

Blooming Marvellous

Britain in Bloom officials will be touring the village on 12 July to judge the efforts that have been made in the pursuit of floral perfection!

The idea to enter the competition arose from the Neighbourhood Plan that was produced a couple of years ago. The results of the consultation indicated that there was enough enthusiasm in the village to support an entry to Britain in Bloom. The Open Gardens events in 2014 and 2016 revealed a keen interest in all things

horticultural and this passion for plants has been harnessed in the preparations for the competition. Spearheading the entry plans have been Sylvia and Peter Goodenough with a small army of support workers who have been creating colourful displays around the village and keeping them fed and watered through the very hot weather we experienced in June.

Let's hope that their efforts will be recognised and rewarded with a medal!



Curry Rivel Live Sizzles in the Sun!



Villagers and visitors from further afield enjoyed all that the one day Curry Rivel Live festival had to offer this year with the added bonus of sunshine!



District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

Bell Hotel

Some of you have been in touch to ask what is happening at The Bell Hotel as work appears to have ceased of late. I can report that this is only temporary. The owners are currently in the process of obtaining quotes from both local and London contractors to begin the main building works and they will recommence once this has been finalised. In the meantime they have made the building watertight and secure.

Social Housing?

A question I would like to ask you is do we need any further social housing provision in Curry Rivel? If you have any views on this matter then please could you get in touch via email: Tiffany.osborne@southsomerset.gov.uk.

Transformation

All District Councillors recently attended a two hour briefing on the process of Transformation at South Somerset. All local

authorities have to start making savings as there simply will not be the same funding available in the future. We were assured that Transformation would not simply be a case of cutting personnel and expecting those left to do more work for the same pay but rather a case of looking at the activities currently undertaken and required in the future and assigning specific work time and personnel around those requirements. It is going to take some time but we have been reassured that customer service will remain at the forefront of Council priorities during and after the process has been completed.

and Finally

thanks to the organisers of Curry Rivel Live for a fantastic day. And what with the new pub open in Drayton, Britain in Bloom in July and various activities taking place during the summer such as fetes, the Flower Show and the Playday, etc there are opportunities to support all things local this summer.

King Willy Update

'every little helps'

Over 60 people attended the Community Purchase of the King William meeting at the Village Hall in June. It was a very productive meeting, discussing the way forward, the proposed company structure for running the pub, and the pledge forms.

The pledge form is our way of measuring the community interest in saving the King William. A pledge is a confidential expression of intent which is not binding. So far pledges of financial support for over £40,000 have been received. We now need your help to get more pledges to enable us to secure the pub's future – every little helps!

The Curry Rivel Live event was a good opportunity to answer any questions and to hand out pledge forms. If you would like to know more or want to make a pledge, the forms and the prospectus are available from -

Our Facebook page – Community Purchase of King William IV Curry-Rivel

Curry Rivel Community website - www.curryrivel.org.uk or email - kingwilliam.iv.2017@gmail.com



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Growing Your Own

Sylvia and Peter Goodenough

"Flaming June" really has been here this year - as we write the temperature is in the mid 20s and we haven't seen any rain for well over a week. The new annual display at the War Memorial and the High Street displays are proving a challenge to keep watered, but, thanks to our Curry Rivel in Bloom volunteers, the plants are coping with the weather. From the comments we've received when working on these projects we have reason to believe that, as a community we are very pleased with the results.

During this dry period, and if we get similar weather in July, lawns will need watering, however you can let them go brown as they will recover. Early flowering herbaceous plants will need to be cut back and dead heading of these and of annuals grown from seed is vital to extend flowering. Watch out for any fungal infections and burn any infected material. Plants such as dahlias, chrysanths and gladioli will be growing fast and stems need support; disbud some stems to get longer stems and better flowers. With chrysanths, if you can bear to do so, reduce the number of shoots per plant to 5, except pompom and spray types. A balanced feed in the middle of the month will be advantageous too. Sweet peas need feeding with liquid feed up to three times this month and tendrils should be pinched out as you tie them in for support.



Biennials such as wallflowers and Sweet William can be sown in their flowering position, ready for next year. Garden pools may need topping up and greenhouses may need to be damped down if the hot weather continues.

There should be soft fruit to pick and enjoy, and heavily cropping branches of apples, pears and plums may need support, as well as thinning of the fruit. (this is a "do as we say, not as we do" piece of advice as we can never bear to remove any fruit before we take it to eat!) Prune fruit trees after picking, and cut down old raspberry canes after picking, removing weak new shoots as you go. Tidy strawberry beds and throw away plants that have given three crops - replace them with runners that you potted up previously. By now you are hopefully harvesting lots of crops - excess peas and beans of all types can be blanched and frozen, whereas root vegetables are best left in the ground until you're ready to eat them. By the end of the month you may be lucky enough to experience the unbeatable taste sensation of sweet corn on your plate minutes after picking - there's not much better than this! Complete planting out of winter vegetables and pinch out the side shoots of tomato plants. Water shallow-rooted crops and start to lift and store onions. If you are off on holiday cut the lawn before you go, check plant ties and leave the hose ready for your kind neighbour to use to water for you if necessary. Ask them nicely to pick over your sweet peas and vegetables for you - this means they get the produce and you get your plants stimulated to produce more so it's a win-win situation! If you are not going away, find time to relax and enjoy your garden!

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Curry Rivel in Bloom News

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JUDGEMENT DAY IS NIGH!

On Wednesday 12 July Britain in Bloom judges will be touring the village between 10-12 noon. We hope you like the planting at the War Memorial, on the High Street walls and elsewhere around the village. A big thank you to all those who have planted up tubs and baskets in front of their houses and are now looking after them in this hot spell - the village is looking great!

However, having walked around the village with our mentor, who promised to be honest and tell us what the judges will be looking for, we know that there is some clearing up to be done before the day. In particular, the area between the Bell and the King William needs to be worked on - the judges will be looking at verges and curbs, noting weeds and accumulated debris - so we need to litter pick, weed and do a sweep up in that area just before 12th. Help with this, particularly from residents of this area, will be much appreciated.

We won't get a result on the day but will be told later

whether we have won a medal. The medals range from gold, through silver gilt and silver to bronze. What Curry Rivel gets depends on all of us!

FRONTAGE COMPETITION

This year's competition for the best purple and gold frontage display will be judged on Saturday 8 July. It's not too late to enter - we'll accept entries right up to 7 July. Please either ring Sylvia on 250091 or email smgoodenough@aol.com. All we need is your name, the address to be judged and your telephone number or email address. Remember your display can be anything from a single pot or hanging basket in the colours to a whole front garden. The winner will be the second recipient of the Curry Rivel in Bloom trophy and they, with two runners up, will also receive a garden token. Entrants do not have to be around on the day as the judge must be able to see your display from the pavement/front gate.



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Langport & District History Society

Somerset & Dorset Railway

Barry Winetrobe

The Society's June meeting featured an illustrated talk by Mike Beale of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust on the legacy of the Somerset & Dorset Railway (SDR).

He outlined the origins of the SDR, in the merger of two new railways, the Somerset Central and the Dorset Central. The former was established in 1854 largely by Glastonbury business people to enable them to send their goods around the country, on a new line from Glastonbury to Highbridge to connect with the existing Bristol-Exeter Railway. The Dorset Central initially opened a line between Blandford and Wimborne in 1860. From the outset, the 2 companies had directors in common, so a merger was obvious, to provide through service between the English and Bristol Channels for freight and passenger traffic. This was achieved in 1862 with the formation of the SDR, and completion of the new linking lines.

Though many of the ambitious plans proved to be uneconomic, passenger traffic grew with the emergence of seaside holidays. By the late 1800s, the SDR's main business, especially in the summer, was bringing holidaymakers from 'the North' to Bournemouth.

Mike described the later history of the SDR, through the groupings of the 1920s and nationalisation as BR in the late 1940s, to its gradual demise through the 1950s, and finally in the 1960s after the 1963 Beeching Report. Despite protests, and delays, the line finally shut in early 1966 amid a series of special trains running on the last few days of service.

The SDR infrastructure, including track and buildings, was speedily destroyed or removed, but gradually new uses were created for some parts of the old line, with, for example, cycleways and walking trails on the old track, and buildings becoming private residences or offices.

The growth of the railway preservation movement meant that various stretches were 'reclaimed' for heritage railways or museums.

Mike concluded by describing the history of the Trust, including displaying images of events held last year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the line's closure, and then finally showing old photos of various generations of his own family working for the SDR.

The Society is now on its annual summer break, so the next meeting will be Monday 4 September, when Janet Few will speak on 'Remember Then: memories of 1946 and 1969 and how to write your own'. It is free to members (annual membership is £12): non-members are welcome, admission £2. Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact Sue Standen

(01458 273471, suzannestanden471@btinternet.com).

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Hidden Figures (PG)

Friday 21 July

A biographical drama telling the story of how a team of gifted African American women played a vital role in NASA during the early years of the space programme.

With the Russians having successfully launched a satellite there is mounting pressure to send American astronauts into space. Mathematician Katherine Johnson works alongside aspiring engineer Mary Jackson and her unofficial supervisor Dorothy Vaughan in Langley Research Center, Hampton, Virginia. Skilled in analytic geometry, Katherine is assigned by her white supervisor to assist the Space Task Group and becomes the first African American woman in the team. Her new colleagues are initially dismissive and demeaning, especially the head engineer. Dorothy's request to be officially promoted to supervisor is rejected while Mary identifies a technical flaw which spurs her on to pursue an engineering degree.

Based on the book of the same name the film is an inspirational account of how three women overcame preconceptions of race and gender.

Stars: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kevin Costner and Kirsten Dunst.

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.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

May I express through your publication my thanks for the public's support for the Langport & District Red Cross 2017 Red Cross Week collection.

We raised £2225 thanks to the generosity of our local communities, who clearly appreciate the service provided by the Red Cross, and of course thanks to the assistance of some very dedicated volunteer collectors. Two volunteers singlehandedly raised close to £170 each, and several others individually raised over £100.

We are however suffering a loss of collectors in our area and are appealing for new volunteers in Somerton, Aller, Babcary, Langport & Huish Episcopi, Long Load, Kingsbury Episcopi, Low Ham, Curry Rivel and Pitney. All we ask is a few hours once a year, during the week which contains 8th May, the birthday of Henri Dunant, our Swiss founder. New volunteers are assured of a very warm welcome if they phone 01458 273085 or e-mail cox.cj@btinternet.com.

Many British Red Cross buildings are being closed, or replaced with smaller new ones, and our Centre in Langport



has been told that it is being looked at as part of this process. We open every morning except Sunday, providing friendship and support to many elderly, and not so elderly local residents, raising around £7000 annually with donations given for refreshments and the sale of donated goods. In 2016 our total Centre activities raised over £22,000, so we are hopeful that our managers in London will regard us as a valuable fund raiser as well as living up to the Red Cross tradition of helping those in crisis.

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Chris Cox

Group Leader Langport & District Red Cross

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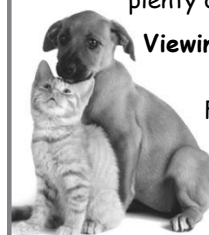
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Denise Clarke

There is a mistaken impression that Somerton U3A is 'a lot of old women' who do very intellectual things! Not so! Firstly it is an organisation for both men and women and is educational, informative, sociable and above all, fun. The home page of the national organisation states, 'The University of the Third Age (U3A) movement is a unique and exciting organisation which provides, through its U3As, life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities. Retired and semi-retired people come together and learn together, not for qualifications but for its own reward: the sheer joy of discovery'!

This is so true for the 500 members from Somerton and surrounding villages who choose from over 50 interest groups

ranging from Art to Walking. Every month we have a social coffee morning with speakers who have covered subjects as diverse as a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the history of West Coker Rope Works taking in the Great Crane Project and Japan in Winter on the way! If you would like to sample what is on offer, come along to the Edgar Hall at 10am on the fourth Friday of each month – you will be made very welcome. Our meeting on 25 August is Enrolment Day – this will be a chance to see all the groups that Somerton U3A has to offer and sign up for a few. Alternatively you can look at our website – just put Somerton U3A into your search engine – you may be surprised! If you would rather speak to someone, the membership secretary can be contacted on 01458 272803.

Where's Ed To?

Ed Pratt, ex photographer for the Curry Rivel News, set off in March 2015 on his 18,000 mile World Unicycle Tour; if successful Ed will be the first person ever to officially circumnavigate the globe on one wheel. He is also raising money and awareness for the local charity School in a Bag.

He has achieved the unimaginable feat of unicycling across two continents.....so far! Here he describes the moment he reached the southern tip of Asia.

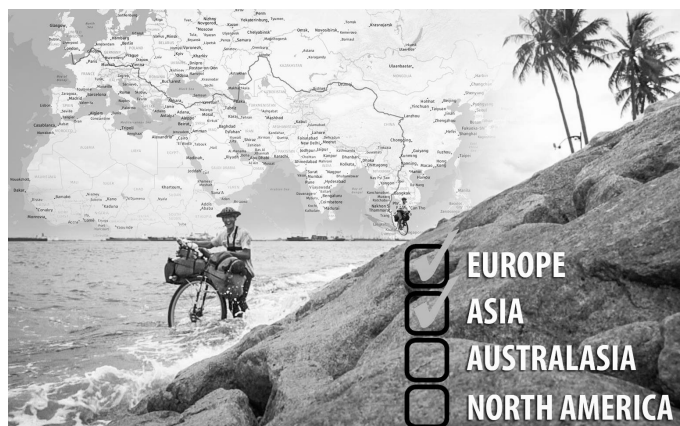
Two years, three months and six days ago I left my home in Curry Rivel to ride a unicycle around the world. It was a tough aim, I know, but 2/3rds of the way completed, I'm definitely getting there. Yesterday (20 June) I rode over the causeway from Malaysia to arrive in my 20th country of this tour - Singapore! I'd crossed Asia and it was time for a celebration, right? Well not quite. In order to satisfy myself that I had in fact completely crossed Asia, I wanted to reach the most southern point which was 18 miles further on Sentosa Island.

Admiring the smoothness of the roads in Singapore and making an effort not to jump many red lights (I was told the police here are stricter than in Malaysia), I made my way south through the giant skyscrapers, across the tiny country and eventually over the bridge to Sentosa Island.

Continuing to pedal south and watching the GPS coordinates on my phone get minutely closer and closer to the equator, I was soon within touching distance of what I believed to be the bottom of the island. The only problem was it was fenced off inside a gated community of million dollar houses!

So after over 2 years and 20,000km of unicycling, I was standing just meters away from the bottom of Asia, but gated off from it by a sign reading 'RESIDENTS ONLY'. I waited around until a 'resident' turned up, a middle aged British lady, told her my story and asked if she could please let me in. After hearing my story this poor bemused lady agreed and I gained access to the bizarre world of super flash, super expensive, sea front houses. Five hundred meters after the entrance I reached a point on my map where the land and sea met and where I could quite literally not go any further south. I had made it! And just to be certain I rolled my unicycled down the rocks for a quick dip. Can't say

So that's it for Asia. Continent number 2 is ticked off! Where next I hear you ask? That would be Perth, Australia! I'll keep you posted.



Curry Rivel W.I.

Our June meeting had to be brought forward a week because of the General Election, but those who were still able to come were entertained by a fascinating talk on 'Fibres and Spinning'. The speaker was Debbie Munro and she had brought with her a huge range of fleeces, both vegetable and animal. For the uninitiated, vegetable fibres can be obtained from all sorts of plants, including bamboo, soya and banana. They are very soft but are more difficult to spin and are mostly used for dolls hair and other toys. Most of the animal fleeces used are from domestic animals, alpaca, llama, goat and rabbits, as well as sheep. In America, there is a current craze for using their own pet hair – mostly cats and dogs, to spin and make into knitwear! Sheep wool is still the most popular here and it varies with the variety of sheep. Debbie's particular favourite is Bluefaced Leicester, which has a very soft and easy to spin fleece. Debbie went through all the processes leading up to spinning, and then used her own spinning wheel to demonstrate the final stage. You can be sure that none of it is as easy as she made it look!

In May, several of our members enjoyed a walk at Westhay Nature Reserve, there's so much to see there as well as good level walking. In June, we had something slightly different –

a Treasure Hunt in Langport.

This gave us plenty of exercise as well as stretching our minds, and a lovely cup of coffee at the finish! We have a visit to the gardens and nursery at Lower Severalls near Crewkerne planned and several of us are joining the Sedgemoor Gardens Club on a visit to the National Trust property at Kingston Lacy. With our sewing group and a Coffee Morning for new members, this should keep us all pretty busy!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday July 13, in the Village Hall. This month our speaker will be Cdr J.A.Holt whose talk is entitled 'The Queen's Beans'. This is based on his own experiences when he was working for HM The Queen, and it should be a fascinating insight into the Royal Household. Why not come along and find out more about the WI and what we can offer? Come 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 200 Club

The Summer draw for the Village Hall 200 Club will be made at the Church Fete on Saturday 8 July. The cost of each unit is £10 per year and this entitles the unit to be included in two half-yearly draws. 50% of the money collected will be returned as prize money and 50% is for improvements and repairs to the Village Hall. Please support your Village Hall by purchasing one or more units which can be bought from the promoter Mrs Myfanwy Ashton tel.01458 251877



Health Walks in Curry Rivel

Summer is Here! Come and Join Us!

The Health Walk scheme has been running in the village for 18 months. We walk for about an hour, 2 – 2.5 miles, along quiet country lanes and across fields around Curry Rivel. The walks are proving popular, providing an opportunity for people to walk for an hour and explore our surrounding countryside.

There are also Health Walk schemes in Langport and Somerton and a number of walkers join the different groups to walk in different areas.

The aim of the Health Walking scheme is to encourage people back into regular exercise by introducing a gentle walking programme. Health Walks are ideally suited to

people wishing to walk slightly farther than they currently do, or who simply wish to meet and walk with other people.

The Walks are free, and are led by Andrew Jordan. We meet on Curry Rivel Village Green at 10.15am, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Come prepared for the weather! Wear waterproofs, stout walking boots or shoes, warm clothes as necessary. Please don't bring dogs.

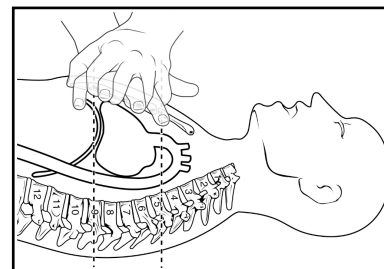
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Ever felt the need to learn some life-saving skills like using CPR? Strokes and heart attacks can happen at anytime and anywhere and our village is no different. The Parish Council have committed to spending money to promote life-saving and we will be piloting a short workshop on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) but need to know that there is interest among the community before we commit to the cost.

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6. You might save someone's life.
7. You may save the life of someone close to you. 80% of cardiac arrests happen at home.
8. You'll be smarter. By the end of your class, you'll know more than you did when you started.
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Forget-me-Not Memory Café moves to Curry Rivel

On Tuesday 1 August the 'Forget Me Not' Memory Café moves from Langport to the Village Hall in Curry Rivel. Set up over four years ago the Memory Café offers help to those who suffer from memory problems including dementia, Alzheimer's and strokes. In recent months the Memory Café has become so popular that it has outgrown its current location in Langport, so the organisers decided to move to the larger Curry Rivel Village Hall.

The Café meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm till 4.30pm, and provides activities, games, tea and cakes, as well as sing along sessions.

If you know of anyone who may suffer from memory problems then please come along to Curry Rivel Village Hall on Tuesday 1st August from 2.30pm, for what promises to be a great afternoon. Carers are also very welcome at the Café. If you would like more information about the Memory Café then please call one of the following:

Christine Hampton 01458 741606
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Adrienne Holmes 01458 252710
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Curry Rivel Active Living Group

Programme for July, August,
September
9.30 – 2.00 pm Village Hall

July

07 Bright & High (singing duo)
14 Games
21 Phil & Amy (music & singing)
28 Games

August

04 Def Plus
11 Malcolm Gregory
12 Closed
25 Closed

September

01 Closed
08 Brenny (Country & Western)
15 Games
22 Air Ambulance Talk
29 Games



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Burton Monument Open Day

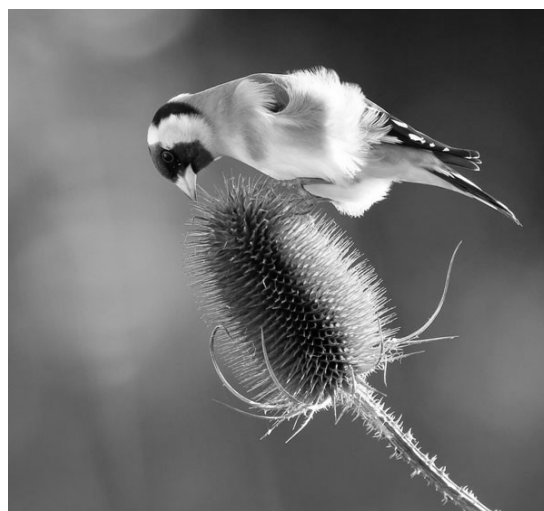
Following the letter (Happy 250th to the Monument) from Richard Hewitt in the June edition, Tim Schroder, owner of Burton Pynsent, has indicated that he would be happy to open the village landmark for a day. This is likely to be in August and the date will be advertised in the August edition of the CRN.



The 'Brush and Comb' plant – the teasel

Teasels are big plants, sometimes as tall as a man, with prickly stems and spikey flower heads. Between July and August when teasels are in flower, the spikey heads are mostly green with rings of little purple flowers which bees find very attractive. Around the bottom of the cone shaped flower head cuplike leaves collect rainwater in which trapped insects drown and feed the plant. This water or 'dew' was once held to have rejuvenating powers and in the 18th century was believed to remove freckles. In the winter, the plant dies back but the tall spikey heads remain, a useful source of food for birds such as the goldfinch.

The teasels which are commonly found on field margins around Curry Rivel are probably Fuller's Teasel, leftover from the days when the plant was grown as a crop. Fullers were the craftsmen who cleaned and finished cloth.



Teasels were harvested with a special crescent shaped knife held in a gloved hand. The teasels were then bunched and arranged on poles to dry before being sent by rail to the north of England's woollen mills. The split heads were mounted on rods and used in a machine which raised the nap or pile on the woollen cloth. The special flexible qualities of the teasel made it irreplaceable in the finishing of baize for billiard tables which needs an exceptionally fine and evenly raised pile.

Curry Rivel boasted some champion female harvesters, who could cut, bunch and pole an average of 15,000 teasel heads in a day. Pictured harvesting teasels at Park Farm in 1957 are Minnie Dabinett and Josie Mitchell.

The Big Summer Concert!

Patrick Rendell

It started small, but year by year it gets bigger, so don't miss this year's Big Summer Concert at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 15 July at 7pm.

Featuring, as usual, the St. Andrew's strings with the choir and benefice singers, the concert will include the ever-popular Handel anthem "Zadok the Priest" and the title

number from "Oklahoma" - which gives you a clue to the variety of musical genres on offer. We maintain our tradition of including some younger soloists, and we really do have some fine local talent in that respect!

Please do come along and enjoy an hour of music, followed by a raffle and wine.



Supporting the Armed Forces Community in your local area

The Royal British Legion exists as an organisation to support and assist less fortunate people within the Armed Forces Community. In addition to the essential roles the Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead Branch plays in fundraising and remembrance, it also offers Branch Community Support for service or ex-service men/ women, their dependants or carers living in the local area.

Branch Community Support, formerly known as Branch Welfare, acts as the eyes and ears on the ground, able to help those, in the Armed Forces Community, that rarely have the opportunity to interact with others or whose families do not live nearby for support, as well as those who are bereaved or unaware of what The Legion can offer them by way of assistance. Locally, Branch Community Support can offer:

Telephone buddies and home and hospital visitors, giving individuals, who are isolated or lonely, an opportunity to talk to someone, experience companionship and be part of the community. Both ways provide direct support to those who need it, and may act as a 'lifeline' in helping to improve someone's mental and physical wellbeing and happiness.

Bereavement support, including help with Legion representation and standard bearers from our branch, showing support by being present at a funeral and providing a sense of comradeship at a difficult time.

Signposting to specialist services within The British Legion and other organisations. The Legion specialists include, The Somerset Admiral Nurse team, who are specialist dementia nurses giving support to family carers and people with dementia; the Handy Van Service, designed to deliver low level home maintenance tasks; Independent Living Advice, specialist advice, advocacy and referral to statutory, charitable and private sources; advice about benefits, debts and money; the War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and free will-writing service.

The Royal British Legion is working hard to make it easier for those it supports to understand and use the service. At the end of May 2017 The Legion, working in collaboration and partnership with other organisations, both within and outside of the Armed Forces sector, launched the Veterans' Gateway which aims to be the first point of contact for veterans and their families seeking information, advice and support. Contact www.veteransgateway.org.uk or call 0808 802 1212.

For more information about Branch Community Support or if you are interested in offering support locally please contact:-

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SUMMER DRINKS & CANAPÉS

At Burton Pynsent, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Tim Schroder.

Friday 14th July at 6 p.m.

The Volunteer Band of HMS HERON will provide incidental music.

Tickets may be obtained from Evelyn Leckie, 01458 251261

Ticket Price £ 12.50

You are encouraged to purchase your tickets well in advance of the date as numbers are limited.

St. Andrew's Church



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

July

Sunday 2nd

10.00 **FH** - All Age/Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 **CR** - Evening Prayer

Monday 3rd

3.30-5.30 CR School Messy Church

Thursday 6th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Saturday 8th

2.00 - 4.30 Church Fete - CR Green

Sunday 9th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 **CR** - Post-fete Songs of Praise

Tuesday 11th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

Thursday 13th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 16th

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

10.00 **CR** - All Age Family Worship

11.15 **CR** - Short Communion CW

Wednesday 19th

2.45 Immacolata House

Residents' Holy Communion

Thursday 20th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 23rd

9.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW
& Sunday Club

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 **SW** - Evensong BCP

Tuesday 25th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

Thursday 27th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 30th

10.00 **FH** - United Benefice

Family Holy Communion CW

Scott's spot

'How can God allow...'

Manchester Arena, Westminster Bridge, Borough Market, Grenfell Tower and most recently, at the time of writing, Finsbury Park: perhaps the fragility and uncertainty of life is causing you to pause for thought. Especially when it's suddenly close to home, tragedy and suffering raises big questions. One of those often asked is 'how can God allow this or that to happen? Perhaps you've thought this yourself recently, or perhaps someone has challenged your faith with a similar question. If God is all-powerful and all-loving (as the bible reveals Him to be) then 'how can He allow...'

Perhaps I'm not alone in this, but I sometimes find myself longing for the God I've come to know to intervene more directly in human affairs than He appears to. But as I daydream about God changing the *thoughts* of those planning acts of evil, or intervening to change the *decisions* of the many agencies and people involved in the construction and maintenance of Grenfell Tower, then I forget for a moment that actually to wish for that sort of Divine intervention on others, would be to wish it upon myself.

You see, one of the greatest gifts God has given to humanity is the gift of *free will*. As much as we can choose to love, care, support and build up, so too we have the capacity to choose to hate and destroy. Free will means that the best things in life – love, friendship, self-sacrifice, forgiveness, generosity – can be real.

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

*We wish them God's blessing
at the start of married life*
10th June - Annis French
and Will Richmond

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church
18th June - Gretel Sowter

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 ctd. . . .

But in order for these good things to be real, they come at a cost. Evidently this is a cost that God deems worthwhile, because the flip-side of being able to choose to love is the capacity to choose to hate. The problem with wishing that God would intervene in the thoughts of those intent on evil, is that if He chose to intervene for them, He'd need to do it for each one of us too – for we are all less than perfect. In order to be just, He'd need to also step in and change *our* thoughts of selfishness, greed, impatience, cruelty and intolerance too. The result? Well, being stripped of our capacity to choose for ourselves, every wrong thought instantly overruled, would leave us little better than robots. Puppets dancing to the master's tune.

So before we too quickly point the finger of blame at God, asking 'How could He allow...' remember that part of the answer is the God-given responsibility we all share in the exercise of free will. We can choose the route of hatred and destruction but, as has been so beautifully expressed in recent weeks, humanity at its best can also choose to love, serve, and act for the good of others. Free will is a good gift from a good God that goes to the heart of what it means to be human – being made in his image. How we choose to exercise it is, well... our choice.

With every blessing to you and yours,

Revd. Scott Patterson

St. Andrew's Rotas July

Brass - Sue Randell

Flowers

1st - Sue Randell

8th - Fete

15th & 22nd - Lyn Cotterill

29th - Adrienne Holmes

Church cleaning

1st - Lynne Comley

8th - Lyn Cotterill

15th - Julia Gauler

22nd - Tina Geary

29th - Wendy Graves



St. Andrew's Church Fete
Saturday 8th July
2.00 - 4.30
on the Green

(*bad weather: in the School Hall and marquees in the School sports ground*)

Don't forget the **fancy dress competition** for children up to 11 years: **the best looking flower or vegetable**. To enter this competition, just turn up in your chosen outfit at 2.00 in the centre of the Green (or School Hall).

New this year: junior face painting and 'tattoos'!

Raffle tickets are still on sale (and will be on the day) and are available at the School Admin Office, Sandpits Heating, Wiltown Garage and The Barbers at Coopers Cross. **1st prize £100**, 2nd prize large food hamper, 3rd prize MOT, and several other prizes.



Flower display in the Church
 (even in case of bad weather), and also on
Sunday 9th July
2.00 - 5.00.

St. Andrew's Songs of Praise
Sunday 9th July 6.00 pm

Come and celebrate the end of the fete weekend, when a selection of favourite hymns will be sung.



St. Andrew's
Big Summer Concert

Saturday 15th July 7.00 pm

A concert with a variety of music, performed by the Choir and Benefice Singers, with St. Andrew's Strings and some talented young soloists.

See elsewhere in this month's issue of the CRN for more details.

United Reformed Church



July

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 2nd - Rev Tim Richards

incl. Holy Communion

Sunday 9th - Mrs. C. Leighton

Sunday 16th - to be arranged

Sunday 23rd - Rev Dr Paul Cattermole
 MBE

Sunday 30th - Rev Ken Coles

We are an inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all, wherever they are on their spiritual/life journey, without regard to age, denominational background, sexual orientation, ability or race.

We respect the traditions of our past, engage with the present and look forward to the future, believing that Christian truth is not contained in static prepositional statements but is ever changing and constantly evolving. 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

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PILLOW TALK



'Don't ever do that again! It was sooo embarrassing!'

Oh dear! What had I done which caused my daughter such embarrassment?

I stepped across a boundary, the significance of which I did not fully appreciate, until it was too late: I boarded the school bus!

From my perspective, I was doing a favour, saving the day, catching the bus before it drove off to give my daughter what I thought was her forgotten bottle of water (it wasn't – she had taken a different one that morning).

Pillow Talk ct.

I had broken an unspoken rule and entered a space which was sacrosanct, only for the under 16's, a domain where adults should fear to tread; and in so doing I had become 'an embarrassment'.

So when did this shift happen? When did I go from being the 'best mum in the world', the 'go-to person', to being 'an embarrassment' ?? I hadn't seen this one coming! I've given up the parental expectation of knowing it all by having to accommodate my daughter's looking up to her teachers; I've accommodated the fact that friends' and peers' opinions and feelings matter most; I've grown to love the 'special' relationships she has developed with significant others - but becoming an embarrassment?! And yet if I think about it there was a stage in my own teenage years when parents, and their kisses, cuddles, hugs became 'squirmy' – and I became more aloof to their expressions of or demands for affection attempting to separate myself out.

And so we laughed. I promise *never ever* to step foot anywhere near the school bus again and chalk this experience up as part and parcel of watching my child growing up and, to some degree, away. As she puts her own boundaries in place – those invisible lines between herself and the world around her which now as she individuates includes me – I begin to learn respect for her establishment of herself as an individual in her own right. A continuation of stepping back but not away; of letting her find and make her own way in the world becoming her own person.

If you experience God as parent, if that metaphor of relationship with the divine works for you, then this echoes something of how God is with us – not interfering (not 'crossing our boundaries' without invitation) but loving and watching and cheering on and encouraging – as we find our way in the word and become who we truly are.

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In July

Regular Events

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

10.30	Drop In (2nd & 4th only)	Old School Room
5.45 -8pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Guides	URC Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club	All Saints Hall, L'port (2nd only)

WEDNESDAY

6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St Andrew's

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Cinema Night (not August)	Village Hall (3rd only)

Special Events

Sat	08	14.00	St Andrew's Fete	The Green
Sat	15	19.00	Big Summer Concert	St Andrew's

August

Tues	01	14.30	Forget Me Not Memory Café	VH
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