

July 2019



Open gardens

Gina Beauchamp

We had a very successful Open Gardens Day. The weather was almost fine apart for some rain towards the end of the day. People turned up for the Big Breakfast and carried on to visit some of the beautiful open gardens and to enjoy a cream tea. The money is still coming in and being counted so we will have a result next month. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way, especially to

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the garden owners who put on a tremendous amount of work to prepare for the day.

See contributed photos page 10.

'Blenheim' pupils letter exchange with Chevilly

Barbara Hamlin

For a number of years now the pupils in Blenheim class at the Primary School have been exchanging letters and pictures with the children who attend English lessons at a Club sponsored by the Twinning Association of Chevilly. This year we did something more unusual as you can see!!

We were learning the names of the parts of the face and examining how the plurals of words in French follow a different pattern from those we expect in English. As Beau and Lola explain...."We gave each part of the face a number 1 – 6. So 6 for an eye; 5 for an ear...and so on. Then we each rolled a die 12 times only and tallied up for each facial feature. Then we made a drawing of the face!! "

We wrote about the face in French and in English and sent off our Monster pictures to Chevilly.

As Beau and Lola continue..."Our monsters were both freaky

but Lola's was freakier!" Zac added "I enjoyed this activity. My Monster turned out very peculiar". William says.."My monster turned out a huge blob" and Poppy mentions that her monster had a "multitude of eyes!"

Then the French children did the same activity and sent us their pictures. We could understand their descriptions in French. Estelle told us "Mon Monstre a 4 yeux; 2 bouches et 2 nez". As Zac explains "We had to be careful about the plurals and so did the French children!"

Truly and Georgia felt that "it was one of the best games they had ever played".

We are now working on extra-terrestrial animals. I wonder how these will look? Well done, Blenheim class and the children in the Chevilly Club! We all had a lot of fun!

Pictures on page 11

Double boost for the Village Hall

Roger Hampton

The Village Hall has achieved two successful events in the last few weeks.

Firstly, the 'BIG BREAKFAST' held on Sunday 9th June was very rewarding, with many new villagers attending for the first time, and over 130 breakfasts prepared. The Village Hall team also prepared and sold food at Curry Rivel Live, and despite the poor weather had a very good weekend. **Photos on page 11.** All funds raised will be used to maintain and

improve the Village Hall, with the aim of making it one of the best in the area. The hall is over 112 years old and is very costly to maintain. In early September we plan to paint the outside of the hall, and also clean, repair and paint the old steel guttering.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for providing a grant to provide two double glazed windows on the front of the hall.

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Judging days

July will be a really busy month for CRiB and the village. We have two judging days on Monday 22nd & Monday 29th July; the first will be the South West in Bloom and the second the National Finals of Britain in Bloom. Both days will be on a bin collection day so if you possibly can please could you collect your bin from the roadside as early as possible when emptied! Judging starts at 10am and finishes at 12.00. The judging will finish with a lunch at 12.15 in the village hall to which anyone who has helped or supported CRiB in any way is very welcome to come; front garden entrants, waterers, people who have helped dig and plant etc. Please come and meet the judges!

If you can, please weed and sweep any frontage with the road and pavement, cut the grass, put out some pretty pots! CRiB will be tackling main areas but we can't cover it all! Marks are deducted for weeds! Thank you!

Granny's garden

The rose garden in memory of Madelaine King-Oakley is now finished. Thank you to everyone who helped especially to Geoff Higson who had to dig out an old yard! It turned out that we had discovered the edge of a building and had to move the planned area slightly. A local resident who was passing told us that it had been stables and a coal yard! The garden will be officially opened by the judges in July.

Front garden competition 2019 & Curry Rivel young gardener of the year award

We have had several entries for these competitions so far, as this goes to print the judging has not yet taken place and so the results will be in the August edition of the magazine. Thank you to everyone who has entered.

Plant sale

Our plant sale on 1st June at the War Memorial raised £130 towards funding the planting around the village. Thank you to all who came to support us.

Can you HELP US?

CRiB could always use more help. The summer is the best time to help water, weed and deadhead plants all over the village. If you can help with grass cutting at Granny's Garden that would be very welcome. You don't need to be a gardener, for example we need to treat the fence at the back of the War Memorial garden, so any help with that would be great. Woodworkers can help make raised beds and recycle old pallets into all sorts of useful things.

Contact Gina cribsomerset@gmail.com

Or 01458 762296

An hour of your time would really make a difference. Our next committee meeting is on **Monday 1st July in the Firehouse at 7.30pm**, please come and join us and share your ideas.

Gardening tips for July

- Dead-head faded flowers to encourage more but you could leave a few to make seed to keep for next year and grow more plants, or sprinkle on the soil to self-seed.
- Foxgloves are biennials and need to set seed to create next year's plants. Cut off the seed head and lay it at the back of a border or where you would like new plants to grow. Delphiniums can be cut back, keep the seed, and you may get a second flush of flowers later in the year.
- Use copper tape around pots to deter slugs and snails rather than using chemicals.
- Continue to take off side shoots from tomatoes and feed. Keep the green house cooler on hot days by watering the floor damping down!
- Take cuttings from your favourite plants now to over winter for next year.



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The BLUE Campaign

Gina Beauchamp

The BLUE Campaign aims to keep at least 10% of your lawn uncut through summer, letting a variety of native plant species grow naturally. These plants are the food for a variety of caterpillar species, and therefore as well as increasing the number of moths and butterflies that will emerge, also provide a vital source of food for small birds.

You may have noticed that in the spring we left the grass in Granny's Garden to grow long before it was cut in May. This was to let the spring bulbs that have naturalised there die back and also to leave the dandelions and buttercups grow as they are the first food for bumble bees and other insects. This is the idea behind the BLUE Campaign which the RHS are promoting around the country. The idea is to leave an area of grass uncut to allow wildlife to thrive.

You can put up a blue heart preferably made from recycled materials to show that this area is being deliberately left for wild life. A lawn as a mono culture is one of the most difficult things to maintain without using chemicals. Chemicals that will get into our ground water and eventually affect wild life and humans. Instead of chemicals use a pointed knife to weed out ragwort and unwanted weeds, rake out moss, but try leaving an area uncut and you will be surprised by what will grow!

An amazing example occurred in our own garden this year, we had left an uncut area and to our surprise a Bee Orchid grew! If we had cut the grass we would never have seen it. This will now be protected and not cut again.

Yes, you may think that long grass and weeds look untidy, but nature is untidy! Mowing the edges helps to keep it looking intentional, rather than just untidiness. It was also noticed that many of the open gardens this year had already created areas of uncut grass which were teeming with wild flowers and wild life.

Be creative:

- Cut a path (each week) through the middle of the lawn, so that you can look and enjoy your own wildlife reserve on either side.
- Wait until September to cut and rake the long grass.
- Keep a corner of your garden completely UNDISTURBED at all times, letting native flora such as bramble or hawthorn provide cover for small birds and snails.
- Do not use slug pellets. They kill snails and go up through the food chain to kill hedgehogs.
- Please keep any 'garden waste', as this makes perfect wildlife habitat and should not be removed. Heap up the hedge clippings from an Autumn cut and put leaves on top. This is ideal habitat for hedgehogs and costs nothing.

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Curry Rivel Flower Show

A fun day out on Saturday 3rd August at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Peter Goodenough

Curry Rivel is now renowned across the country for its horticultural prowess having won major prizes in the last two South West in Bloom Competitions so let's have a bit of fun and make this years Flower Show the best ever! Don't worry about whether you think your vegetables or flowers are not up to standard just enter them, you may well be pleasantly surprised and the greater the number of entries the better for us all.

There are sections for flower arranging, home made cakes and jams, jellies etc. and a 'men only' section for sausage rolls, shortbread biscuits and lemon drizzle cake with a cup named after our sorely missed friend and exhibitor Steve James.

Some section themes are changed yearly and this year the Decorative Section includes the following:

Seasons Bounty - not to exceed 45 cm (18ins) in width or depth.

Leafy Magic - foliage to predominate not to exceed 45 cm (18ins) in width or depth.

Some Like It Hot - an exhibit with a kitchen utensil. Up to 30.5 cm(12ins) wide and deep. Height not restricted.

The Photography Section includes:

A garden scene, a sea-view and a photograph of the entrants' choice.

The Painting Section includes:

A wildlife depiction and a painting of the entrants' choice.

In the Craft Section we issue a challenge for you to produce a mobile phone cover (the winner could try their luck on Dragons Den) and a decorated cushion cover.

Children of 2 age groups, up to 8 yrs. and 9-12 yrs. are asked to make a card for a baby and a garden on a plate.

There will also be a class for the tallest sunflower grown by the children from Curry Rivel primary school.

For details of Section requirements, get your schedule from the Nisa store in the garage, Sandpits Heating, Greenslades in the precinct in Langport or on the Village website, www.curryrivel.org.uk

Enter on the evening of Thursday 1st August or on the day or by sending your entry to Woods, Hellards Hill Lane, Curry Rivel TA10 0PW. The entry fees will be collected on the day for postal entries.

Curry Rivel Village Hall 200 Club

Myfanwy Ashton

The Summer Draw will be held on 6 July at the Church Fete.

Should you wish to buy any Units please contact Myfanwy Ashton on 01458 251877. Units cost £10.00 per annum and are included in two draws per year.

50% of the money raised is used as prize money and 50% is used to help towards repairs and improvements to the Village Hall. Your support is much appreciated.



A New Service at Coopers Cross

Elaine Morgan

Coopers Cross are pleased to introduce a new service through Bryony Clements of **The Country Clinic**. Bryony is a Harley Street trained Aesthetic Practitioner, offering non-surgical cosmetic procedures, including botox and dermal fillers and is a qualified nurse working within A&E at Yeovil Hospital. She is excited to begin her new venture and is passionate about delivering natural, safe and professional procedures with amazing results.

The Country Clinic is now open for consultations.

For further details, contact Bryony on 07540933393 or email: hello@thecountryclinic.co.uk



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curryrivel.org.uk



Probus Club Langport and Curry Rivel

Dorothy Wadeson

Our club continues to attract good speakers to our monthly meetings which are held at the Pound Inn, Aller, every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11.30 for 12.00.

We have had a really eclectic mix of presentations so far this year and the calendar continues throughout the year in the same vein. Last month Damon Bridge from the RSPB gave an excellent account together with slides of his involvement in the Crane Project on the levels around us and generated a host of questions afterwards with members reluctant to stop and eat lunch. Gill, our Social Secretary organised a trip to RHS Rosemoor in June and will be going to Bucklers Hard in October. We are hiring a coach for the latter trip due to the distance and any spare places will be offered to other clubs locally to join us. Watch this space.....

To any club who thinks members would be interested in such a venture please contact Dorothy Wadeson on 252648. If you would like to visit one of our meetings and get a "taste" of what we are about, please ring Paul Crocker on 252545 who will tell you more. For information about our club for anyone who would like to become a member and join our lively and enthusiastic members for friendly chat, an interesting talk and a relaxed lunch ring Paul, or visit our website,

www.langportandcurryprobus.btck.co.uk.

The Big Summer Concert Saturday 20th July, St Andrew's Church

Patrick Rendell

Each year in July a concert of very varied music is given by our local musicians, not only as an opportunity to play and sing, but also to raise money for charity.

We nominate a different charity each year, and this year the money raised will go to "MIND" – a mental health charity.

As always there will be a section for our very youngest musicians, and there will be some songs and popular classics from the village choir, the organist, the Benefice Singers and the St. Andrew's Strings.

No need to buy tickets - entrance and the programmes are **free**, but please bring some cash for the wine, raffle and retiring collection. The concert will be approximately one hour in length, and will take place in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 20th July at 7pm.

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Curry Rivel Music - Season's final flourish

Malcolm Cotterill

The 40th anniversary season concluded with a concert that was free of charge to Members, Friends of Curry Rivel Music and anybody else who enjoys or thinks they might enjoy world-class musicianship. It was held at St. Andrew's Church on 18th May, and was a resounding success. Many of those attending were clearly putting a toe into the water to discover what indeed has kept this organisation going for so long and so successfully. It is impossible to think that anybody was anything other than delighted by the experience.

The Stetson University of Florida Chamber Orchestra under their inspired conductor Anthony Hose presented a captivating programme ranging from Elgar to Mendelssohn taking in Telemann, Percy Grainger and Morfydd Owen played with enthusiasm and a level of technical brilliance scarcely credible in young people with no professional experience but each having the ability to take on the world's

best when their university days are over. Those who were present were privileged to hear and see such consummate skills on display. Next season's programme is fully detailed on our website www.curryrivelmusic.org but a copy of the printed brochure giving these details is available from our Secretary, Mrs Anne Michell, telephone 01458 250863, email anne.michell@btinternet.com



From either source you will see that the opening concert is on Saturday 14th September when two artists selected by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust as having outstanding ability will perform on oboe and piano. The concert is open to all at a cost of £12 at the door. Children and students are admitted free. We look forward to seeing you.

SOMERTON U3A

Denise Clark

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 26 July when Somerset author Justin Newland will give a lively, illustrated talk on "Why ancient Egypt is known as 'The Mother and Father of All Things.'" He'll discuss what this means and how it still impacts our lives today. Justin will also reveal how this period of history inspired his debut novel, The Genes of Isis, an epic fantasy and supernatural thriller set under Ancient Egyptian skies. The story is a weave of two threads: the Ancient Egyptian myth of Isis and Osiris and the story of the flood in the Book of Genesis. Monthly meetings normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and a 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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Alison Cockrell

Fisherman's Friends (12A)

Friday 19 July



From the same producers as last summer's "Finding your Feet", this comedy-drama is based on the true story about a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who are signed by Universal Records and obtain a top 10 hit with their debut album of sea shanties.

Danny, a London music executive, played by Daniel Mays, heads off to Cornwall for a colleague's stag weekend where he is tricked by his boss into trying to sign the singing fishermen. However, he struggles to gain the respect and enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band. In attempting to overcome the fishermen's scepticism about the music business, Danny has his integrity tested.

Also stars: James Purefoy, Tuppence Middleton, David Hayman and Maggie Steed.

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.

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Charity theatre trips to Bristol Hippodrome for 2020

Chris Cox

The trip to see The **Lion King** in November is full, but there still a few seats available for the matinee on Sunday 27th October at a cost of £90 each including the coach.

Our latest booking is for Matthew Bourne’s fantastic and moving dance version of the film **The Red Shoes**, Tuesday 3rd March 2020. Stalls and Grand Circle seats at £61 and £39.

Also available for 2020:

The King and I: London production at Bristol on the evening of Thursday 26th March at £53 and £70.

Carmen: Welsh National Opera’s new production on Friday 13th March at £55.

We Will Rock You (Queen) on Wednesday 18 March, £45/£58.

All of these have a payment date in the New Year, but the sooner you reserve, the better seats you will receive. There is no charge for cancellation until I have paid for the tickets. Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Payment is usually due about two months before the show date. Any profit is donated to charity.

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Tuesday Group

Barbara Lancey

What a 'magical' evening we were all treated to! Before the magic began, the new Secretary and Treasurer were properly welcomed, and members were informed of and invited to participate in an outing to Sculpture by the Lakes near Dorchester, which was well received.

We quickly moved onto the main attraction for the evening, and Tony Griffiths, our visiting magician, began by demonstrating the first trick he ever learnt, which was amazingly clever and hilariously funny and all about a 'hole'! He explained he became interested at the age of 13/14 when given a book on magic. During National Service he developed his skills and entertained colleagues, and after National Service performed in cabaret and at dinners, etc. He saw an opening for touring schools with "The Science of Magic", and believed in the mantra "you hear,

you forget - you see, you remember - you do, you understand"! Tony briefly explained his remaining CV, ultimately leading to the talks and demonstrations he performs today.

Tony astounded the group with remarkable knots, number puzzles, optical illusions and then described the history of the Magic Circle, which started in 1905. He explained that most cities have a 'Society of Magic', but these are not the Magic Circle, which is an exclusive Club in London, and becoming a member requires a stringent process, starting with a nomination and a succession of demonstrations and performances! Tony then talked about and demonstrated the style of an early magician, Chan Canasta, and went on to explain how Tommy Cooper's comedic style came about. Answering questions from the floor, Tony told the group that playing cards were the most used of all props, and had evolved from single facet square cards to double facet cards (same whichever way up they are held) with rounded corners - less likely to be

damaged. He also pointed out that playing cards are made up of a myriad of mathematical patterns, from the number of cards and jokers in a pack to totals of their actual values!



Finally, with the help of two volunteers, Tony finished his presentation with some mind boggling tricks! The enjoyment of the group was obvious with the loud applause at the end to thank Tony for a wonderful evening's entertainment.

I will report on our June meeting in the next issue, but suffice to say the performance theme will have continued with a talk by Francis Burroughs entitled "Don't put your daughter on the stage!"

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

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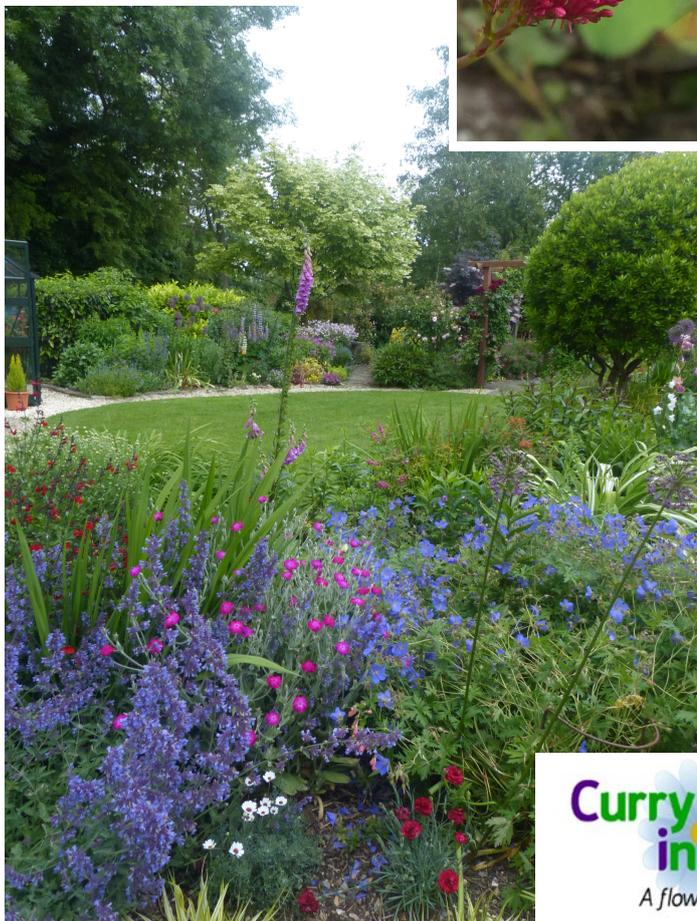
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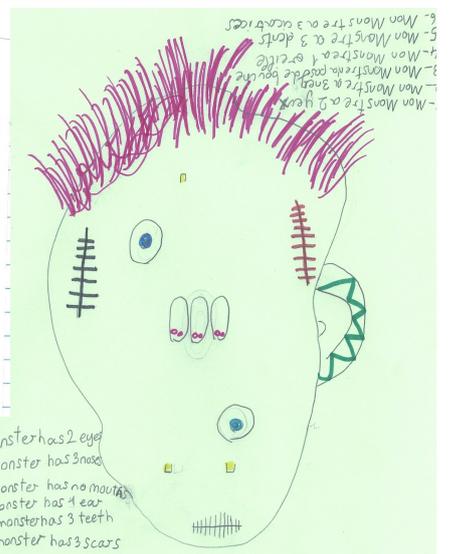
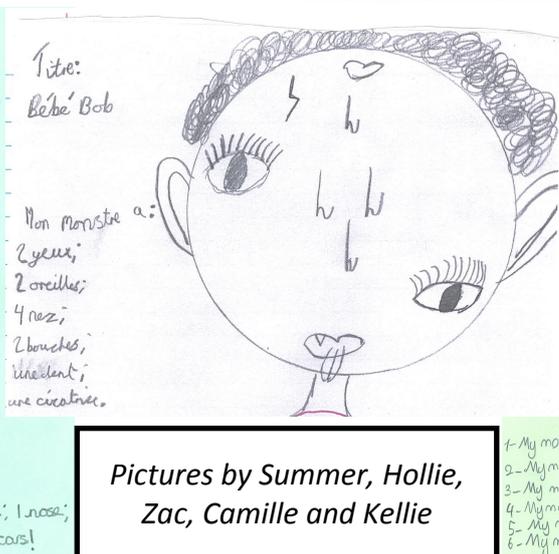
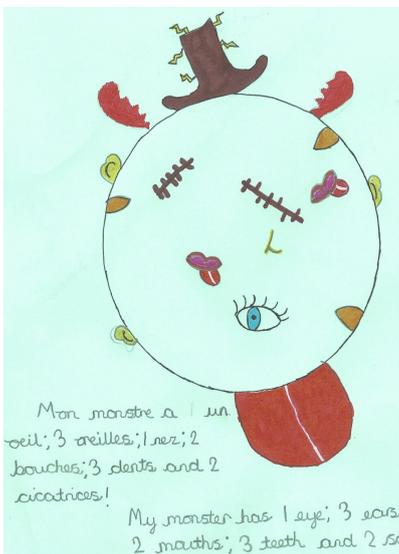
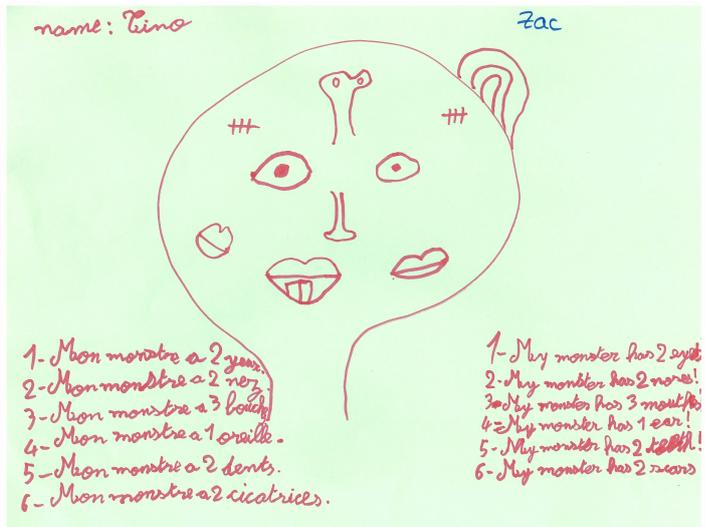
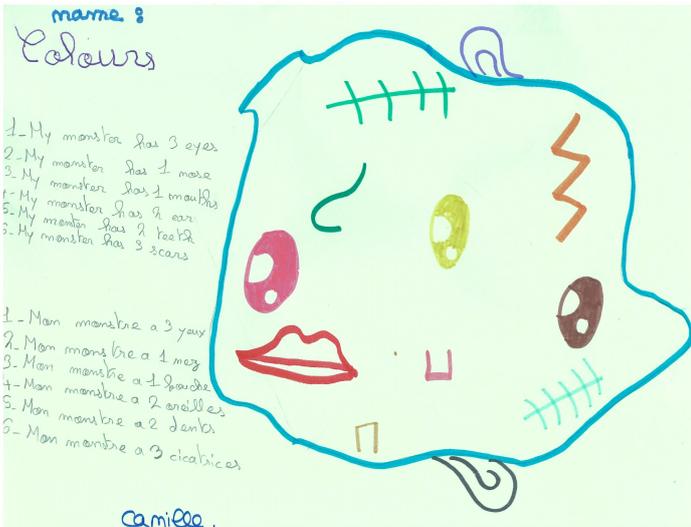


Big Breakfast... See article on front page



'Blenheim' pupils letter exchange with Chevilly

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Pictures by Summer, Hollie, Zac, Camille and Kellie

Children's Page



Just For KIDS

Hedgehog facts

Hedgehogs make a grunting noise when eating, which is why they are called "hedge-hogs"

Hedgehogs are known as the gardener's friend because they eat slugs and snails, they also eat beetles, caterpillars and earthworms in fact most insects and even small mammals.

Hedgehogs have between 5000 and 7000 spines, these are known as quills and last for one year before being replaced.

There are 17 known species of hedgehog around the world, our own local Curry Rivel hedgehog is scientifically known as *Erinaceus europaeus*. It is common around Britain and much of Europe.

Baby hedgehogs are called hoglets.

Hedgehogs hibernate in winter. They like to build a nest of dry leaves usually under things like hedges or sheds.

A group of hedgehogs is called a prickle.

Hedgehog Crossword

Clues can be found in 'Hedgehog facts'

Down

- 1 What hedgehogs do in the winter
- 2 Hedgehog spine
- 3 Slimy hedgehog food

Across

- 1 Baby hedgehog
- 2 A group of hedgehogs
- 3 Noise hedgehogs make

How to be a hedgehog friend

To encourage hedgehogs to your garden don't over-tidy, leaving leaf litter will give them somewhere to hibernate.

Don't use slug pellets as this could poison them.

Leave a small dish of drinking water (especially during summer) but never leave cow's milk as hedgehogs are lactose intolerant.

Hedgehogs will eat cat or dog food.

Hedgehogs are wild animals and do not make good pets so always leave them alone and watch from a safe distance.

Learn more about hedgehogs from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

Tel: 01584 890801

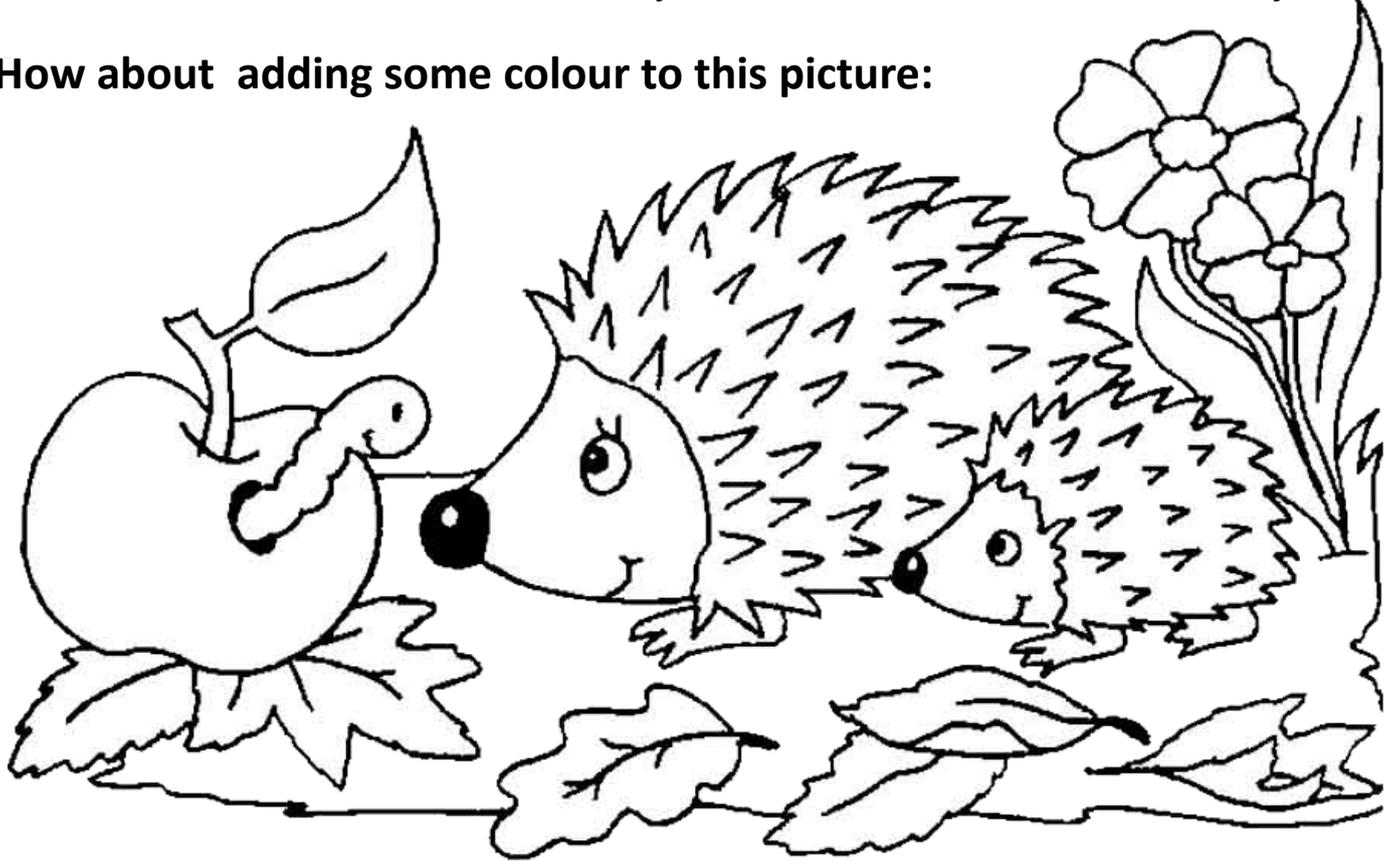
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Help us find Dinsdale the hedgehog

This is Curry Rivel's shy Hedgehog called Dinsdale. He has hidden himself somewhere in the paper. See if you can find him.



How about adding some colour to this picture:



Langport & District History Society *Event report June 2019*

Janet Seaton

Tales from the Quarter Sessions: Somerset's criminal past

In the last talk before our summer break, archivist Liz Grant took us through her work on the collection of Quarter Session records at the Somerset Heritage Centre, picking out some examples to give a flavour of Somerset life as seen from the judges' bench.

The courts of the Quarter Sessions were established in 1363 and generally dealt with minor offences. The Assize Courts, established in the 14th century, heard the more serious cases. Over time the work of the Quarter Sessions changed from purely criminal to dealing with more administrative matters such as the Poor Law and illegitimacy.

The Somerset Heritage Centre has one of the most complete collection of Quarter Sessions records, thanks to early Justices deciding that they needed to be kept for reference, and ignoring the voices of those who wanted to dispose of them. As a result of a grant-funded project, a catalogue of records from 1561 to 1800 is now available on their website.

Liz then took us on a tour of all manner of cases, from assault to bastardy orders, theft, swearing and witchcraft. The stories revealed in the documents were evidence statements, so the trial outcomes were often unknown, but nevertheless they revealed many amusing or bizarre examples. One such was the prosecution of two men who tried to steal another man's

ducks by wading naked through his pond. Someone else was accused of animal cruelty for dressing up a dog and making it smoke a pipe. A man was accused of swearing 200 profane oaths, and, as Liz pointed out, one wonders who was there to count them.

While some of the cases relating to the Monmouth Rebellion were unique to the West Country, most were typical of their times and could be found anywhere. Liz painted a clear picture of what a wealth of social history could be found by consulting these Quarter Sessions records.

The Society's next meeting will be at the **Sixth Form Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport TA10 9SS** on Monday 2 September at 7.30pm, when archaeologist John Smith will present a talk called *Roman life*. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria from 6.45pm. Non-members are very welcome, £4 per person. Anyone interested in joining the History Society should contact Sue Standen (01458 273471, suzannestanden471@btinternet.com). Follow the History Society at @langporthistory, and: <https://sites.google.com/site/langporthheritage/home>.

Letters page



Dear Editor,

I am a concerned resident of Curry Rivel.

I recently witnessed the spraying of Roundup (Glyphosate) Herbicide in public spaces around our village.

I'd really like to gauge what other people's feelings are on this issue; particularly concerning the exposure of our children and pets to these chemicals, not to mention the long term impact on the local biodiversity and environment. This, in the light of 17 Countries worldwide banning or restricting the use of this chemical mixture.

(Name & address supplied)

Burrowbridge WI

Jo Washington

It's been a busy month for Burrowbridge WI as we helped provide catering for the annual Parish Council meeting, a big thank you to all of our ladies who cooked, served and washed up! Followed by our own AGM, where we re-elected some existing members, added some new ones, and said thank you to others who have been a member of the committee for some time.

Next month we are very excited to be heading out to visit nearby Bere cider for the evening.

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District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

The first full council of the new term has taken place. The Liberal Democrats are now in charge of every committee having taken the unusual step of ensuring the leading party have the chair role in every position as well as holding positions on outside bodies. Previously it has always been considered good practice for the opposition to chair committees which hold the council's actions to account, such as Audit and Scrutiny, as a means of checking and balancing the decisions taken by the council but they have dispensed with this custom.

As you will know from previous articles the council has been undergoing a transformation programme for some time and it is still ongoing. Several of you have made us aware of a number of issues you are having, actually getting through on the telephone and speaking to someone being the number one complaint. IT/website are also causing problems along with a backlog of planning applications. If it is any consolation councillors are also having difficulties. However, we are aware that these issues are being raised and hopefully a solution will be found shortly.

Lots of activities have already been taking place in our ward – walking festivals, open gardens, big breakfasts and with summer now upon us please check your local social media and newsletters to continue supporting all the upcoming events.

Pilates

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Tuesday: Curry Rivel (Primary School)

6.00pm – 7.00pm (All levels)

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Thank you from the Red Cross

Chris Cox

May I express our thanks for the public's support for the Langport & District Red Cross 2019 Red Cross Week collection.

We raised £1801.75, somewhat lower than usual due to losing house-to-house collectors in several of our local villages. We thank those we did manage to reach for their generosity and the volunteers who so kindly gave of their time to collect for us. The service provided by our Red Cross group is much appreciated in the South Somerset area. A special thank you to Tesco Extra, Yeovil and Williams Supermarket, Somerton, where our bucket collections raised £900.25; £487.77 in Yeovil and £412.48 in Somerton.

We are appealing for new house-to-house volunteers in Somerton, Aller, Babcary, Langport & Huish Episcopi, Babcary, Long Load, Long Sutton, Kingsbury Episcopi, Low Ham, Curry Rivel & 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

The following table will enable you to extract the necessary information for the areas which your publication covers. All but the two bucket collections are house-to-house collections.



Hurds Hill

Pop-Up Sunday Afternoon Tea

Take tea in the elegant surroundings of Hurds Hill. Enjoy a very traditional Afternoon Tea or the more savoury High Tea

We have created a very special menu for these events, including a delicious sweet scone recipe to have with Strawberry and Pimms Jam or for the High Tea a Savoury Scone with Tomato Jam.
And why not start with Pimms or a glass of fizz?

Available Dates: 28 th July, 4th August, 18th August & 25th August
3.00 – 5.00pm

£20 per person ~ choice of menus on our Facebook Events page

Booking Essential
Please call David on 07766 572566 or email david@hurds Hill.com or through our Facebook Events @HurdsHillHouse

	2019	2018	2017
Aller	£0	£0	£0
Babcary	£0	£0	£0
The Charltons	£99	£172	£140
Curry Rivel	£112	£0	£0
Fivehead	£0	£178	£240
Henley	£84	£79	£166
High Ham	£0	£104	£0
Keinton Mandeville	£0	£0	£0
Kingsbury Episcopi	£0	£0	£0
Kingsdon	£65	£111	£101
Kingweston	£0	£0	£0

	2019	2018	2017
Langport	£68	£0	£113
Long Load	£0	£0	£0
Long Sutton	£0	£164	£234
Low Ham	£0	£0	£0
Pitney	£0	£0	£0
Somerton	£540	£642	£805
Yeovil Tesco Extra	£488	£0	£0
Langport Bucket	£0	£300	£0
Somerton Bucket	£412	£490	£396
Counter Top	£7	£3	£3
Donations	£20	£5	£0

Year	Total
1999	£1999
2000	£2010
2001	£2228
2002	£2548
2003	£2650
2004	£2854
2005	£3243
2006	£2993
2007	£2990
2008	£4251
2009	£2933

Year	Total
2010	£2742
2011	£2658
2012	£2302
2013	£2748
2014	£2220
2015	£2607
2016	£2327
2017	£2225
2018	£2346
2019	£1802

Rotary Gives £150 to Curry Rivel in Bloom

Roger Hampton

The Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton has given £150 to 'Curry Rivel in Bloom', to further develop 'Granny's Sensory Garden' in the village.

The Sensory Garden (opposite the War Memorial) will create an area of smells, sounds and colour to further improve the village. The Rotary Club is proud to be involved with this

Community Project, as it links to the 'Forget Me Not' Memory Cafe, that it also supports in the village. The Memory Cafe is at the Village Hall, every Tuesday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, for those with memory problems, or have suffered from strokes. For more information about Rotary or the 'Forget Me Not' Memory Cafe please call Clive Sills on 01458 251399.



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

July

Thursday 4th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Saturday 6th

2.00 - 4.30 pm **CR** Village Green

Church fete

Sunday 7th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

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

Monday 8th

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

Tuesday 9th

10.00-12.00 **CR OSR** - Craft & Coffee

Sunday 14th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

6.00 pm **FH** - Evening Worship

Thursday 18th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 21st

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 28th

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

August

Sunday 3rd

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Scott's spot



To view or do?

How much TV do you watch? I suspect even the most discerning of us probably watch (part of?) several programs a day, even if only to get our money's worth from the licence fee! And there's nothing wrong with that. Some of the programs on offer are well worth watching, bringing us insights into different cultures and the world around us. We take it for granted today, but the TV is an invention that has had an enormous impact on the world around us and made a huge difference to many lives. With just the touch of a button we can now stream whatever we want whenever we want.

It does, however, all come at a cost. Not so much in the licence fee or subscriptions involved (although those can be a significant drain on a family budget) but rather in terms of the effect TV can have on us and our real relationships. TV has the power to restrict, even destroy, conversation and family life, and hinder creativity. In short, it can bring us to a place where we're merely viewing life rather than actually living it - viewing instead of doing. So although our TVs can transport us to another world we need to remember that, however compelling it may be, what we're watching is actually a second-hand experience.

Scott's spot ctd . . .

Seeing a place on a screen is not the same as being there: watching other people's lives unfold is very different than working out our own. Perhaps a personal, or family, review of TV/Netflix/Amazon Prime etc. hours watched is due?

There is a parallel here, however, when it comes to faith. Rather like a second-hand view of life through TV, there's a danger we can settle for borrowed rather than personal experience. We may have recognised as false the assumption that just because someone was brought up in a 'Christian country' or a Christian home, that that makes them a Christian, but much of what we believe may still be based on what we've been *told* rather than what we've found to be true for ourselves. Just as a view of the world may be warped or stunted by a 'TV perspective' on life, so too our ideas about faith may be wrongly informed by the opinions of others. It's certainly true that we can learn from others in faith as much as in life, but in the end, there's no substitute for personal experience. My suspicion is that many today have simply accepted as true what others have said about church, faith and Christianity, rather than finding out for themselves. Perhaps you know that to be true of you.

In the Bible the Apostle Paul writes to Christians saying: *'...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, recognising that God is at work in you...'* (Philippians 2:12). Being a Christian is much more than merely knowing *about* God; it involves getting to know him first hand, enjoying a meaningful relationship with him, and working out your *own* salvation through faith in Christ.

But don't take my word for it, or even the Apostle Paul's, the only way you'll ever really know is to try it and see for yourself.

With blessings in Christ,
Revd. Scott.

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

We wish them God's blessing at the start of married life
31st May - Stephanie Cope and Nathan Geary

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.
23rd May - A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Mrs Shelagh Maureen Burdge
(† 5th May)

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

**St. Andrew's Church Fete
Saturday 6th July
2.00 - 4.30 pm on the Green**

(bad weather: in the Village Hall and School Hall)

New this year: several trade stalls with 'unusual' goods, **Graham, the Bike Vet** and **Teddy bear zip-wiring** from the church roof - bring your own Teddy and come to the front of the church where the Teddy bears will be received, hoisted up and then come zipping down.

Raffle tickets are still available at the Post Office, School Admin Office, Sandpits Heating - and on the day.

1st prize £100, 2nd prize large food hamper, and several other good prizes.

Car parking - in the village car park, in the School car park and on the forecourt of Crisp Clean (at the end of Church Street).



The flower display in Church can also be viewed Sunday 7th July 2.00 - 6.00 pm

**St. Andrew's Songs of Praise
Sunday 7th 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 20th 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 CR News for more details.

No entry charge - retiring collection for 'MIND', a mental health charity.

St. Andrew's Rotas July

Brass - Sue Randell

Flowers

6th - Fete

13th - Barbara Osborne

20th & 27th - Adrienne Holmes

Cleaning

6th - Liz Rendell

13th - Nicky Barker

20th - Jackie & John de Ronde

27th - Lynne Comley

United Reformed Church



July

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 7th - Rev Tim Richards

(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 14th - Witness Box

Sunday 21st - A Surprisingly Different Service

Sunday 28th - Mrs Jo Morling

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.

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Our Friends from Taiwan, at the Mid-Somerset Group Sunday Service held in West Street Church, Somerton

All seven are pastors within the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan; all seven come from the indigenous Amis tribe and speak Amis, Taiwanese and Mandarin. Only Fu Yan spoke confidently in English and acted as interpreter through out their stay. They performed indigenous worship songs for us on a number of occasions, sharing stories of their call to ministry, offering prayers and blessings in their mother tongue.

It was intriguing listening to pastors of a minority Christian church – only 5% of Taiwanese are Christian, the majority being Buddhist – we take for granted the Christian foundation of our nation, having a state Church, using the Christian calendar, basing holidays etc. around Christian festivals. For example, Christmas Day is not a public holiday in Taiwan; Christmas is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the 25th December and only by Christians not by everybody.

Although women can be pastors it is only a recent development: the 3 women were impressed by and envious of our reformed traditions' celebration of over 100 years of women as ministers and the freedom women church leaders have in hairstyles and choice of clothes. Long hair and sober attire are the expectation for them!

After our time together seven strangers became friends – language was not a barrier to share warmth, humour and Christian love. We hope they returned home enriched by their experience of Church in Somerset: we have certainly been enriched by their time with us.

Rev. Tim.

In July

Regular Events



MONDAY

9.45	Art Club	Village Hall
3.30 - 5.30	Messy Church (2nd only)	School Hall
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	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
1.30 - 3.30	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 6th	2.00pm to 4.30pm	Fete	Village green
Sat 6th	2:30pm	L & D History Society	Battlefield Walk Rose and Crown
Sat 20th	7.00pm	Free Summer Concert	St. Andrew's Church

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

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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
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	01278 256967
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

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

Community Services

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Yarlington Housing	01935 404500

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Primary School	251404
Huish Episcopi Academy	250501
Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre	251055

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District Council	01935 462462
County Council	0300 123 2224

Religious

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Lay Reader	01460 281555
Churchwarden	259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
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Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
URC Minister	252799

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