

St. Andrew's Carols, Bangers and Mash

Once more this most popular event was a resounding success. On 6th December, after a glass of mulled cider, the warm and friendly atmosphere was increased by convivial conversation over a first course of sausages, peas, mash and gravy, followed by a choice from, no less than, 25 home-made desserts.

In between the courses (and in some cases 2nd or 3rd helpings) voices were raised to sing Carols that were chosen by each table of guests.

Rev Scott Patterson provided a brain teaser which kept the guests' 'little grey cells' working throughout the meal. Finding the correct Christmas Carol or song to fit the 25 sets of initials of the titles became quite competitive.

Many thanks to Nicky Barker and her band of chefs who were greatly helped by the Guides, serving and clearing in a very professional manner, and who have received a 'thank you' donation towards forthcoming foreign trips. Grateful thanks also to Henry Lang who provided the cider, to Simon and Jane Hall from Old Heale Smallholding for their generous

donation of the sausages, and to all who donated prizes for the raffle.



Footnote: Several people were disappointed as they could not obtain any tickets - they sold out so quickly. So, do remember that for 2020 and get yours early.

Curry Rivel & Chevilly

Twinners Enjoy Tasting

Alison Cockrell

embers of the Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association again showed their mettle by braving a rainy evening to attend the organisation's recent wine tasting evening. Some 40 people, both members and guests, joined in the annual event which this time took place on Friday 22 November. As usual, participants savoured six types of wine from various countries. Three whites and three reds were sampled, coming from Portugal, Italy, Spain (two of them!) and South Africa, as well as a Greek dessert wine. Plates of delicious home-made sweet and savoury canapés were also available.

In order to chat to old friends and meet some new faces members and guests changed seats from time to time. Light-hearted quiz sheets were provided inviting everyone to guess the country of origin, type of grape and aromas and flavours, which produced some amusing, witty and at times "innovative" answers.

The successful evening, together with a raffle, helped the Twinning Association in its fundraising efforts.

Although it may no longer be on the road signs approaching the village, we are still very happily twinned with Chevilly in France.

Tuesday Group

Barbara Lancey

appy New Year to one and all, and here we are in 2020......!

When you read this, the Tuesday Group will just be preparing for its Annual General Meeting, held every January, followed by the intrepid Quiz spectacularly brought to us by Dave Moore! I will report officially on this in next month's issue, but we can be assured of a thrilling evening! For now, and to keep you up to date, I must revert to 2019 and report on the final meetings of the year.

Disappointingly, our speaker for **October** was unable to come due to losing her voice! The content of her proposed presentation was of such immense interest, however, that we have managed to re-book Trudi from NatWest for February this year, when she can give us the benefit of her advice on "Friends Against Scams". So, at such short notice our alternative for October was an impromptu QUIZ! subjecting the gathering to two sessions of fifteen random questions each! You could hear the cogs turning and the 'little grey cells' working overtime, fathoming answers to such questions as....

- How many American States start with the name 'New'?
- The lyrics of which UK number one song contains the title of the next number one song, but not its own title? (Hint: it was the seventies!)
- At what age did Boris Becker win his first Wimbledon and also Pele win his first World Cup?
- Taphophobia is the irrational fear of what?
- What did Charles Julius Guiteau and Leon Czolgosz both infamously do?
- In which country is the most northernmost McDonald's in the world?

Answers on a postcard to.... We did have a laugh (but I'm not Dave Moore!) and at the end of each set the top team won a prize - chocolates of course! When needs must we can pull solutions out of the bag, and still have an enjoyable social gathering.



In **November** we held the annual Skittles match against the men of the Drayton Group, and in preparation some of the ladies sneaked in a 'secret' (oops!) practice during October which was huge fun! The Lamb and Lion at Hambridge hosted the match, and provided us with

the perfect venue and a scrumptious supper. The ladies outnumbered the men, but this was rectified by playing the lowest scoring men again on each round, just to even things up!

Somehow or other though (shock



horror!) the ladies were unable to win back the 'Trophy', despite some early high scores, and attempts to distract the men with the traditional heckling. Nevertheless, the scores were very close and the ladies of the Tuesday Group have resolved to come back fighting next year!

December was the time for our Christmas Party, with wonderful food contributions, liquid refreshments, Secret Santa and much much more, but I will have to report further in the February issue of CRN.

The Tuesday Group is a ladies social group drawing from Drayton, Curry Rivel, Muchelney, Fivehead, Langport and beyond, and meets on the third Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Drayton Village Hall. Annual membership is only £10, or come and try for a guest fee of just £2.50 per meeting. For further information please contact either Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657, email barbaralancey@hotmail.com, or Jean Padfield on 01458 253948, email jeanpadfield2002@yahoo.co.uk.

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Wildlife Photographer Coming to Somerton U3A

Denise Clarke

The next meeting of Somerton U3A will be on Friday 24 January when our speaker will be David Boag, wildlife photographer. David lectures regularly throughout the country to a wide variety of natural history, photographic and general interest audiences. On numerous occasions he has spoken at major conferences for organisations such as the National Trust, the RSPB, British Trust for Ornithology and the Royal Photographic Society. Members will remember that he came to us some time ago and spoke about kingfishers and showed us his wonderful

photographs. We look forward to seeing what he will wow us with this time.

Monthly meetings normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (50p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £2 each.

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Bert's prowess in goal is noticed by Manchester City Football Club which signs him up as a player but he then has further challenges to face. This is not primarily a sports film but instead a drama.

Stars: David Kross, Freya Mavor, John Henshaw & Dervla Kirwan. 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.

Coming soon:

Downton Abbey (PG): The continuing story of the Crawley family with much of the original cast returning.

Please note this will be screened on Saturday 15 February (not on a Friday!).

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

Suzie Potter, Poppy Appeal Organiser

am delighted to report that the final total of money banked following Remembrance collections this year was £3,919.46. Although this is less than the total raised last year of £5,164.20, I think we were all very aware that 2018 was always going to be particularly special, it having been one hundred years since the end of the Great War or the First World War as it came to be known, and consequently it captured the imagination, resulting in several local commemorations and celebrations.

In 2017 we raised £3,775.95 during the annual Poppy Collection week so the 2019 result is certainly very good and one of which we should be proud.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously and made this total possible and sincere thanks to all those who gave their time, tirelessly collecting throughout the villages of Fivehead, Swell, Isle Abbots, Curry Mallet, Drayton, Midelney and Curry Rivel.

Regardless of how much each person collected, it all counted towards achieving this great total.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Carolyn Paton

ovember's WI meeting commenced as usual with thirty minutes-worth of news notices and reports on recent activities. There was good news of recently-established recycling opportunities available through the WI which enable collections to be widened to include bread/biscuit/crisp wrappers. Maybe we'll all be reducing the size of our kitchen bins as fewer un-recyclables fill them....

Input was invited for the preparation of next-year's programme, and for the theme of possible Monday afternoon get-togethers (currently mooted) as well as additional suggestions for daylong outings further afield.

Centenary preparations: members would like to contact anyone in the wider community who knows, or knows of, ex-WI members from Curry Rivel who could contribute their memories – and/or their photos. Your help would be appreciated! Contact and queries to Anne Geach

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Our speaker this time was Lu Lloyd of Pallker Art Glass, based at the Willows and Wetlands Centre. She not only spoke with fluent

enthusiasm but demonstrated her art before our very eyes. Beginning at evening classes her interest and expertise has grown to a passion which not only leads her to expose and sell her creations, but to run workshops and carry out bespoke commissions.

She created a stained glass tile while demonstrating tools and techniques. Interestingly, this most long-standing and traditional of skills has retained some very old elements of construction, such as the use of horseshoe nails to hold the work in place while working on it, and the use of tallow as part of the fixing process. She remarked that her respect for the mediaeval artists, whose work we see all around us in old Churches and other buildings is unbounded, knowing that they had none of today's temperaturecontrolled soldering equipment or kilns. There were all sorts of surprising facts, so fascinating to the uninitiated, such as the need to stretch the lead rods before use so that they remained firm during manipulation - while at the same time

retaining enough flexibility to be moulded.

We were treated to a demonstration of copper or silver foiling used in pieces of decorative art glass, and Lu explained the process of fusing. Glass required for this is quite different from that used for stained work and requires that the glass elements must behave the same way under the heat of the kiln or disaster will result.

In common with many who are enthused by their activity, she explained that she is constantly learning from others and that cross fertilisation takes place (particularly with ceramics) between creatives. She brought a number of smaller items of fused glass for examination and sale, which had members poring over them no doubt partly with a view to the approaching season of gift-giving. Once again, this was a fascinating morning, opening eyes to a relatively unknown skill. Thank you Lu Lloyd.





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Donna Bowden

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The British Robin



The robin is one of the most familiar birds of the UK, regularly visiting gardens. Robins are also common in parks, scrub and woodland, making their presence known with a loud, territorial song. They sing from prominent perches right through the winter, when both males and females hold territories; indeed, they are fiercely territorial, driving off intruders and even fighting. During the breeding season, the female is allowed into the male's territory where she sets up a nest of dead leaves, moss and hair. Nests often crop up in the oddest of places, such as plant pots, old wellies and shelves, but ivy and other shrubs are their natural choice.

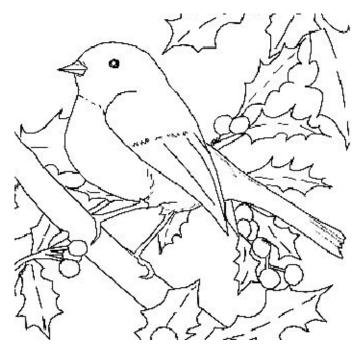


The female lays 5 - 7 eggs which are whitish, lightly mottled with red-brown patches and spots. She incubates them for 12 - 15 days, whilst her mate brings her food at frequent intervals. When the eggs have hatched, both parents share the task of feeding the young, taking care of them for about three weeks, by which time they can fly and are independent. The baby robins are brown with spotted chests. If the first brood has been an early one, then the parents are likely to raise a second or third brood. Quite often the male takes over the feeding of the first fledglings while the female sits on a second clutch of eggs.

Robin Wordsearch

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Distribution: all over Europe, except for parts of the Mediterranean coast and northern Scandinavia. Also found in the Azores, Canary Islands and parts of North Africa; eastwards into central Russia, Turkey

and Iran.

Perch

Broods

Habitat: natural woodland, hedgerows, parks and gardens.

Description: orange-red face and breast with pale grey border. Upper parts and tail brown; white underparts.

Size: Length:- 14cm. Wingspan:- 26cm. Weight:- 19.5g

Life-span: oldest known bird 13 years. Usually live for a few

years only.

Food: insects, worms, seeds and berries.

Hedgerow

Worm



Song

Wing

Redbreast

Fledglings



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Keep this date

Chris Champion

he Curry Rivel Entertainers will be presenting their annual pantomime on Thursday 20th February 2020, Friday 21st February and Saturday 22nd February. As usual there will be a matinee performance as well as an evening performance on the Saturday. Tickets are now available. Contact Chris Champion at: wannabe.1961@yahoo.co.uk for more information or to reserve tickets.



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January

Thursday 2nd

10.30 CR OSR - Holy Communion BCP Sunday 5th - Epiphany

10.00 FH - All Age Family Service

11.00 FH - Short Communion CW

6.00 pm CR OSR - Evening Worship CW

Sunday 12th - First after Epiphany

9.30 SW - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 CR - Holy Communion CW

& Sunday Club

6.00 pm FH - Evening Worship CW **Tuesday 14th**

10.00-12.00 CR OSR - Craft & Coffee

Thursday 16th

10.30 CR OSR - Holy Communion BCP Sunday 19th - Second after Epiphany

8.00 CR - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 FH - Morning Prayer CW

10.00 CR - All Age Family Service

11.15 CR - Short Communion CW

Sunday 26th - Third after Epiphany

9.15 CR - Holy Communion CW

& Sunday Club

11.00 FH - Holy Communion CW

Thursday 30th

10.30 CR OSR - Holy Communion BCP

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel CR OSR = St. Andrew's Old School

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FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead **SW** = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

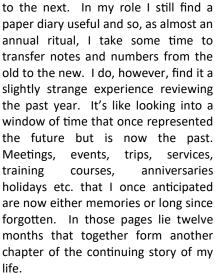
Craft & Coffee in St. Andrew's Old School Room

Please note that there will be Craft & Coffee as usual this month, on Tuesday 14th January 10.00 - 12.00, in the Old School Room.

Scott's spot

Our faithful God

It's at this time of year make that - 1 transition from one diary



So what's the thread that joins all those life chapters together? What gives meaning and togetherness to each passing year? Well as time relentlessly marches on I find myself in ever greater agreement with the author of Psalm 89. For the writer, the answer's simple: it's the faithfulness of God. He writes: 'I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations...' Through life's ups and downs, the writer declares, one thing never changes: God's unfailing love.

From St. Andrew's Registers

May God grant them eternal rest. 28th November - Service of thanksgiving and burial of **David Anthony Parfitt** († 25th October)

St. Andrew's Rotas January

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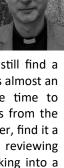
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4th - Tina Geary

11th - Wendy Graves

18th - Liz Rendell

25th - Jackie and John de Ronde February 1st - Nicky Barker



Scott's Spot ctd

This reassuring truth is well expressed in one of my favourite hymns, written by Thomas Chisholm. Perhaps you know it:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.

There is no shadow of turning with

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not.

As thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

It's from this perspective that we can find confidence to say farewell to one year and prepare to step into another.

None of us knows what the future holds - health or sickness, laughter or tears, success or disappointment. Thankfully, the future's not ours to see. But what the Christian can know with confidence is that, whatever it brings, whatever we may face, God will be with us in it. This is the beautiful and reassuring promise of our faithful God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - that I've found to be true in practice, and that's freely available to everyone. said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Will this year be the one you come to the rest-giver, and begin to experience His faithfulness?

With every blessing to you and those you love this January, and on into 2020.

Revd. Scott Patterson.





Children's Society

A **huge thank you** to everyone who helped raise money for the Children's Society by collecting their small change. There are now over 60 collection boxes in use in private homes in Curry Rivel.

In these boxes a wonderful £ 1,294 has been collected in 2019. At the Christingle service in St. Andrew's a further £ 145.60 was donated — altogether an excellent result.

If you would like to help this charity by having a box in your home, please contact Tina Geary on 01458 259003.

Clingfilm and orange netting at St. Andrew's

During recent work on the church roof it has transpired that several pinnacles are cracked and/or that the retaining mortar has started to give way.

Although not enhancing the church's appearance, stonemasons have as much as possible secured the pinnacles in question -and a hunky punk- with industrial-type 'clingfilm'.



In addition, and while awaiting advice on the way ahead, the areas immediately below the particular pinnacles have been cordoned off with orange netting to reduce to a minimum any risk of injury to passers-by in case some masonry, however small, were to come away.

Also, a large memorial cross in the churchyard, near the Old School Room, has been found loose and in need of repair. A safety area has been cordoned off here as well.

For your own safety, please do respect these cordoned off areas.

United Reformed Church



The Members and Friends of Curry Rivel United Reformed Church take this opportunity of the threshold of a new year to look back with thanks and to step forward with hope wishing all readers of the Curry Rivel News a healthy, happy New Year.

January

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 5th - Epiphany

Rev Tim Richards

(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 12th - Mr Barry Bryer Sunday 19th - Rev Evelyn Ridout

Sunday 26th - Rev Tim Richards

February

Sunday 2nd - Rev David Huggett

We are an inclusive, outward looking community and wherever you are on your life/spiritual journey we welcome you without regard to age, gender, denominational background, sexual orientation, race or ability. Tea/coffee is served after every service providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.

URC Minister: Rev Tim Richards 01458 252799

NB: As part of our desire to express practicably 'Love for our neighbour', remaining monies from the URC-organised Victorian Christmas Craft Fair (once hall hire, purchase of refreshments and thank you gift to the Guides had been covered) have been given to Action For Children (formally National Children's Home) and the Red Cross – in support of their work with those vulnerable and in need of loving kindness.

If only'...

(a view from the pew)

I wonder, as I get older, if I can make sense of worldly events or is it just life? Fairness, justice and peace seem completely absent from some international government policies, including the UK. A sweeping statement but with more than a little truth in it, I feel.

Leaving aside natural disasters horrendous as they are - the world's population is troubled across the Refugees fleeing conflicts, globe. seeking asylum; poverty caused by corrupt government selfish and leaders; unfair and inconsiderate policies creating austerity at the expense of the majority whilst improving the -already more than comfortable- lives of the wealthy minority. Religious communities try to address and tackle all the above day by day, with varied success.

One could list many other problems. Problems too vast to consider in this section of the CRN, so I shall comment on one aspect of the UK domestic situation as I see it from my viewpoint as a Christian.

This country is a rich nation and it beggars belief that governments have created and maintained policies which force many people to rely on Food Banks. It is shameful that these 'Banks' have to exist however they will need to continue to exist until higher levels of income are achieved by the low to medium income groups. The priorities are wrong. And for politicians to have maintained that austerity is over is very irresponsible and insensitive.

If only our elected representatives would behave and unselfishly act with care for the less fortunate and be less ignorant, it might be possible for our nation to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. To share equitably and equally. Our creator, God, would be very pleased if that happened.

Robert Crowley



Village Hall

(1st only) Village Hall

In January



Regular Events

MONDAY

9.45 Art Club	Village Hall
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3.30 - 5.30 Messy Church (2nd	
6.00 Pilates	Primary School
6.45 Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
TUESDAY	
10-12 Craft & Coffee (2nd only	Old School Room
10.30 Line Dancing Classes	Village Hall
2.30 Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
5.45 - 8 Pilates	Primary School
6.00 Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30 Guides	URC Hall
6.30 Langport Youth Club	Ridgway Hall
7.00 - 9.00 Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30 Sedgemoor Garden Club	(2nd only) All Saints Hall, L'port
7.30 Tuesday Group	(3rd only) Drayton Village Hall
WEDNESDAY	
9.30 Mother and Baby Group	Village Hall
7.00 Line Dancing Classes	Village Hall
6.45 Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30 Bell Ringing	St Andrew's
THURSDAY	
10.00 WI	(2nd only) Village Hall
2.00 - 4.00 Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
4.30 Rainbows	Village Hall

Parish Council 7.30

4.30

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

Brownies

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Entertainers	250311
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250655/253856

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