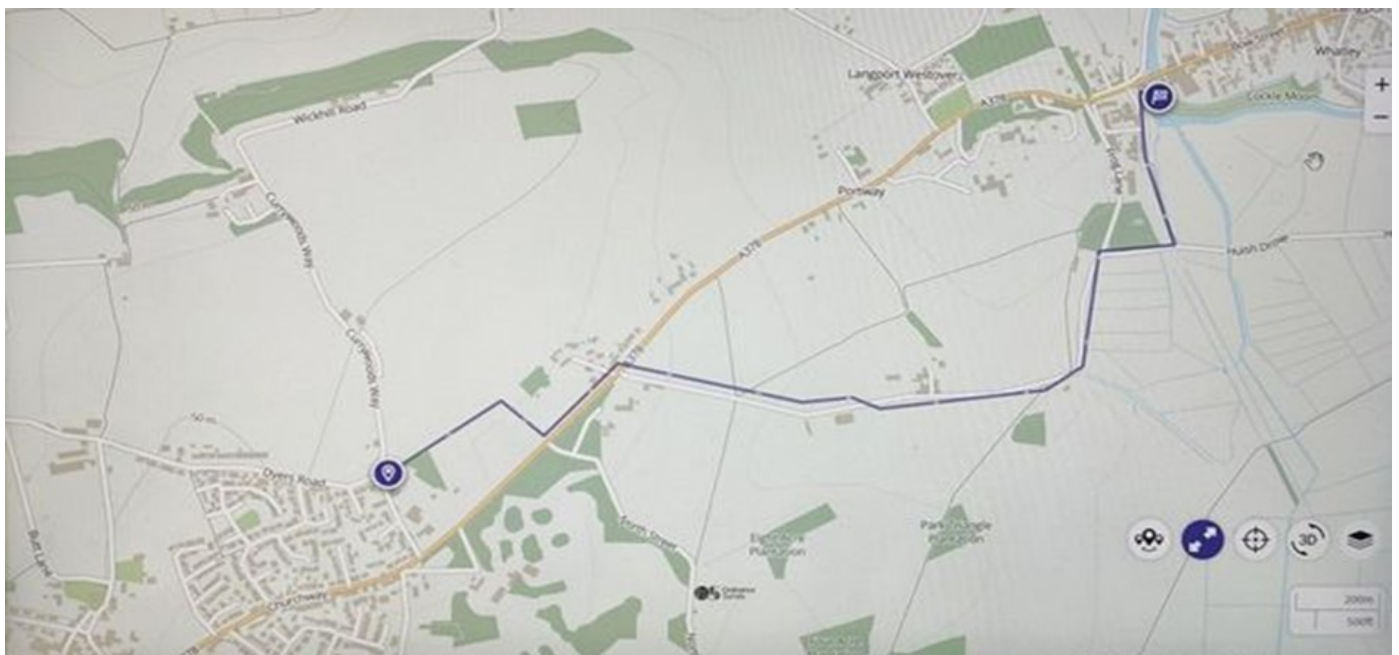
I first became involved in the project when I joined the parish council in 2016 - though the aspiration within the village dates back to the mid-1990s. I've always thought this village needs a proper connection to Langport. The A378 is a horrible road - it's busy, it's noisy and the pavements are rubbish. I also thought that the connectivity within the village was pretty poor.

There are grass paths and back lanes, but with increasing traffic and increasing numbers of people living in the village, we needed to do something. The parish council bid for funding from Somerset Council after the latter declared a climate emergency in February 2019, securing £5,000 towards a feasibility study to the new route (which was

matched by the parish council's own fundraising and donations from neighbouring parishes). The study identified a number of improvements which could be delivered both within the village and between the two settlements, which formed the basis of further community consultation. Over the last two years, we've just been walking our way through treacle trying to get something started.

The problem that we've got here in Curry Rivel is that most of the proposed route is on privately owned land, and our landowners have not all played ball. Much like certain sections of the Strawberry Line active travel route, the new route between Curry Rivel and Langport would be a permissive multi-user path, where each landowner allows access to walkers, cyclists and other users without the parish council or Somerset having to acquire the land on which the new path will be constructed. The group aspires for the new route to run from the eastern end of Dyers Road to the north of the existing houses, skirting along the A378 past the junction with North Street before crossing the road and either following Park Lane or a separate path in the neighbouring fields. From there the route will run along Frog Lane and Huish Drove, linking up with the Westover Trading Estate and the River Parrett Trail along Cocklemoor enabling onward travel into the town centre and out towards Huish Episcopi Academy.

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## Active Travel News

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The project has opened up a wider-ranging debate and interest in the surrounding parishes and communities. Langport and Huish Episcopi are working on improving their footpaths and cycle-paths around there. Drayton is very interested and they've got a good link which could connect up with our route. Since the new Somerset Council was set up, with an emphasis on active travel, there's a very active working group within the Levels and Moors local community network specifically for active travel.

It just opens up opportunities to go further than we originally envisaged. As you will have seen in the March CRN, volunteers from Curry Rivel and Drayton have cleared the overgrown land along the A378 between North Street and Park Lane, where the first 200 metres of the new route could soon be delivered.

Using similar methods to those practised on the Strawberry Line or as part of the Glastonbury town deal, the new path will be laid using locally sourced materials at a fraction of the cost of an on-road tarmac cycle lane or widened kerb. It could be a couple of months until we get it in place, but it could be less than that if everything falls into place.

In order to secure matched funding we will need to raise a minimum of £50,000 from the community and other sources.

All monies will go towards the cost of clearing the overgrown land to construct a resilient path suitable for walking, cycling, prams and buggies, scooters, wheelchairs and motability. The hardcore cyclists on the touring bikes, who are out there every Saturday and Sunday, will continue to use the road because the new paths will not be fast enough for them. It's aimed at families and children, and encouraging changes in behaviour. If you want behaviour to change, you have to have the infrastructure. Somerset Council previously

committed £10,000 from its active travel budget towards the initial section (which is mainly being used to meet administrative costs), along with £65,000 for improvements elsewhere in the village, including near the Westfield recreation ground.

Curry Rivel Primary School has thrown its support wholeheartedly behind the project, with headteacher Alison Pook arguing that improvements around the school would ease traffic congestion and encourage healthier lifestyles. She said: "It will decrease use of cars used to drop-off and pick-up, which causes congestion around The Green and the parish car-park. This will increase safety for all. It will incentivise the children to ride bicycles, as there are very few safe routes in the area. Half of our pupils will not be entitled to free transport to secondary school, so therefore a cycle option to Langport is welcomed. The project is not just about cycling and the group are looking at improving footpaths for walking, scooting, enabling better access for wheelchairs and pushchairs/buggies within Curry Rivel as well as links to other communities."

"This is an excellent opportunity to promote inclusion. A good example is the existing footpath from Heale Lane (behind Chatham Place), across the fields to connect to Water Street and of course the school and The Green. This would benefit from a weather-resistant surface and an access from Chatham Place plus better signs at the entrance to Water Street. This would make it easier for parents and children to access school on foot, by bike or by scooter via this route."

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Emily Weatherburn

**S**ome events coming up in May that might interest you:  
**Yeovil and District Watch Group – Wild about worms!**  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 12 noon, at Frogmary Farm,  
West Street, South Petherton TA13 5DJ

Join us for a wander where we will look for worms. Learn about what they do and their life cycles. We will then be making our own wormeries. There is disabled access at the venue. You will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing. The event is suitable for families and is free to attend, but donations are welcome. **Booking is essential, though.** Please email: [hawkehelen@gmail.com](mailto:hawkehelen@gmail.com) to book your place.

find in them! Suitable for children aged 6 – 12 (with an accompanying adult). A donation of £2 per child, please. It will be at the Somerset Wildlife Trust, 34 Wellington Road, Taunton TA1 5AW. This is next door to Tesco. Please be careful if you park there as there are parking restrictions. There is a small onsite car park, but also Tangier car park next to Lidl which is run by the council and is normally free on a Sunday. From there the Wildlife Trust is a short walk across the road. You will need to email: [tauntonwatchgroup@gmail.com](mailto:tauntonwatchgroup@gmail.com) to book a place. This is essential so that enough materials can be provided for the children.

For more information about the Somerset Wildlife Trust and forthcoming events go to their website: <https://www.somersetwildlife.org>

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# BYGONE DAYS

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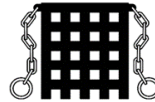
Janet Seaton

The landlord of the Bell Inn was evidently keen on what the Sherborne Mercury described as “the manly sport” of wrestling. On 10 June 1829 he staged a wrestling match with a prize pot of 7 sovereigns, which would be about £450 today. It attracted the best players in Devon, including Pole, Norris, and Maunder, and the best in Somerset, including Channing, Underdown, Louch and Woodman. Norris and Channing were the winners, watched by a crowd of 400 spectators.

It was so successful that they decided to make it an annual event. The 1830 event was much bigger, attracting a crowd of about 5,000, which was no doubt good for business. The Western Gazette reported that “Excellent accommodations and refreshments were provided by Mr L Hoyte, landlord of the Bell Inn, and the day passed off with the greatest harmony and good feeling.”

## Langport & District History Society

Our next talk will be at 7.30pm on 13 May at All Saints Hall, North Street, Langport. Richard Kay, from Lawrences of Crewkerne, will present a talk called ‘Gaiety, piety and poverty: images of Victorian childhood’. All welcome; non-members £4.



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*Marcus Hembrow*

*Chairman, Curry Rivel Parish Council*

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### Council Tax

We are very conscious that our Council Tax, which includes the Parish Precept, has greatly increased this year and includes financial decisions made by the Parish Council. Fellow Councillor Matt Geen has provided an explanatory article elsewhere in this month's CRN. I have provided a lengthy article in the CRPC website – [www.curryrivel.org.uk](http://www.curryrivel.org.uk). Please contact me or any councillors if you wish to express any concerns, views or opinions.

### Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

This will be held on 1st May 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm in the Robert Sewers Village Hall. It is open to all and a very appropriate moment to raise issues or concerns that parishioners have regarding Parish matters.

### The 54 bus route

The 54 Bus service that links Curry Rivel to Langport with its essential services, and further afield to Taunton and Yeovil, has been saved for now. I would

like to thank all who expressed views to the Parish Council and put pressure on Somerset Council and First Bus to reverse their plans that were being mooted earlier in the year to remove the service all together. Somerset's financial issues still remain and won't be going away soon. The case for the bus' continuance will need to be made later in the year, and as the best way to save the service it is to use it, please think of the BUS when you are planning your journey.

### Councillor Hood retirement

Councillor Les Hood has decided to step down after some 5 years of service and I wish to thank him for all his service and the great support he has given to all councillors and the wide variety of council affairs he's been involved with. As a resident of Stoney Lane and his proximity to Eastfield and Westfield he made it his duty to maintain the Westfield Playing Field and children's Play Area which is enjoyed by many youngsters. Following recent discussions, we are hopeful that Westfield's playing field may again be in use. Thank you, Les, for all your hard work.

### Councillor vacancy

We now have a vacancy for a councillor to join the Parish Council. Our interests are many and varied and this month's copy of CRN gives a brief review of current issues. If you are interested please be in touch with me: [marcus.hembrow@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:marcus.hembrow@curryrivel.org.uk) or our Parish Clerk, Elaine Owen at [clerk@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:clerk@curryrivel.org.uk)

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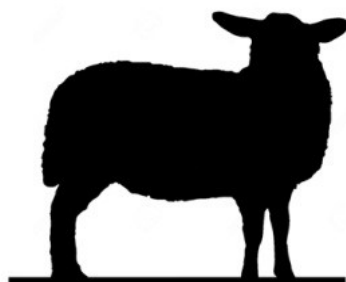
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# Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

I walk my pooch past the West Jogging Track three times a day. Not once have I seen anyone ever jogging around the field. Lots of joggers running past me up and down the lane, yes, but never on the new jogging path. I believe the cost was £19,000. Who decides to spend the local tax-payers' coffers on such wasteful potty ideas!?! Somerset Council is broke. I can think of 101 better things to do with the money. Pot holes for starters. Alcohol needs to be banned from Parish Council meetings!

Church Street resident

Dear Editor

May we kindly ask that whoever and whenever a poster is put up on a telegraph pole in the village, they come back and take them down after the event! If you need the reason why explained to you, you should not be putting them up in the first place!

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# Updating the Curry Rivel Parish Plan

Matt Geen

In 2015, Curry Rivel Parish Council published a Parish Plan. You can download a copy from [www.curryrivel.org.uk](http://www.curryrivel.org.uk), then find Parish Council > Parish Plan, or use the QR code.

This plan covers the period up to 2025, so it's time to create a new one. A Parish Plan (or "Community Review" as it is sometimes called) doesn't have statutory powers, but it is a strong pointer to the Parish Council and other organisations operating in the parish to the way that they should operate. After all, the Parish Council is supposed to be here to do what you need and want. Luckily, the Parish Council is getting free advice from the Community Council for Somerset (CCS), and they have provided a route map for making it happen. The next stage is to set up a Steering Group from the parish, and this is where we would like your help. The Steering Group will be a Parish Council

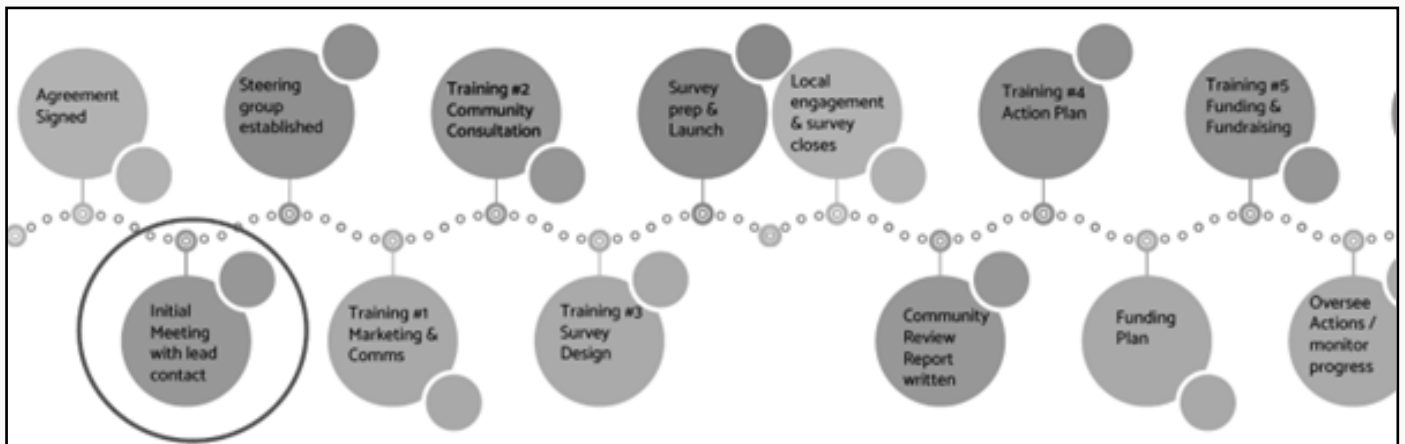
Working Group, including members of both the Parish Council and the wider community. Its job is simply to make the Parish Plan update happen, and to make sure that it is properly representative of the whole community. If you can spare a couple of hours every couple of months to join in, please contact the parish council at [clerk@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:clerk@curryrivel.org.uk).

In the meantime, have a look at the excellent 2015 version. It considered ten themes:

- Farming, Agriculture & Horticulture
- Built Environment
- Business
- Communication
- Community
- Countryside & Wildlife
- Education & Young People
- Physical Environment
- Public Services & Public Safety
- Transport & Traffic

Each theme had a lead author, who summarised the state of the theme in the parish. The team for the theme then made a set of recommendations for that theme to cover the ten years up to 2025. Nearly ten years later, these make very interesting reading. It is pleasing to see that some of the recommendations are happening now, including the Active Travel path to Langport, and the Currywoods Conservation Trust.

But what should the Parish concentrate on in the next ten years? The Steering Group will be asking for your thoughts. We made a little start with the survey in December '23; see previous CRNs for details. Let us know at [clerk@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:clerk@curryrivel.org.uk)



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Alison Cockrell

## The Holdovers (R)

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**T**his comedy-drama set in a New England boarding school during the early 1970s, tells of how a grouchy history teacher is forced to supervise a handful of students who are unable to make the journey home for the Christmas holiday.

After a few days only one of them Angus Tully remains. Angus is a good student, but his bad behaviour means that he is constantly on the verge of being expelled. Joining the pair is catering manager Mary, an African American woman who has recently lost her son in Vietnam. How will these three very different characters fare over the Christmas break?

Stars Paul Giamatti, Dominic Sessa, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Carrie Preston and Andrew Garman.

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Malcolm Cotterill

### Cello and piano, or piano and cello?

**C**urry Rivel Music's season opened on 23rd March with supreme instrumentalists in a programme which gave full rein to the consummate skill of each as well as showcasing the delights which Debussy, Brahms, Schumann and Mendelssohn continue to give.

The 'cellist, Maxim Calver, sponsored by The Countess of Munster Musical Trust is a young virtuoso 'cellist who has already established a substantial reputation. From a standing start at the age of four to being a Grand Finalist in the BBC Young Musician Competition in 2018 he has gone on to play with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Hamburg Philharmonic and other eminent ensembles too numerous to list. His companion, billed as his accompanist but no less talented and with as big a role in their programme, was Kumi Matsuo who trained in Tokyo before coming to the Royal College of Music in London where her brilliance as a pianist was quickly recognised and developed. That talent has taken her around the world. It was a large audience which had the privilege of hearing the pair demonstrate their musicality first in Debussy's Sonata for 'cello and piano – a work written in 1915 while the composer was grappling with the cancer which killed him in 1918. That brief, austere and emotional work of fragmented themes left unfulfilled expectations.

The Brahms 'Cello Sonata No 1 was composed over three years from 1862 and was expressed to be a homage to JS Bach. While writing for the 'cello Brahms made it clear that the role of the pianist should be that of a leading partner and not merely playing an accompanying part. He also claimed that it was not difficult to play but I suspect that most performers would say “Pull the other one”. Tranquil as it is melodic despite its sombre tone, it is pure delight.

Schumann's Three Fantasy Pieces Op

73 were written over two days in February 1849. They were primarily written for clarinet and piano, but Schumann made it clear that violin and 'cello would do equally well. Of course, there is variety – why else three pieces? Gentleness followed by vivacity concluded with speed and fire, all exquisitely played to a rapt audience.

The final offering was a brilliant choice. Mendelssohn's Second 'Cello Sonata was first performed in November 1843 with Mendelssohn himself playing the piano part. When he wrote it, he had in mind his brother, Paul, who was a 'cellist. He was clearly confident of his sibling's skill, and it may be that fraternal considerations account for the fact that neither instrument is dominant. Each has its place in the sun in a piece threaded through with the exuberance, brio and joy for which Mendelssohn is famed. Our artistes did him full, dazzling justice and left their listeners in high good humour and eager for more.

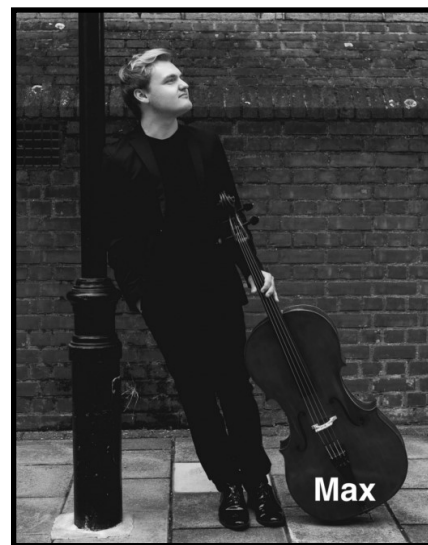
A short reflective piece by Schumann was our reward as an encore.

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# Maureen Henderson

Carolyn Purdy

**M**aureen Henderson, the celebration of whose 100th birthday on October 3rd 2022 was shown on the front page of the Curry Rivel News the following month, sadly died on March 17th this year.

After being widowed in 1992, she moved to Curry Rivel early the following year and enjoyed a rewarding and fulfilling life

almost to the end of her very long and remarkable life.

She was a wonderful mother, seamstress and cook, an excellent bridge player and teacher, a star maker of meringues, volunteered her services in numerous ways and was a good and valued friend to all who came her way. Her accomplishments being many, she was a most able support for her husband as they travelled to various postings around the world during his career.

She will be missed most especially by her two daughters but also by her many friends and wider family. Her epitaph will read: "She loved and was loved".

# Charity Theatre Trips

Chris Cox



**S**everal new trips have been booked.

Mary Poppins flies in on Thursday 7 November.  
 Riverdance makes a one-off return on 28 November next year.  
 Grease is on Wednesday 18 September.  
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# Curry Rivel Parish Council budget 2024-5

*Matt Geen*

**R**eaders of Curry Rivel News will have received their Council Tax bill in March. The biggest part is that which goes to Somerset Council, and its increase was pegged at 3%. But the Parish of Curry Rivel part went up by a much higher percentage, around 50%. I'm sure that much tea was spluttered when those bills were opened. So, we owe you explanation.

Firstly, the overall amount that the Parish takes remains small. A "band D" house (the middle of the scale) will pay £91.56 for the year; that's less than £2 a week. But £2 is £2, so where is it going?

Here is how the budget divides up for 2024-25:

54% is spent on village maintenance, 29% on administration, 11% on grants and donations, 5% on finance and legal expenses and the remaining 1% on miscellaneous items.

As you can see, the over half of it goes to keeping the village tidy and safe.

The Parish Council gives some of the money as grants and donations to other organisations that improve the life of the village; flowers around the village and the food bank are examples.

A bit over a quarter of the money pays for the administration of the parish council, making sure that the money is spent correctly, and acting as the interface between people in the parish and other layers of government.

Any organisation needs to pay for things like insurance and bank charges. Those go into the "finance and legal" slice. That includes the mandatory cost of getting an external auditor to check that everything is done properly (you can see their reports in the Finance section of the Parish Council pages on the website).

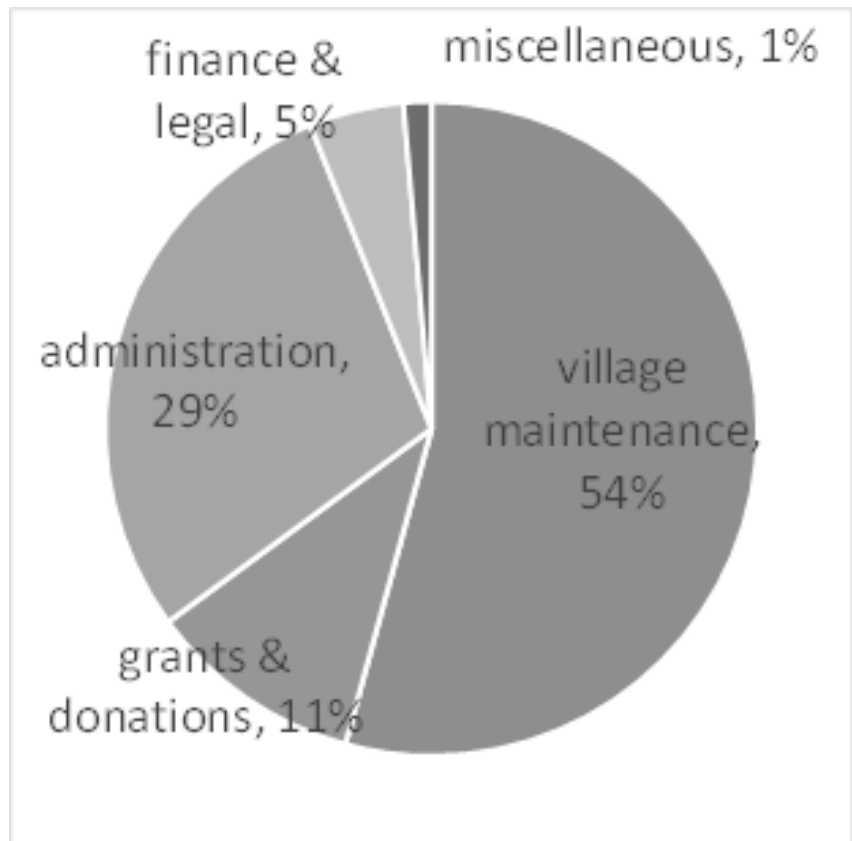
So how does that compare with the previous financial year? The biggest rise by far is village maintenance, with some increase in administration too. So why is that? Much of this comes down to what has been happening at Somerset Council. Their costs have gone up enormously, but their budget, as observed above, has been pegged at 3%. The reasons for that have been discussed at length elsewhere. But the net result is that Somerset Council has had to cut a lot of services. Curry Rivel, like many other parish and town councils in Somerset, has decided that we can take on some of those things that have been cut at county level without causing too much financial

hardship to council tax payers (still less than £2 a week, remember). We have taken on a "lengthsman", which is a general purpose handyman, for a few hours a week, and we have allowed more for some of the other maintenance work.

That isn't the whole story, though. Money has been allocated to tidy up the cemetery, which had become rather neglected. We will be doing some maintenance work on the war memorial, and resurrecting one or two of the old fingerposts, which do so much for the feel of the village. As ever, this extra work means more administration work to make it happen smoothly, so the costs of that have gone up a bit. Plus, of course, the inflation that we have all suffered over the past year or so.

Other projects for improving the village, such as the new jogging path at Westfield, are funded from money that housing developers are required to pay when they build in the parish to contribute to the infrastructure, and from local and national grants. We hope that you feel that this is fair value for your hard-earned money. Let us know, at [clerk@curryrivel.org.uk](mailto:clerk@curryrivel.org.uk) or come along to a Parish Council meeting, held monthly on the first Wednesday of most months in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm (check [www.curryrivel.org.uk/parish-council-1/agenda-and-minutes.html](http://www.curryrivel.org.uk/parish-council-1/agenda-and-minutes.html)). We set aside 15 minutes at the start of each meeting for a public session, welcoming your questions and comments.

Please rest assured that we don't want to make a habit of such big rises. The budget forecasts for 25/26 and 26/27 predict a return to rises at around inflation rates, provided that there are no more financial surprises in the meantime.



## Easter traditions

*Carolyn Paton*

**E**aster was on the minds of WI members as they met in March. The many and various customs that surround this major celebration of the Christian and cultural year were brought to the attention of the meeting by Brian Wright who recounted some of them and illustrated his talk with large and clear illustrations.

Using the framework of the Christian observance of Lent, leading 40 days later to the Easter festival, he recounted all sorts of traditions - many of them local to specific areas - that embroider this period. The notion of eating up the rich foods prior to the more restricted diet appropriate to a time of sober reflection, manifests itself in some areas as Collop Monday, involving the eating of left over chunks of meat. This comes immediately before Shrove Tuesday when traditionally people cleared their consciences by confessing all to the priest and to God, and receiving forgiveness. This day is known as pancake day because any remaining eggs can easily be consumed this way and pancake-based traditions abound; racing is a feature in many of them, and also scrambling to catch a tossed pancake.

South Petherton apparently had a street dance 'Threading the needle' which was performed until the 1920s. No pancakes involved in this one – maybe it was born of a wish for a last bit of frivolity.

Mothering Sunday - sometimes called Refreshment Sunday - in the past offered a break from Lenten austerity, and in some cases, servants could have a day off, one assumes to visit their mothers. Since the last war observance of this day, in spite of the lack of servants, has grown enormously and today it is widely publicised as a day for family recognition of the importance of mothers. And just happens to be a huge commercial opportunity at the same time...

The North of England calls the Sunday before Palm Sunday 'Carlin Sunday'. Brown carlin peas are a popular dish, peas and beans replacing meat.

Palm Sunday recalls the waving of palms to welcome Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, and for many centuries here in Britain has involved the folding of dried palm leaves (or yew) into crosses, which once distributed on this day can serve as bookmarks in devotional texts for example. All so logical – but what about Maundy Thursday? Maundy is a corruption of the French, meaning to command, and comes from Jesus' injunction to his inner circle to serve their fellow men, as he illustrated by taking on the lowly task of washing their feet himself. In some Churches today, the celebrant washes the feet of some of the congregation. In England the tradition of the monarch giving away specially minted coins dates back to the thirteenth century, and involves two purses, one of current currency (notionally for the purchase of food and clothing) and one of Maundy money. This is a ceremony that survives today and involves the number of coins corresponding to the age of the monarch.

Good Friday is the day for hot cross buns, and in Sidmouth there is an annual give-away of bags containing 2 buns, an egg and an orange for children under 12. Those of us who buy them eat as many as we wish, and some of us remember cycling to the baker's to obtain them on Good Friday morning; there were no other shops open! Liverpool has an additional tradition; that of burning an effigy of Judas, much as 5th November sees effigies of Guy Fawkes go up in flames more widely.

Easter morning brings hen or duck eggs – some decorated or coloured. In past centuries eggs may have been given to the priest as tithes; Edward 1 plated them with gold as gifts! The Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ breaks the Lenten restraint and rich foods abound. Today, chocolate eggs dominate, but there are Easter biscuits and Simnel cakes too. But what of the Easter bunny? How did he get involved? There may be a clue in the ancient

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

Germanic myth of Oestre, goddess of spring, new growth and the re-birth of life after winter. She is reputed to come in a robe of sunlight (I wish!) but was unable to revive a bird dying of winter cold, so instead she changed it into a hare bringing rainbow eggs. In any event, rabbits, hares and coloured eggs remain part of the scene.

Egg rolling fun today echoes the rolling-away of the stone set before the tomb of Jesus at the first Easter, and other egg traditions exist too. Some members present at the meeting remember egg 'shakling' where raw eggs were shaken over people's heads. They broke, naturally! The owner of the last whole egg was the winner. Some traditions sound more fun than others.... Maybe a plain egg-hunt is less threatening.

This round-up of Easter customs is by no means exhaustive, but most members were introduced to more than one tradition which was new to them. The speaker had done his research – thank you Brian Wright. Anyone wishing to know more about the WI here in Curry Rivel should contact Anne Geach 01458 253078



## Events in May at Ilminster Arts Centre

3<sup>rd</sup> May 7:30 pm – 10pm: **Karen Sharp and the Craig Milverton Trio.** Multi-Award Winning Jazz saxophonist Karen Sharp is supported by the Craig Milverton trio, which includes the man himself on piano, plus Ashley John Long on bass and Coach York on drums. A busy and popular musician with an accessible yet distinctive style, Karen has won the tenor saxophone category of the British Jazz Awards on numerous occasions.

*Tickets: £20, students £5, free to children 12 and under with a paying adult*

11<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm – 10pm: **The Bee Gees Experience.** A three-piece group re-creating the music of the Bee Gees. The band members perform classic harmonies featuring the unforgettable voice of Nick Lester on lead vocals as Barry Gibb.

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17<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm – 10pm **Pocket Sinfonia** recreate the

atmosphere of 19<sup>th</sup> Century living room parties applying the intimacy of chamber music performance to orchestral-scale pieces. *Tickets £18*

24<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm – 10pm **Flying Folk** Jemima Farey presents a wonderful evening of folk music and will be accompanied by invited folk bands The Farey Family and Arquebus Trio performing a mix of traditional folk and original songs.

*Tickets £16*

For more information contact: <https://www.ilminsterartscentre.com/performances>



## Thermly

*....the green tech company, partners with Retrofit Somerset to pave the way for installation of heat pumps*

*Kim Visser*

Green tech company, Thermly, has partnered with Retrofit Somerset to support the installation of heat pumps into homes in the Somerset region, benefitting up to 40,000 homeowners.

This first-of-its-kind project will pave the way for a large-scale, Somerset-wide roll-out of heat pump installations in homes.

Initial phases will focus on rural locations in the southeast of Somerset, with planned expansion into the whole of the county in due course. Phase B will see homeowners in Curry Rivel have the opportunity to take part in the scheme.

Thermly will help homeowners install heat pumps quickly and easily, enabling an energy efficient, low carbon way to heat homes and futureproofing them for years to come. Every eligible home will be able to access £7,500 in government funding towards the cost of installation, and all the installations will be undertaken by Somerset-based companies. For the first 20 homeowners installing a heat pump using its platform, Thermly will provide an additional £1,000. This is in addition to the £7,500 government grant

available to every homeowner in England and Wales who installs a heat pump into their homes by 2025.

Gareth Robertson, one of the founders of Thermly, said, “We are on a mission to change the way we heat our homes. At Thermly, we make it super simple to install a heat pump by helping you work out if one is right for you, matching you with the right local installer and helping you access finance quickly if you need it. This locally driven partnership is the first of its kind in the UK and we’re excited that such a green-minded community is as keen as us to future-proof homes and move us all towards more sustainable energy choices.”

Chris Gaskell from Retrofit Somerset, said, “As a project looking at ways to overcome barriers to delivering retrofit action across Somerset, we are delighted to partner with the Thermly platform. It will help homeowners identify if their home is suitable for upgrading their heating to a heat pump. This will reduce the use of high carbon-emitting fossil fuels and allow them to heat their homes and water with a more efficient technology. The Thermly app will also help homeowners connect to local heat pump installers to make their installation journey as easy and efficient as possible. We look forward to working together to help more people get a heat pump installed.”

### Homeowners needed!

Thermly is now looking for interested homeowners in Somerset to get involved. Homeowners who live in Curry Rivel who are interested should contact Thermly to find out more: [www.thermly.co.uk](http://www.thermly.co.uk)

## Sedgemoor Gardens Club

*Sylvia Goodenough*

**D**id you visit the Sedgemoor Gardens Club Daffodil Festival at the end of March? If not, why not? Missing free entry and easy parking at a hall - Long Sutton Village Hall - full of the sights and smells of Spring flowers, with a range of garden plants for sale at great prices, delicious cream teas and cakes and the chance to have a little flutter on a raffle or tombola - surely an excellent way to spend a Saturday afternoon?

Thankfully a lot of people thought so and were also impressed by the craft items, flower arranging, cakes and preserves produced by club members. Those who had thought that the mild wet weather had brought on spring flowers too early were proved wrong - maybe different varieties this year but plenty of quality flowers nevertheless! Cups and trophies were awarded at the end of the afternoon. Sadly, no-one competed in the daffodil class for

the Millennium cup, which is only open to those who have not won anything before. It will be on offer again next year so think about joining us and taking part! Go to the club website at: [sedgemoorgardensclub.co.uk](http://sedgemoorgardensclub.co.uk) for more information.



The three major awards went to Jean White, with the highest overall points, Linda Biffen, for the major spring flower class and Peter Goodenough for the best daffodil. The photos show Jean and Linda being presented with their awards by Peter, who, as our President, had to present himself with the award for the best daffodil!

At the time of writing, we have one more evening meeting in All Saints Hall, Langport before our summer break, during which we have outings and a discount evening at a garden centre. Our programme of talks starts again in September, when we would love you to join us.



**Peter and Jean**



**Peter and Linda**

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## St. Andrew's Church

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

### May

#### Thursday 2nd

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 5th - Benefice Rogation Walk (see also article on next page)

9.20 **FH** - Refreshments, introduction, start of walk to Swell

@ 10.45 arrive **SW** - Prayer, praise, Communion, continue walk to Curry Rivel

@ 1.15pm arrive **CR St. Andrew's** - final prayer, closing song, followed by bring & share lunch in the **Old School Room**

#### Saturday 11th

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

#### Sunday 12th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW

#### Tuesday 14th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Craft & Coffee

#### Sunday 19th - Pentecost

10.00 **CR** - United Benefice

All Age Holy Communion CW

#### Sunday 26th - Trinity Sunday

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW

11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW

**CR** = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel  
**CR OSR** = Old School Room, Curry Rivel, 'behind' St. Andrew's Church  
**FH** = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead  
**SW** = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

## Scott's spot



### Scott's spot continued . . .

#### Too good to be true?

There's an old hymn called 'Can it be true?' It's not often sung today, which is a shame because it asks a question central to the Christian faith that many stumble over. The hymn puts it rather more eloquently, but the question asked is basically this: can it be true that Jesus lived and died and rose again? Most people don't have a problem with the first two – that Jesus lived and died. Actually there is more historical evidence for the existence of Jesus of Nazareth than there is for the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar. But when it comes to the resurrection it is a different matter. Quite simply, for many people it seems too good to be true. It's almost as though the very fact that the idea is so special, by definition disproves it. In this troubled world we're just not used to good news like that. It's the stuff of daydreams, not for hard-headed realists of the twenty-first century.

The funny thing is that it wasn't the stuff for hard-headed realists of the first century either. When the women who'd gone to the Easter morning tomb breathlessly crashed in on the disciples with the news that Christ had risen, their words, so we are told, seemed like a foolish fantasy, or as the *New International Version* of the Bible puts it, 'like nonsense'. These were no gullible romantics waiting to swallow any old story; they were down to earth individuals who had seen Jesus brutally murdered, and were utterly convinced that it was all over. Yet, each one of them came not just to believe that Christ is risen, but to know that he was alive and with them again through his Holy Spirit; a conviction solid enough for them not just to recommit their lives to him, but to boldly suffer and (in many cases) to die in his service.

What could have so radically changed their minds? What could have so changed their thinking that one moment they were hiding in fear and grief and the next unflinchingly addressing huge crowds and boldly challenging powerful, dangerous authority figures? For me, the only logical answer is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from death. Nothing else can account for those changes.

This perspective shifting, world challenging event may have seemed too good to be true, but they had discovered that it wasn't, and in discovering this, everything else changed.

For the Christian, the bodily resurrection of Jesus stands behind who we are and what we're about – we are a new life people - and if, in the Christians you know, you see no difference, then you'd be right to challenge that. But if you do not count yourself a Christian then have you ever wondered how, as it was for the disciples, Christ's resurrection life could similarly transform you?

With prayer for you, those you love, and our community as new spring-life blooms all around us.

Revd. Scott

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**Rogation Sunday and  
'Beating the Bounds'  
Sunday 5th May**

An invitation to all to join us for this year's Rogation Sunday walk and celebration.

Arriving from 9.20 at **St. Martin's Church in Fivehead** with bacon butties, an introduction and a short opening service; then a 'beating the bounds' walk (incl. toilet stop) to Swell for a short Communion Service at **St. Catherine's Church** at approx. 10.45, before continuing to Curry Rivel, ending at **St. Andrew's Church** a final song & closing prayer, followed by a bring & share lunch in the **Old School Room**.

Dogs on leads are welcome.

See the diary on opposite page for approximate timings, so that any non-walkers can meet us at various points.

The Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce food. Rogation days (the 3 days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, asking God's blessing on the crops for a rich harvest, starting on the preceding Sunday.

'Beating the boundary' goes back to medieval times, when a 'beating party' walked the boundary of a parish, checking the boundary markers and beating them with long sticks, also praying for the protection of the land.

**View from the Orchard**

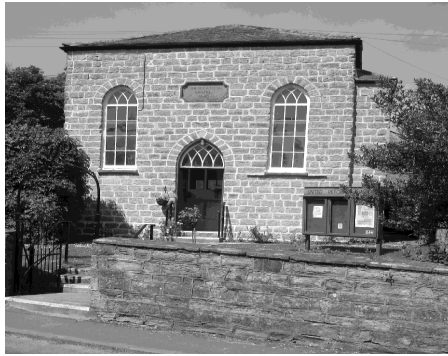
**Pillowtalk** was a monthly series of reflections on conversations with my, then much younger, daughter – conversations about life, faith, the universe!

What follows is a Pillowtalk from 2014: as I reread it, I discover that the central truth (God is our safe haven) remains an anchor for us in May 2024.

There is a lot going on in our family at the moment which involves change, readjustment, adaptation to an altered balance in the roles we undertake.

And change isn't always easy: adapting to a new or altered way or course is not always plain sailing.

**United Reformed Church**



**May**

**Services take place in our Chapel building, starting at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated.**

**5th** - Rev Evelyn Ridout

**12th** - Mrs Jo Morling  
(incl. Holy Communion)

**19th** - to be arranged

**26th** - to be arranged

*The Church pages coordinator apologises for the errors in last month's diary of URC services and incorrect 'View from the Orchard'.*

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

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

**URC Minister: Rev. Tim Richards**  
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**View from the Orchard ctd . . . . .**

Over the past few years I have had to adapt to my changing role as mum- from primary caregiver always the one sought out, to making room in my own mothering for the developing father – daughter bond which is so lovely but at times left me feeling side-lined, to allowing for the influence of school and 'teacher knows best'. My perception of who I am has not altered but I have learnt that mothering itself, the task of being 'mum', is a fluid process which has phases and transitions which if I am to feel okay need to be accepted and integrated.

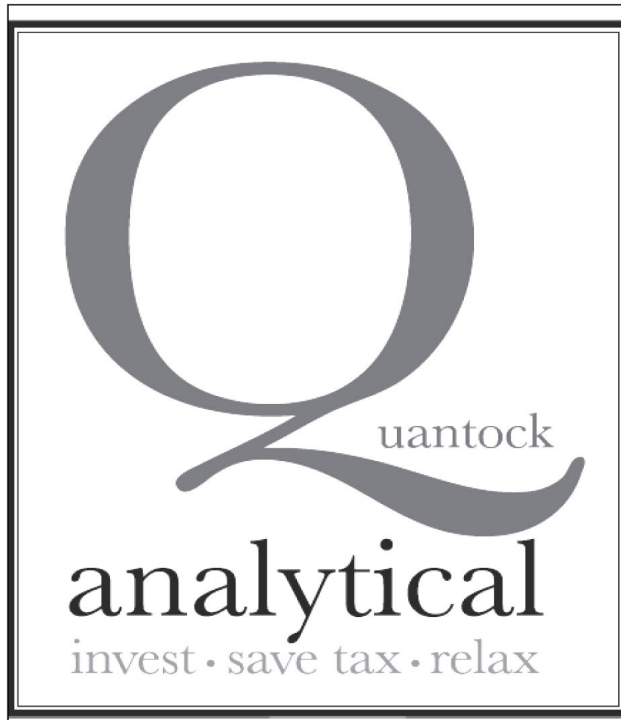
From allowing my daughter to move away from me into the wider world of school and her own social groupings the tables have now turned and the adjustment is towards permitting me to move beyond the home environment, taking on responsibilities and tasks which mean mum won't always be immediately available anymore. Emotionally it can be quite turbulent finding your 'safe haven' no longer physically available exactly when you want or need it. It can be taxing for both of us –oscillating between feeling okay or guilty about my choices; fluctuating between accepting the new 'set-up' and not liking mum 'going out'.

Somehow the security felt when in close proximity with mum needs to be internalised; somehow a belief needs to develop that although mum is not around in this precise moment she is still there and is still 'mum' and all that 'mum' means for my daughter. In time, as she comes to know I will return and, though not physically always available, I am for her (as opposed to against her) the 'safe haven' I provide will become something located within herself. (And therein lays another transition when physical closeness is no longer necessary or wanted- when fledglings find their wings and off they go. We've a few years before we have to face that one!)

People other than parents can be safe havens, provide places of security; 'bolt holes'. My maternal grandparents lived next door to us; fall out with mum and dad and it was a hop, skip and a jump over the garden wall to another safe place. Friends can be 'ports in a storm'. So too can God: it's not about using religion as a crutch but about trusting God's love for and commitment to us so developing an inner confidence, a feeling of security within ourselves. Just as my being there for my daughter allows her to explore her ever widening world, so God's being for me gives me a sense of 'okayness' about myself, others and the world and a secure base from which *to live my life as fully as I am able: turbulence or no turbulence!*

Ali Richards. .

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### Regular Events

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1.30pm	Mum & Baby Ftness class	Village Hall
6.00pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.45pm	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

5.30pm	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30pm	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.45pm	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews
7.30pm	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

#### THURSDAY

10.00am	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
6.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall

#### FRIDAY

9.30am	Pilates	Village Hall
9.30am-2pm	Friday Club	Village Hall
4.00pm	Table Tennis	
7.00pm	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

#### SATURDAY

9.00am	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
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### Some Useful Telephone Numbers

#### Youth Organisations

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts (gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)	
Rainbows	01823 698940
Brownies	251953
Langport Youth Club	07930 899338
<b>Sports Clubs</b>	
Short Mat Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	251453
Yoga	07789 862548
Pilates	07940 276265

#### Social

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	0788 737 7942
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905
Women's Institute	253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Friday Club	252791
Mum and Baby	07751 380759
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
Movement to Music, Becky Bostock	07706 734604
Langport Cycle Club	0777 567 0546

#### Arts

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Art Club	253126

#### Community Facilities

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)	07714 265384
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	07789 661288
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	253953

#### Community Services

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# A Happy Easter at the Forget-Me-Not Memory Café

Hazel Morris



Angie and Trevor

The Forget-Me-Not Café has recently enjoyed two visits from some of the children from Curry Rivel Primary School. The first time they came and entertained all the guests with some wonderful singing. And the next time, they presented their garden project and explained how they were helping the environment. They kindly gave each guest an Easter card and a bunch of flowers and in return, each child received a crème egg.

The guests then enjoyed a fun game of bingo with Easter eggs for the lucky winners and this was followed by tea with hot cross buns and Easter cupcakes.

The afternoon was rounded off with singing along with two of our fabulous volunteer musicians, Carol and Graham, who led the group in some songs from the fifties and sixties.



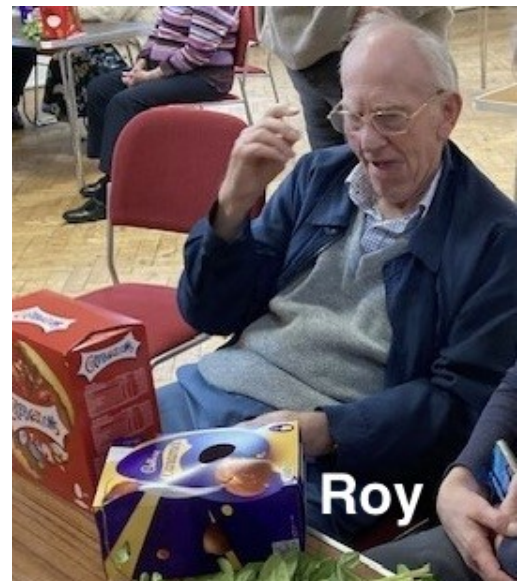
Jean

At the end of the afternoon all the guests were given an Easter egg to take home, and the café presented Ginny with ten Easter eggs (pictured) as a donation to the Curry Rivel, Drayton and Hambridge Food Bank.



Steve and Ann

A great time was had by all, and everyone at the café would like to extend their thanks to the school for taking the time to bring the children along. Our guests really enjoy spending time with them.



Roy



Tony, Tracy & Vi

The Forget-Me-Not Memory Café is open from 2.30 to 4.30pm every Tuesday at Curry Rivel Village Hall. For more information visit our website: <https://myforgetmenotcafe.co.uk/> or contact Adrienne 01458 252710 or brian1122@btinternet.com and Chris on 01458 396123 or champton@live.co.uk



Ginny