

August 2018



Curry Rivel Fête...in pictures!



Music on The Lawn at Heale House

By Tony Potter, Branch Chairman

The local Branch of the Royal British Legion held their annual Summer Drinks party this year on the lawn of Heale House by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Tom Colborne-Malpas.



Volunteer Band from HMS HERON plays on the lawn

On a hot summer's evening, it was a perfect setting, as around 80 members of the Legion and their guests enjoyed the music of the Royal Navy Volunteer Band from HMS HERON based at Yeovilton.

Among the guests were David Warburton, Member of Parliament for Somerton and Frome, and Major (Retired) Robert MacDonald, the County Chairman of the Royal British Legion.

Around £650 was raised to support the two Legion homes in Somerset at Bishops Lydeard, near Taunton, and Weston, both are regularly supported by this Branch. Our next Branch event will be a Lunch on Remembrance Day, Sunday 11 November 2018, the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. Service personnel in uniform, living in Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead, will be invited with their immediate families as our guests to the Remembrance Lunch. Why not join us? Contact the Membership Secretary, Bob Willis, on 01458 250772 or email willisb@talktalk.net



Enjoying a drink, the sun and the music.

Generous donations to second defibrillator appeal

Tony Greenaway



Thanks to generous donations and pledges from Curry Rivel Live, Crewkerne Lions, Langport and Somerton Rotary and the generosity of eight local people, we are approaching the figure of £500, almost halfway to the target of £1200.

The photograph shows Councillor Tony Greenaway receiving a kindly donated cheque for £100 from Ilminster & Crewkerne Lions Club member Simon Champion for the Curry Rivel Defibrillator Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the appeal so far. However, we are still a little way off the target so if you would like to donate go to the Just Giving page shown in the photograph, or you can contact Roger Hampton (01458 741606) or Tony Greenaway (01458 252495).



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CURRY RIVEL W.I.

Our speaker in July was Rob Quinlan from Trading Standards. He told us about the work they do and the need to avoid getting caught up in scams from telephone calls and doorstep callers. He stressed the importance of keeping a close eye on your bank account. He was a good speaker who held our attention well.

In July we have another garden visit, this time to Hillcrest, a large garden in Curload, offering outstanding views over the Levels and plenty of areas of interest. Instead of our monthly walk, we will be having a Treasure Hunt around Curry Rivel, starting at the Church and finishing with a coffee and cake in Living Pretty.

As usual, there is no meeting of Curry Rivel WI in August,

but we will be finding opportunities to meet up with a golf croquet afternoon at Bowden's Farm and another Bring and Share Lunch in the Old School Room on 23rd August. For more details, please look for the posters around the village and on the Curry Rivel website nearer the time.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 13th in the Village Hall and the speaker will be Tom Harris talking about Bells and Bell Ringing. We'd love you to come along and join in, just turn up at 9.45am for a 10.00am start. If you'd like a lift or have any questions, please call Jackie German on 01458 259688 or email jackiegerman@hotmail.com



VILLAGE HALL RAISES £1,164 AT CURRY RIVEL LIVE

Roger Hampton

As you can read elsewhere, the recent Curry Rivel Live was a Great Success, with Great Music for all tastes and ages, and a Great Crowd.

The Village Hall Team provided all the food for the festival, raising a record £1,164.

As well as the normal festival food, this year more vegetarian and vegan options were provided.

All funds raised by the Village Hall Team at Curry Rivel Live, goes to maintaining and making improvements to the hall. Thank you to everyone who visited our food marquee, and a big thank you to organiser Simon Champion for arranging such a fantastic day.

See you next year!!



Somerset Wildlife Trust is pleased to have been selected as one of the charities to benefit from the 'Tesco's Bags of Help' initiative, which awards grants raised from the 5p carrier bag charge to fund local community projects. There are grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 up for grabs, and Somerset Wildlife Trust is asking Tesco shoppers in Langport and surrounding areas to use the store's token voting scheme to help it secure the maximum amount of £4000 to support its 'Woodland Wonder at Allen & Beer Wood' project.

This project is focussed on helping local people more easily access their nearby green outdoor spaces, by improving footpaths, coppicing and clearing scrub in this magical woodland. The grant will therefore help the community to use and enjoy the woodland, as well as help Somerset Wildlife Trust maintain the woodland in order to welcome wildlife such as dormice.

Allen & Beer wood is a fantastic place for local people to experience nature, and is a particularly good spot to see woodland wildflowers like Bluebells and Wood Anemone in

spring. It is also home to now lesser seen species like the dormouse and White Admiral butterfly. At Somerset Wildlife Trust we believe that if people can experience their County's wildlife, then they will value their local environment more, and thus work to protect and preserve it.

*Voting will take place in the Langport Metro from **Sunday 1st July to Friday 31st August 2018** and customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.*

Katie Arber, Head of Fundraising says: "We have some really wonderful and loyal members and volunteers in and around Langport, and we hope that they will support us in helping to maintain their local wild spaces. We hope that with this funding, we can get more people out and enjoying the wonderful woodland right on their doorstep, but we need help to secure that funding, so please vote for us!"

To find out more about Somerset Wildlife Trust:

<http://www.somersetwildlife.org/>

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District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

Fundraising is currently taking place to raise money to install a second defibrillator in the village. The current defibrillator is already positioned at the garage and the plan is put the next one at the village hall. With the increased number of people now using the Village Hall it is important there is an AED in close proximity. The chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest decreases 10% for every minute that passes. To get from the Hall to the garage and utilise the AED would take 8 minutes. With an AED sited at the Hall that 8 minutes could be cut to 4 minutes or less thereby increasing the chances of survival by 50%.

The Council Plan 2016 – 2021 sets out what the Council want to achieve in support of its vision for South Somerset

and includes five key areas: quality cost effective services, economy, environment, homes and health and communities. Under the homes initiative a public consultation has commenced for the revision of the South Somerset Local Plan, as you may remember the previous plan became defunct only six months into its existence as it failed to support the five-year housing supply.

As you will be aware from articles in this newsletter and the website the Curry Rivel Parish Council are looking for its residents to give their views on how to shape the future of the village. This could include your opinions on housing, employment, infrastructure, highways, traffic and parking. By sending your views directly to tgreenaway51@gmail.com or going on www.curryrivel.org.uk and completing the form online not only will your comments count towards taking control of our village for future decades but will also engage and influence the overall South Somerset Local Plan.

ROTARY SUPPORT CURRY RIVEL IN BLOOM

The Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton recently presented a cheque for £150 to sponsor the new 'Sensory Garden' created opposite the War Memorial, as part of Curry Rivel in Bloom.

Rotary are proud to support Community Projects, and the new 'Sensory Garden' provides the opportunity for villagers to entice their senses of colour, texture, fragrance, and sound.

This garden fits perfectly with Rotary's initiative of the 'Forget Me Not' Memory Café, which was started over 5 years ago, to help anyone locally with memory problems, like Dementia, Alzheimer's, or Strokes.

The 'Forget Me Not' Memory Café is at the Village Hall every Tuesday from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.



Please contact Adrienne on 252710 or Christine on 741606 for more information.

The Rotary Club continues to support many local Clubs and Organisations (Youth Clubs, Elderly Groups, Schools, and Students). For more information about what the Langport & Somerton Rotary Club does, then please follow us on langportandsomertonrotary.org or Facebook or by contacting Clive on 251399

Photo: (left to right)
Sue Hands, Madelaine King-Oakley, Annette Stein, Roger Hampton (Rotary), Gina Beauchamp, Lorraine Hayes, and Patricia Cilia.

LANGPORT AND CURRY RIVEL PROBUS CLUB

In June we were fortunate to have the Nat West Bank Scam Awareness Advisor, Trudi Henderson to talk to us. She was extremely informative about the numerous scams out there in the big wide world that affect us all at some time, because we all have computers, iPads, mobiles and landlines. All providing a good access to the unsuspecting victim! Thank you, Trudi.

We had another prospective lady member who is joining the club at our next meeting and I know she will be a "breath of fresh air" bringing with her a very interesting background to further enhance our female membership. Angela is already proving a valuable asset to compliment

the membership, so our female numbers are steadily increasing, making for a more interesting gathering each month.

Be you female OR male, we would love to have more members join us at the Drayton Crown each month on the second Tuesday at 11 for 12md. We have a short meeting, a good natter over a reasonably priced lunch and a different speaker each time, so our talks are very eclectic and interesting. If you would like more information please ring Paul Crocker 01458 252545 or [www.langportandcurryprobus .btck.co.uk](http://www.langportandcurryprobus.btck.co.uk)

CURRY RIVEL LIVE 2018

Curry Rivel Live 2018 (in its 6th year) once again brought the community together for a wonderful day and evening of activities for children and live music.

During the day the children were greeted with an array of activities and rides and new for this year was the 'Apple Trees Craft Tent'. Here the children were given the chance to design a festival wristband or a Curry Rivel Live Poster with all of them being judged at the end of the day by festival organisers Simon & Kirstine Champion and the winner receiving a bag of goodies.

The Village Hall Committee were once again in full swing feeding the masses during the day and evening and managed to raise an amazing £1164 by doing so.

The daytime live music kicked off on the outdoor acoustic stage with several pupils of Champion Music Group (a local music provider for schools) given the opportunity to perform, with many of them doing so for the first time.

The live music and fun echoed into the evening with the main stage being graced by local samba band 'The Break Beat Bandits' and further bands entertaining the festival goers throughout the night.

Husband and wife, festival organisers - Kirstine and Simon Champion put this year's success down to the support of the community - "This year's festival has been the biggest yet and that's down to the support of the local community. We want to thank everyone involved with this year's festival as without these people this festival would not run."

The festival also managed to raise £63.52 for the village defibrillator appeal by selling their festival programmes on the gate. Curry Rivel Live also donated £40 towards the cause. Donations still can be made via the crowdfunding page - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/curryrivellivellagehall>

SOMERTON U3A

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 24 August which will be our Enrolment Day. Come along and see what the various interest groups have to offer.

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each.

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TUESDAY GROUP

Barbara Lancey

Once again a terrific turnout of lady members, with one male guest, always welcome! We were treated to a fascinating and in-depth account of what it was like for Michael Brown and his family during the floods of 2014.

Michael began by stating that the flooding that year spanned 65 square miles and 'drowned' over 200 houses, causing untold heartache. He explained that while it was clearly apparent that the main cause for such devastation in 2014 was through lack of regular dredging, the geography of the area also contributes, as the Somerset Levels are not level but a basin that turns up at the edges and twice a month the Bristol Channel sends up the second highest tides in the world, which the River Parrett cannot discharge so is tide locked - a disaster waiting to happen!

Flooding occurs year on year, and there will never be a single easy solution, but he emphasised that with proper management of the waterways, such disasters as in 2014 are less likely and minimal flooding should prevail!

Michael continued to explain how he and his family coped with the impending doom, having kept the waters at bay initially with initiative and knowledge, but eventually accepting the inevitable, though on his and his family's terms as it were, and with local invaluable assistance and advice, for which he was very grateful. He told his story

with suspense and humour and ended by saying the experience had in fact been enriching, and that he was 'glad' to have gone through the ordeal - it taught him a lot about community, patience and resourcefulness, and despite everything he would go through it all again!



Michael has written a fascinating account of his experiences called 'The Flood - surviving the deluge', and you are well advised to read it!

Having thanked Michael for his presentation, which we all agreed was an amazing account, refreshments were served and chat happened!

As you read this, we will have had our annual Garden Party in July, a purely social event, and with no meeting in August, we look forward to the 18 September meeting (as usual in the Drayton Village Hall, 7.30 pm) when we have the renowned History Interpreter, Janet Few, enthraling us with a talk about Medieval times entitled, "Ducking Stools, Dissenters, Debtors and Drunks"! Wow, that has got to be interesting! For further details on this event or about the Tuesday Group in general, please contact either Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657, email barbaralancey@hotmail.com, or Aileen Roche on 01458 252022, email aileenroche@btinternet.com.

LANGPORT AND SOMERTON INNER WHEEL

Every year at this time our gathering becomes a bit special because it is the time when the new President for the year takes office.

In June our lovely Jane Warren stood down, after ceremoniously hanging the heavy chain of office on Angie Saunders shoulders. We presented Jane with the usual bouquet together with a tapestry of her initial and a photographic memoir of her year. Jane has galvanised us into supporting 1st Responders locally and we have been able to donate a fair sum for their charity alongside our many other activities and talks during her year.

Jane, thank you from all of us.

Angie takes office during our 70th year celebrations following our brother organisation Rotary who celebrated their 70th last year. We will

have some extra trips out and about, a charity lunch in November which is attended by upwards of 90 people each year and is very popular, together with the usual Inner Wheel activities we get up to, to enjoy ourselves.

Do I make you envious? I hope so, but ladies you can come and see what we are all about and what we get up to. Just call Dorothy on 01458 252648 and I will explain more. We meet at the Langport Arms on 2nd Monday each month at 12 for 12.30 start.



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CURRY RIVEL MUSIC

It is 40 years since the Reverend, now Canon John Simpson started the Curry Rivel Music Club. Now in this anniversary year the society continues to flourish and provide in this Somerset village, music of a quality for which those in London pay vast sums for performances that we can enjoy within walking distance of home at modest cost.

The special season of 2018-19 will start on Saturday 15 September 2018 with the Kosmos Ensemble comprising Harriet Mackenzie - violin, Meg Hamilton - viola and Milos Milivojevic - accordion. This young group receive enthusiastic reviews wherever they play.

The second concert will take place on Saturday 13 October 2018 with Jonathan Radford - saxophone and Kaoli Ono - piano. Their recital is sponsored by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust which awarded Jonathan a star award. The Munster Trust only supports the very best.

On 16 March 2019 The Pelléas Ensemble are returning by popular demand. This highly talented trio are Oliver Wass - harp, Luba Tunnicliffe - viola and Henry Roberts - flute. Luba Tunnicliffe is an award winner of Making Music's Young Artists Scheme.

Saturday 13 April 2019 will see something quite new to Curry Rivel. Emma Abbate and Julian Perkins will give a piano duet recital - one piano, four hands!

On Saturday 18 May 2019, there will be a final concert to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Curry Rivel Music. This concert will be free and open to all.

Anthony Hose, Principal Conductor of the Welsh Chamber Orchestra and Artistic Director of the Beaumaris Festival, who spends part of his year as Director of Orchestras at Stetson University in Florida, will be bringing the University Chamber Orchestra of young musicians on a UK tour which will include St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel. They performed for us four years ago and this is a return visit by the university with a different group of students.

All concerts start at 7.00pm and there is an interval for refreshments of coffee, tea and wine. Tickets are £12 each and are available at the door. Students are admitted free.

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Friday 17 August



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He later copies secret documents which reveal the true picture of the American war effort and leaks them to the New York Times.

Washington Post owner, Kay Graham (Meryl Streep), who has recently taken over her late husband's business is adjusting to her new situation when her editor, Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), discovers the New York Times has beat them to an exposé on the story.

The Post is determined to compete and its reporters find Ellsberg and a copy of the papers. Its plans to publish are threatened by a Federal restraining order and Kay must choose between the risk of losing her newspaper or fighting for the Freedom of the Press.

Also stars: Sarah Paulson, Bob Odenkirk & Matthew Rhys.

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

Coming soon:



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Curry Rivel in Bloom

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Judging Day 12th July

After all the hot weather we had had, judging day dawned and it was rather dark with the threat of rain! In fact, on our way round the route we did need umbrellas for about 5 mins! But by the end of our tour it was sunny again. The judges commented that they were impressed by the well-coordinated route and tour and by the community involvement shown in the village. We hope they were impressed with everything else but we won't know the results until 4th October! The South West in Bloom awards will take place at the new Westlands conference centre near Yeovil. We at CRIB were impressed by the way the village joined in by clearing weeds, cutting grass and putting out special displays at the front of properties. The village looked wonderful. Thank you.

Our tour started at the old school room with a power point presentation showing the judges what goes on behind the scenes, things that we can't show on the day; digging, composting, watering, planting etc. We popped into the church to see the flower festival display, on to the school to meet some of the children who talked enthusiastically about gardening and we were shown around the Forest school area. Then we turned into the High Street where the judges saw the new planters on the railings and the lovely planting on the walls up the High street. Into Hoskins Close where we were kindly driven by David Geech to Eastfield wildlife meadow where we met David German who talked about the flora and fauna in the meadow.

Then on to the allotments where we met the Brownies who had planted vegetables in the raised beds and filled the Bug 'n B with all sorts of material suitable to attract bugs. They

also met lots of Crib helpers and Jenny Potts who is secretary of the Allotment Society. Back to the war memorial where they were impressed with the new permanent red, white and blue gardens representing the three services and the white wicker dove symbolising 100 years since the end of the First World War. They also met Marion Dale who gave her services for free to help us finalise the design and source the plants.

Across the road to Granny's Garden which is a garden to stimulate the senses, to meet Pat & Sue who designed it and Roger Hampton and members of the Rotary club who sponsored it. The grand finale was judge Tom Sharples cutting the ribbon to officially name the area 'Granny's Garden'.

After that it was back to the village hall where members of the WI had prepared a delicious Ploughman's style lunch which was well attended and even the judges stayed for lunch too!

We still have to keep everything watered as this hot weather continues and thank you to all the volunteers around the village who kindly water pots and troughs every day.

Thank you again to everyone who helped, joined in sponsored us, donated pots, soil, plants, time, pots, postcrete, helped with digging, planting, watering etc. Well done, we couldn't have done it without you.

Special thanks to the Parish Council who helped us enormously with a grant and above all the installation of the much needed, much appreciated water tap! Thank you for your support.

As one of our members said over a well-earned glass of Prosecco in the village hall.

"well we'll just have to do it all again next year!"

Next year there will be no colour scheme for the village planting, let's just have a riot of colour around the village!

Future CRIB Event

On Sunday 28th October a family fun afternoon, The Scariest Carved Pumpkin Competition!

There will be lots happening, come in Halloween fancy dress. More details in next Month's CRN.

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CRiB Front Garden Competition Results

There were 22 fantastic entries in this year's CRiB (Curry Rivel in Bloom) Front Garden Competition, making the village look fantastic, here are the winners

First — Emma Burt, Chatham Close

It was noted that the colours used and the different recycled materials, which were incorporated into the design were excellent, as was the condition of the garden.



Joint Second — Derek Annetts, Spirales & Marie Trimmer, Hoskins Close

Spirales demonstrated a good use of colour using mainly annual plants combined with some effective foliage planting resulting in a good use of a limited garden space.



Hoskins Close told a moving story of the Great War in two stages which took the visitor to a calm and contemplative garden area with appropriately peaceful planting and restful colours.



Third Place — Kevin Loe & Annette Stein, Fircroft

This demonstrated innovative use of colour of the containers in combination with the planting creating an eye catching feature on the roadside verge.



Highly Commended Certificates

5 Stanchester Way — Neat with good recycling aspects and colour

20 Stanchester Way — Well planted and maintained garden with a good variety of planting.

Fairview — Good use of annual colour in pots and hanging baskets

Linden Cottage — Innovative use of willow sculpture on tree stump providing an upright focal point in the garden.

Townsend Cottages — all four cottages joined in . An array of colours using annual planting in window boxes and hanging baskets creating a lovely overall effect in a difficult area

Judging Process

The criteria used to assess the front gardens that were provided as the finalists are as follows :

- * Colours reflecting the theme of Peace — looking for harmony colours especially including whites, pinks and pale blues.
- * Horticultural Excellence — Plant combinations, variety of plants used, form and textures and quality of plants
- * Design — Suitability of design for available space, impact and initial impression
- * Environmentally & Pollinator friendly — Use of Recycled materials and selection of pollinator planting
- * Garden condition — garden maintenance and tidiness

There were 5 points available for each of the above meaning a total score of 25 was available. (The scores were based on the current RHS judging criteria ie 5 = Excellent, 4 = Very Good, 3 = Good, 2 = Satisfactory and 1 = Poor).

The scores for the finalist gardens were very close — only 5 points separated the top and bottom scores

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Emrys Evans & Denise Evans

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

38 years ago in Curry Rivel

I attach two photos (I believe I took them in 1980) taken at the corner of Chatham Place and Townsend. They show a march of the then Curry Rivel Majorettes during the Curry Rivel Carnival, which ended in the early 1980's. My two daughters were involved and I came across these two pics when going through some boxes of old snaps. Of note is the lack of housing between Chatham Place and the Victorian cottages almost on the corner of Peel Barton Lane. In those days there were no houses opposite Simeon House (next to the bus-stop shelter in Townsend) either and one could see across the fields to the orchard behind Stoney Lane, and one could see the trees around the Elms childrens' home from the bus-stop.. . Where Peppards Funeral Services are now was the yard where Jimmy Simmonds (whose wife Sylvia was then Deputy Head of the Primary School) had his lawn mower service business. Locals may remember rows of gardening equipment outside and by the roadside, day and night - nothing was ever stolen! Jimmy built the small bungalow which can now be seen next to Peppards.

I thought that these pictures and notes might prompt some more pics and remembrances from locals who were around then. I and my family lived at that end of the village from 1978 to 1985. We are now in our third home in the village.



Feel free to mention any of the above if you print the photos. Perhaps someone will recognise themselves and members of their family?

Best wishes
Steve Beney



Dear Editor,

I should like to comment on the excellent Parish Plan 2015 - 2018 Progress contributed by Parish Councillor Tony Greenaway in the July issue of CRN. Much has been achieved, which I appreciate, though there is plenty more to be done, as he rightly says. I refer particularly to the section concerning 'to conduct a survey of safety, traffic calming and noise reduction on A378'.

When a Parish Councillor myself, I was discussing with Highways Agency directly, various schemes and ideas to mitigate all the above concerns and other matters eg overhanging hedgerows and pavement clearance. I am still actively involved in liaison on these matters with our District and County Councilors, Tiffany Osborne and Clare Aparicio-Paul, respectively, both of whom are redoubtable and highly efficient. I have spoken publically, at a Parish Council (PC) Meeting against the original proposed survey, as it would have been very expensive and I'm glad that that the PC decided against employing a professional company and deal with the matters direct with the authorities, albeit that there are limitations.

As I said above, there is more to do and it will take time. However, it is essential, in my view, that continued PC pressure is placed on appropriate agencies to improve the lot of village residents.

I chaired, recently, a meeting of villagers, when traffic and associated issues were considered, and a report of the meeting was given to the PC. Some items have been progressed and, hopefully, the remainder will be resolved in good time.

One of the main concerns of villagers is the speed of vehicles driven through the village, when SpeedWatch (SW) is not operating. I have said many times, that SW has contributed greatly over many years in reducing the average percentage of speeders compared to the total number of vehicles passing SW sites (10% to now below 2%). Despite this good record, I and many other residents have noticed and have been affected by drivers' disregard of our safety and welfare - speeds are often at totally inappropriate levels. About three months ago, I observed and recorded a motor cycle being driven at over 70 mph along the A378, passing Parsonage Place and up to the BP garage - time 1.00 pm!! Other vehicles are frequently driven at speeds well in excess of 40mph, whether or not SW is operating.

Other major concerns are:- the effect on levels of traffic resulting from additional housing developments, pedestrian safety (lack of crossings), the reviewing of speed limits and adjusting the positions of 30 and 40 mph signs, parking and renewing road markings etc. I trust the next Parish Plan Report will show further improvements have progressed. Meantime, residents will, I'm sure, be making their voices heard at PC Meetings and/or elsewhere. I should like to finish by thanking the PC and the Councilors, named above, for the support I receive.

Oh! Just before I go - there must be a concerted effort by the PC and individuals to pressurize First Bus Co to dramatically improve its service. One and half hours between buses stopping is outrageous, particularly when they run late.

Robert Crowley.

To the Editor, Curry Rivel News.

On behalf of all of us at Curry Rivel United Reformed Church, may I through your pages, thank the village for supporting our campaign to have the brown sign indicating our chapel restored to its place at the corner of Willtown.

Special thanks to our secretary Robert Crowley for his persistence and for the local councillors who have raised the question with the appropriate officers.

We are very grateful and delighted to see our sign back in full view.

Rev. Tim Richards.

Letter to the Editor

It pains me to have to write to you, moaning about my fellow dog walkers, but I feel it has to be highlighted to put an end to the person or persons that thinks it's OK to bag up their dogs poop (which is the correct thing to do) and then, on leaving their walk at Peel Barton Lane to throw the full bag of dog poop into the hedge; thus breaking the law twice. The poop - even though it's in a bag - is still on the ground and secondly, fly tipping - as this bag full of dog poop is no different to bag of household waste, in my opinion.

I counted 20 small black dog poop bags tossed into the 30 metre hedge, along Peel Barton Lane. Also, black poop bags were found along the hedge behind Chatham Place (10 bags worth of Dog poop) which currently has young cattle grazing. So again, this is a hazard to the young cattle and also to the environment we live in. Please can you find room in your monthly magazine to highlight this issue and keep our beautiful village free from dog poo Bags lining our hedges and let's play our part in cleaning up our environment.

Yours sincerely,
Emma Burt

Curry Rivel Active Living Group

Program for August and September.

August.

3rd, Bright & High. Music & singing.
10th, Deff Plus.
17th, Games.
24th, Closed.
31st, Closed.

September.

7th, Games.
14th, Sarabamba, Sue Williams recorder Group.
21st, Games
28th, Malcolm Gregory



The Big Summer Concert

Jane Hamlin

The Big Summer Concert is a very popular annual event in St Andrew's Church, and this year it was dedicated to the memory of the 21 young men from our community who lost their lives during the Great War which ended 100 years ago. As in previous years we were treated to an entertaining and varied programme performed by the St Andrew's Choir and Strings (Leader: Rowan Patterson), The Benefice Singers and several very impressive young soloists; Imogen Patterson, Matilda Davies-Sowter, Nyassa Rickards-Tilley, Josie Ashdown, Iona Davies-Sowter, Annie Ashdown and Samantha Perrin. These talented young musicians have the potential for an exciting and fulfilling musical future. Vikki Evans sang Mozart's Laudate Dominum accompanied by Julia Gauler. Patrick Rendell was the conductor, and he also played the organ for two of the items.

The Choir sang beautifully, accompanied for most of their songs by lovely arrangements played by the strings. However, there were also opportunities for the audience to join in during the hymn *Sing, my soul* and the medley of First World War songs culminating in *It's a long way to Tipperary*. The concert concluded with a very moving arrangement of Paul Simon's *Bridge Over Troubled Water* specially written for the evening. Congratulations to everyone involved.

It was very appropriate that there was a retiring collection in aid of the British Legion.



St. Andrew's Church



Floral display in the Church during the fete weekend: St. Nicholas, the patron Saint of babies and children.

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

August

Please note that there will be NO 10.30 Holy Communion Service in St. Andrew's OSR on 9th, 16th and 23rd August.

Wednesday 1st

2.45 pm **Immacolata House**
Residents' Communion

Thursday 2nd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 5th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service
11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW
6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Worship

Sunday 12th

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

Tuesday 14th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In
The last one! More on opposite page.

Sunday 19th

10.00 **CR** - United Benefice
Holy Communion CW

Sunday 26th

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

Thursday 30th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

September

Sunday 2nd

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service
11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW
6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Worship

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

CR OSR = St. Andrew's Old School
Room

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

Scott's spot

A drought?

You don't need me to tell you that in recent weeks the weather has been exceptionally hot and dry. At the time of writing, we haven't yet reached hosepipe ban levels, but with some ponds, rivers and springs drying up, and my garden looking rather parched, I find myself longing for rain. Such moments in our usually fairly damp climate are rare; will we be talking about the long hot summers of 1976 and 2018 in the same breath?

In Israel however, as elsewhere in the Middle East, this situation is all too common. In these regions water is a precious and treasured resource, and for those living where there is consistently little rain, this is not just an inconvenience but a potential threat to life itself.

It was into this context that Jesus said some extraordinary things; words that reveal Him to be either spectacularly deluded or of universal significance. Jesus said, *'If you are thirsty come to me and drink. As the scripture has said: "Streams of living water will flow from the heart of whoever believes in me"'* (John chapter 7 verses 37 and 38). Quite a claim in its own right, but the occasion made these words even more remarkable. Jesus spoke of himself in this way during a festival called the 'Feast of Tabernacles', a day of celebration in which the Jewish people remember God's miraculous provision of water from a rock during Israel's time in the wilderness under Moses' leadership.



Scott's spot ctd . . .

At the highlight of that festival came a ceremonial pouring out of water reminding the gathered crowds of that event where God turned despair into hope, doubt into faith, and near-certain death into a celebration of life. As Jesus spoke those words, He was promising this and much more. Here was a promise for an undreamt of quality of life; an inner peace and fulfilment, alongside fresh purpose. In short a new life in relationship with him as different as a baked desert is to an oasis.

The good news is that Jesus' promise is as true today as when he first spoke those words. In a thirsty world where many hearts are wilting through spiritual drought, Jesus offers living water. As the long hot summer of 2018 continues, is there a drought in your life you could actually do something about?

With prayer and blessing for you and those you love this summer,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

From St. Andrew's Registers Weddings

We wish them God's blessing at the start of married life.

16th June - Laura Gover
and Matthew Paynter

14th July - Jenny Davage and
Stuart Mackenzie

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.

17th June - Matilda Rosa

8th July - Mabel Jones

15th July - Olivia Hunt

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.

28th June - A Celebration for
the life of Beatrice ('Beat') Webb
(† 16th June 2018)

St. Andrew's - Rotas August

Brass - Jackie de Ronde

Flowers

4th & 11th - Diane Talbot-Williams
18th & 25th - Madelaine King-Oakley

Cleaning

4th - Lyn Cotterill
11th - Julia Gauler
18th - Tina Geary
25th - Wendy Graves



'Messy Church' is explained to a fete visitor.

St. Andrew's Church Fete Many Thanks !

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, the PCC and the 2018 Fete Coordinators wish to sincerely thank all who braved the sweltering sunshine and abandoned the football on the afternoon of 7th July. We hope all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. **A grand total of just over £ 2,650 was raised** - and no Teddy Bears were harmed during their parachute jump from the tower

Also, a big thank you to those people and businesses who generously donated money or items for sale at stalls or as prizes for the tombola, those who helped on a stall, and the members of St. Andrew's Flower Guild who again decorated the church so beautifully, on the theme of 'Saints'.

More about the fete elsewhere in this month's edition of the CRN

Drop-In

This twice monthly Tuesday social meeting is to be discontinued. The last meeting will be on Tuesday 14th August. However, on 9th October, from 10am until 12noon there will be a new event called '**Craft & Coffee**'. To start this new enterprise on that morning there will be a demonstration workshop. Please come along and find out how to make something beautiful.

On the following 2nd Tuesdays of the month we are asking people to bring their own craft work to share their knowledge and expertise with others. If craft is not your thing, then please come along for an informal meeting of chat with homemade cakes and refreshments.

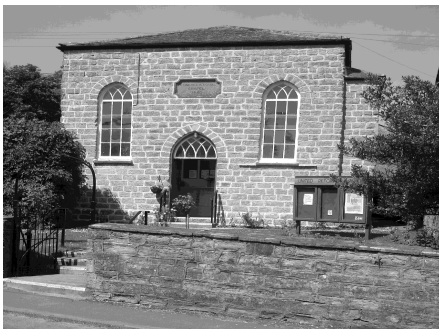


We are back on the map!

I got unusually excited – can't for the life of me think why! – as I drove along Hambridge Road in Curry Rivel and spotted two fluorescent vested men reattaching the road sign indicating the direction to take if you wanted to find the United Reformed Church. After a period of being deemed not big or important enough we are back on the map! We are visible again. We can be found.



United Reformed Church



July

(Services start at 10.30 am)

Sunday 5th - to be arranged

(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 12th - Uniting with Langport

URC, Bow Street - Rev Brian Willetts

Sunday 19th - Rev Tim Richards

Sunday 26th - Rev Rowena Francis

URC Minister: Rev Tim Richards

01458 252799

Pillow talk ctd. . . .

It is a very odd feeling being thought unnoteworthy. When we came for an unofficial recce 13 years ago, of the 5 Churches in the Mid-Somerset Group Curry Rivel was the only Church building we couldn't find; the individuals we asked didn't know where it was and if we did drive down Hambridge Road being set back off the road we didn't spot it.

When we first moved into the village on several occasions we heard the mistaken rumour or shared assumption the Chapel had closed. Since then our desire has been that the Chapel be seen, small congregation though we are, to be 'alive & kicking' – to be an active, notable presence and on the village map at least! To have the powers that be deem us 'unnoteworthy' was deflating in the least, hurtful at its worst.

To be 'found worthy', to be considered 'of note' has the opposite affect: it's pleasing, reassuring, affirming and validating. We are of consequence; we are valued and valuable.

Coming home from school with a letter to say being in the top 25 in 3 year groups combined for a particular aspect of school life has earned an extra-curricular trip leaves our daughter with a sense of surprise and pleasure.

Important Information.

Minister's Sabbatical: part of the United Reformed Churches care for its serving ministers includes, after 10 years of active service, the provision of a 3 month Sabbatical or period of 'rest'. Released from the usual demands of the role of minister the Church encourages individuals to rest, recuperate, take and enjoy the opportunity to explore interests (church or otherwise) that have been most usually neglected due to time constraints and responsibility.

From September into the middle of December this year our minister, Tim, will be on sabbatical leave (3 years late!). This means he will not be contactable in his role as Church minister. You may see him out & about in the village and he can be approached (!) – but any church business needs to be redirected to our **Associate Church Minister Rev. Rowena Francis 01749 679300.**

Many thanks

Pillow talk ctd. . . .

She has been considered noteworthy and been rewarded accordingly. How to ensure our daughter knows her worth simply for being who she is without or beyond any special achievement?

How to retain that sense of being of value, of note, when told you are otherwise or simply when nothing about you is highlighted by others as praiseworthy? It can be hard sometimes, regardless of any effort you put in, to feel unnoticed therefore unimportant or not of much value.

I am reminded of some words in Luke's gospel "are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.....You are worth more than many sparrows" – an inconsequential creature, a small 'little bit of a thing', the sparrow is valued and of note to God. Here we are told we are valued even more: in God's eyes we are important, found worthy, good enough as we are, good enough for no other reason than because we are.

When no one else seems to hold you in esteem know that God does; believe in yourself – God does.

In August

Regular Events



MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

10.30	Drop In (2nd & 4th only)	Old School Room
10.30	Dancing Classes	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
5.45 -8pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Guides	URC Hall
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridgway Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall, L'port
7.30	Tuesday Group (3rd only)	Drayton Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9.30 -11am	Parent, Baby & Toddler Group (Term time only)	Primary School Hall
10.00	WI	(2nd only) Village Hall
1.30 - 3.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows	Village Hall
4.30	Brownies	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council	(1st only) Village Hall

FRIDAY

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

Special Events

Sat 4 th August	Flower Show	Village Hall
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Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

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

Sports Clubs

Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

Social

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

Arts

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

Community Facilities

Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	741606
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Lettings etc.	259391
URC Secretary	259434

Community Services

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500

Education

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

Local Authorities

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

Religious

Church of England Rector	251375
Lay Reader	01460 281555
Churchwarden	259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
United Reformed Church Minister	252799



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