



June 2016

## Happy Birthday Your Majesty!

Curry Rivel celebrates the Queen's 90th birthday with a weekend of music and colour

After Curry Rivel LIVE, the village's music festival, on Saturday 11 June the village can settle down to a quieter but nevertheless exciting day of more horticultural entertainment with the Open Gardens event on Sunday 12 June.

Fortified by a Sunday 'Big Breakfast', available in the village hall from 8.30, visitors to the sixteen gardens, allotments and the wild flower meadow can start their tour of the village. Gardens are open from 11.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Tickets at £5 (accompanied children go free) are available at the Shell Garage before the event and at the village hall on the day. Programmes and maps are available and the Girl Guides will be out and about in the village to help if you get lost!

The children at the primary school who have been responsible for some of the scarecrows on display will also be showing off their little garden and while you're in the school grounds you can treat yourself and family to an ice cream!

For a small extra cost visitors can travel around the village in a wagon drawn by The Suffolk Punch Horses. Parking difficulties are indicated in the programme for those who will be using motorised transport to access the gardens.

Cream Teas are available at two venues, on the Green and in Heale Lane, near the entrance to the allotments, and light refreshments are on offer in some of the gardens. The country market in the centre of the village will have plants and other goodies to buy.

Everyone can become involved on the day by decorating their houses in red, white and blue. If you would like to make a scarecrow to supplement what the children are doing let me know. Donations of plants or cakes/scones for the cream teas will be gratefully received please get in touch with John Andrew on 251522 or email [jgandrew59@gmail.com](mailto:jgandrew59@gmail.com).

Organising this event has involved many people to whom I would like to offer a massive vote of thanks. All the proceeds from the event will be shared between village groups.

## Village Defibrillator Installed



Steve Beney and David Gibson

Last October the British Heart Foundation in conjunction with the Department of Health initiated a scheme to provide defibrillators throughout the country, especially in rural areas. Following a successful grant application made by the parish council, the village now has this useful equipment installed on the left hand side of the front wall of the Shell Garage building.

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## Village Defibrillator Installed....

The defibrillator is registered and its location recorded with the SW Ambulance service. Dialling 999 in an emergency will initiate the despatch of a paramedic team and the caller would be advised from where to collect the defibrillator if not already done.

The defibrillator is fully automated and explains how it is operated therefore any member of the public may use it without training. However it is intended to organise a series of training sessions in the village on CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) which will include use of the defibrillator.

Anyone interested in attending a training session please leave your name and contact details with one of the following people who will advise you of the time and place of the training sessions.

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## Parish Council Shorts – from the May meeting

Madelaine King-Oakley

### Parish Council Vacancy

Our thanks, best wishes and good health go to Kath Gardner who resigned at the May meeting after 13 years as a Parish Councillor. Kath worked tirelessly for the community. She has visited hundreds of planning application sites and reported back to our meetings her conversations with applicants and often the neighbours. She also liaised with Taunton Deane, who do our hedge and grass cutting, which involved some cold early morning meetings! It is always sad when we lose one of our team, so we wish her well and I will be still calling on her for her knowledge of the history of the village

### Would you like to become a councillor?

If you have lived or owned a property in the village for more than one year and interested in joining the Parish Council please email, before the end of June, our Clerk, Jenny Ludgate at [m.ludgate@btinternet.com](mailto:m.ludgate@btinternet.com) If you would like to know more, please give me a ring on 01458 253976 or speak to any of the other councillors:

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### Provision of Litter and Dog Waste Bins

The litter bin on the Green is to be replaced and a new bin is to be installed in the car park. A new dog bin is to be positioned on the corner of Butt Lane opposite the Old School Room.

### Minutes and agenda

If you would like to read the minutes of the meetings or look at the agenda and planning agenda for the next meeting please look at the Curry Rivel Community website.

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30pm in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you on June 2nd.



### Deadlines for July Edition

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# Implementation of the Parish Plan

Peter Goodenough

## Traffic in the Village

Three estimates for a professional independent assessment of the highway options in the village were obtained and discussed. The majority view was that the professional traffic consultants would "not tell the PC anything that they did not already know". The minority view was that the consultants might well have some innovative ideas. The democratic majority view was accepted and no assessment was commissioned however a meeting with Gary Warren from Somerset Highways was arranged and several councillors met with him in May. A wide ranging discussion did not produce any obvious major way forward. Minor works were discussed and an attempt will be made to improve the pavement by the War Memorial, where there is a pronounced unprotected drop from the pavement to the road, and a short section of narrow pavement in Townsend may be widened. Traffic calming measures, lower speed limits, rumble strips etc were ruled out as not possible within the built environment along the A378 but rumble strips at the entrances to the village, out

of earshot of houses, may be possible. Mr Warren agreed to investigate the Shared Street concept although the majority view was that this was not appropriate for Curry Rivel.

### **Extending links with the Friends of Langport Surgery**

The PC had no information on this topic. Please contact the Clerk if you have any information on how the PC can help to extend links which you think would benefit villagers.

### **Controlling the dumping of dog excrement in the Parish**

The PC appeals to all dog owners to remove their dog's waste from public footpaths, roads and farmland. New containers have been purchased by the PC for the use of dog owners and they are regularly emptied. Farm animals can be badly affected by parasites carried by dogs, in the worst case abortion of lambs can occur. If there are other places where bins are needed please inform the Clerk. Finally please do not collect faeces in plastic bags and then hang them in bushes etc., bin them.

## District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

For those of you who are unaware, earlier this year Huish Episcopi Leisure applied for a Sport England grant to assist with the financial implications of building a roof on the swimming pool. This application was successful and along with financial support from South Somerset District Council (SSDC) and Huish Leisure, I can now report that work will start in September to provide the only indoor swimming pool in Area North. I am sure this will prove to be a popular and greatly utilised asset for our area and we look forward to it being completed in 2017.

My second year as a councillor looks to be a busy one as SSDC has a number of matters to resolve such as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), establishing a strategic alliance between South Somerset and Sedgemoor and the Westlands takeover, of which I have written about earlier this year. However, SSDC are also in a process of Transformation. This means redesigning and recreating their current operating system so it works 'for the people' rather than the people having to 'work the system', whilst at the same time addressing the significant financial, managerial and technologies challenges being faced by all local authorities. It is in its initial stage so what this will look like for the customer and the number of job losses which will occur as a result are still, as yet, unclear.

The next Councillor surgery with Cllrs Shane Pledger, Clare Aparicio-Paul and myself will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am – 11am venue to be confirmed. If you have any matters you wish to discuss please contact me on [tiffany.osborne@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:tiffany.osborne@southsomerset.gov.uk) or 07876 566546 to book an appointment.

Finally, I hope you have noticed The Bell has received a bit of care and attention thanks to the section 215 which was issued on the owners by SSDC earlier this year. Although it now looks much more aesthetically pleasing, which is important for a building so central in our village, it still does not resolve the structural issues that clearly remain. Once the bats have left their winter residence it is our intention to reissue the planning permission in the hope the owners will eventually start work on improving the site.

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# The Firehouse Somerset Opens for Business

When will the Olde Forge reopen? This has been the question often asked by villagers during the past eighteen months. The answer is now (the Whit Bank Holiday weekend), but not as the Olde Forge but under its new name The Firehouse Somerset. And indeed little remains of the old restaurant layout in the imaginative remodelling restoration work that has been carried out to this old village building situated in Church Street. Rooms in the adjacent 17<sup>th</sup> century cottage which were previously the landlords' private living space have been sympathetically incorporated into the main building and now offer the opportunity for a more intimate dining experience. In contrast with these old beamed rooms is the light filled mezzanine area which has a modern buzzy atmosphere suiting the casual diner.

Kate Macey has handed over the reins of Living Pretty to Maxine Clare and her staff in order that she may concentrate on running the new pub/restaurant. She and the locally recruited staff look forward to welcoming villagers and customers from further

afield to sample a menu consisting of homemade fresh food using locally sourced ingredients. Kate's fiancée Ed will be managing the all-important matter of the bar and sister-in-law Miranda will be working closely with the head chef.

The Maceys aren't newcomers to the pub business – Albert Macey (Kate's grandfather) was landlord of the King William for thirteen years back in the 1940s so as Kate says 'it's in the blood'! She added that it is very much the wish of the Maceys that the pub becomes a focal point for the community, whether it be for a quiet drink after work and a bar snack or a planned evening out with dinner. Kate also apologised to car park users for the inconvenience caused during the rebuilding programme and thanked everyone for their patience. Will the car park be big enough – only time will tell, but with its central position in the village the Firehouse is accessible to many residents on foot!

## Britain in Bloom

### Red, White and Blue Competition

The weekend of the Curry Rivel Open Gardens and Queen's Birthday celebrations is nearly upon us! There is still time to enter the Red, White and Blue Frontage competition by contacting Sylvia Goodenough on 01458 250091 or email smgoodenough@aol.com - please sign up by 10 June. Judging will be over the weekend of 11 / 12 June or on the Monday. The response to this competition has been good so far, and we are looking forward to seeing the village blooming with patriotic colours over that weekend!

We apologise for the error on last month's cover, it wasn't Joan Lindsey but JEANNIE QUANTOCK:

the lady with owl.

CR News

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# Movies in the Village Hall

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## Dad's Army (PG)

Friday 17 June



Based on the well-loved TV comedy series of the 1960s and 70s, the movie is set in 1944 as the Second World War draws to a conclusion. A glamorous journalist, played by Catherine Zeta-Jones, is sent to report on the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard – just the thing to boost the platoon's low morale. In the meantime, MI5 has discovered a radio signal transmitted from Walmington-on-Sea towards Berlin, seemingly the work of a spy, which offers the Home Guard the opportunity to make a real difference to the war effort.

Stars:

Toby Jones, Bill Nighy, Michael Gambon and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Refreshments are on sale. Tickets £6 are available at the door.

Coming soon: *The Jungle Book* (PG) and *Cinderella* (U)

## Where's Ed To?

After over wintering in Bishkek, Ed has returned to the point in Kazakhstan where he paused on his journey last November. His world unicycle tour continues to throw up challenges as he proceeds along the M32 from Aktobe for the next 1000 plus miles. Pleased to be back on his 'big

wheel' Ed has been battling the rain storms and vicious winds that have slowed his progress through the wide flat Kazakh landscape. Mosquitoes have plagued him and a broken hub was an added inconvenience. Strong winds continue to blow from all directions, (except from behind!) putting even more pressure on Ed as he pedals furiously to beat his Kazakh visa expiry date.

Next stop China!

## Alan Norton

In addition to the wicker chair which was purchased for Alan Norton and presented to him at his party in April a further gift of £450 was passed on to our ex post master, the final sum of the generous donations made by villagers and ex customers.



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# LANGPORT & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

## Brewing in Somerset

Barry Winetrobe

The May meeting of the Society at Langport Library featured a talk by Mary Miles on Brewing in Somerset.

She outlined a brief history of brewing, from its origins thousands of years ago in China and Egypt, summarised the various historical recipes for ale and beer, and then moved on to the reasons why Somerset became a centre of brewing, including the availability of famed Porlock barley and of pure water. Brewing was common in Britain by Roman times, especially in villas such as has been discovered in Catsgore. By the time of the Conquest, ale had become the staple drink of the people, being a safer substitute for water or milk. It was estimated that, in the 17th century, every person in Somerset consumed an average of a quart of beer daily.

Much was produced by the Church, which found it a useful source of revenue, and domestically by women, known as 'alewives'. These women supplied not only their own families' needs, but also sold ale. Unlike many of the crafts of their menfolk, their industry was not well respected, and the 'alewife' became a term of derision. When the introduction of hops helped the growth of brewing, it became a male-dominated, and so more acceptable, profession.

As brewing grew, it became more regulated, by what would now be regarded as 'consumer protection'. However this led to the concentration of brewing enterprises, often with local monopolies, at the expense local choice and jobs, something which was a cause for complaint, for example, in Ilchester in the 1630s. Home-brewing declined in the 1700s

because of taxes and rising fuel costs. William Cobbett noted how beer was being replaced by tea, something he deplored. When the temperance movement grew in the 19th century, commercial brewers responded with ranges of non-alcoholic drinks.

Mary then described the rise and fall of many Somerset breweries, such as the famous Shepton Mallet enterprise, which developed into the Anglo-Bavarian Brewery, and those of the Starkey, Hancock and Arnold families. Somerset was in the vanguard of many improvements in brewing techniques, and its beer was exported around the world, something she illustrated with the global popularity of Taunton Ale in the 18th and 19th centuries. She brought the story up to date with the demise of the major breweries by the 1960s, and the more recent development of micro-breweries.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be on Monday 6 June 2016 when Colin Spackman will give a presentation on Wellington and its Dukedom. It is free to members (annual membership is a bargain £12!); non-members are welcome; admission £2, including refreshments. Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact Sue Standen (01458 273471, [suzannestanden471@btinternet.com](mailto:suzannestanden471@btinternet.com)).

## READER'S RECIPES

### Queen Cakes

Fun to make with the children and even more fun to decorate with red, white and blue icing!

#### Ingredients

100g sugar  
100g butter or margarine  
150g self raising flour  
2 eggs  
1 tspn vanilla extract  
1 tspn of water  
To finish  
100g sieved icing sugar  
Food colouring  
Smarties, cake sprinkles and hundreds and thousands

#### Method

1. Cream the butter or margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.
  2. Gradually beat in the eggs adding a spoonful of the flour and then add the vanilla extract and water.
  3. Fold in the rest of the flour.
  4. Divide the mixture between the cake cases and bake in a moderately hot oven – 160C fan gas 5 – for 15 -20 minutes.
- Allow to cool.  
Beat enough cold water into the icing sugar to give a thick flowing consistency. Divide into batches before adding different food colourings. Spoon onto the cakes and decorate.



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# Growing Your Own

Peter and Sylvia Goodenough



"Flaming" June is the month with the highest light levels - plant heaven if coupled with warmth and some rain (preferably at night). In the autumn we mentioned our plants of *Geranium Maderense* that we grew from seeds collected in Madeira. Thanks to a mild winter and horticultural fleece they have done well over winter and hopefully will have their spectacular flowers in June. We hope they will be out for the Open gardens event on 12th, but perhaps that's optimistic. Do come along and see at The Woods.

In the vegetable garden it is time to get legume crops organised - autumn sown broad beans should be cropping (the mild winter has given us our best crop yet) as should peas. There is still time to sow main crop peas but no later than the beginning of the month as they don't like high temperatures, unlike French beans and runners, which should be put in their final positions early in the month if not already there. All the salad crops should be growing well - sow small amounts in succession to keep up a steady supply. Tomatoes under cover need staking, side shoots stopping and weekly feeding with high potassium (potash) fertiliser. Winter crops such as Brassicas should be planted out this month.

Watering is essential everywhere to support growth during dry periods. Mowing will be a regular job, particularly if we get some rain. Roses are in bloom and removing side buds from flower shoots will lead to large, beautiful flowers. It may be necessary to spray against aphids, blackspot, mildew and rust though many recent varieties are resistant to some or all of these. Cut back early flowering herbaceous perennials,

such as hardy geraniums, to within 3 inches of soil level after flowering. Divide primroses and primulas for replanting. Using your fingers, pinch the terminal bud out of chrysanthus that were planted in May as this encourages bushy growth. They will also benefit from a high nitrogen feed. Half-hardy annuals can be planted out this month; remember to water them and support the taller ones as they grow. If you want to lift bulbs, now is the time as their leaves yellow; put them in shallow boxes and dry somewhere well-ventilated. When they are dry remove dead outer bits and then store them until the autumn. Narcissus bulbs are quite happy staying in the ground but big clumps can be dug up, split and replanted either immediately or in the autumn. Tulips on the other hand really need a very dry, preferably hot, period in the summer, and so do better if dug up and kept in dry soil, either in a greenhouse or conservatory but do not allow them any moisture. Meanwhile autumn flowering bulbs can be planted out.

Hopefully there will be lots of soft fruit to enjoy this month. Strawberry plants do well for about three years and then should be replaced. The easiest way to do this is to allow some runners to grow on after fruiting and peg the ends into separate pots of compost- they will then root from the tips and in the autumn the runners should be cut off the mother plant and planted in a new bed, while the mother plants should then be burned, not composted.

So, lots to do but it is also the best month to enjoy your garden, with long, mild, scented evenings to relax in it (well, we can dream!) so find time for some of that too!

## PROBUS

Paul Crocker

Prison riots, roof top negotiations and being held hostage in a converted furniture van were all elements of the fascinating talk given by retired prison chaplain Canon Mike Peters to Langport and Curry Rivel Probus Club's May meeting at the Thai Mango restaurant in Langport.

Probus is a mixed club for retired professional, business and other people, who miss the friendliness and fellowship of the

work place. We are an easy-going bunch who don't take ourselves too seriously, and who enjoy a monthly get together, an interesting talk, and a nice lunch.

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## Twinning Visit – Reflections and Highlights

Roz Harwood

If you ever get the chance to join in a twinning visit, may I suggest you take it. I did. After weighing up the pros and cons I paid, insured myself for 4 days, checked my passport, packed light (tea bags included) and joined the 29 other people waiting for the coach in the car park. All ages from about 7 years to 70+ boarded and we spread ourselves comfortably around the coach.

Coach – ferry – coach; an interesting way to travel. Time to chat, time to sleep and time to practise some French phrases. We had a comfortable channel crossing (seas calm) and soon we docked in Caen. The overnight stop was as adequate as most Travel lodge type accommodation all over Europe – and tea bags available!

The next stop was Le Mans. Lunch in a restaurant with a newly made companion. Of course we tried the wine – just a half bottle of rosé something or other. Our host was a beautiful French man with very white teeth and a loud French voice. So, as the rosé had its predictable effect, we giggled to each other like schoolgirls over the handsomeness of our host. Tea was also available.

*En arrive dans le soir* (yes, that was the limit of my French) in Chevilly. Our families swept us away to their homes. I cannot speak highly enough of their welcome and generosity, so I won't. Suffice to say Catherine's English was very good. Her husband, Alain, spoke none, but with a huge French/English – English/French dictionary we managed very well.

I also managed to locate a teapot fairly quickly and a tin for my teabags. For breakfast Catherine drank hot water with honey, Alain had hot chocolate, and Jenny – who was also their guest – had coffee, so I didn't feel I was putting anyone to any more trouble than necessary because tea was available.





Our trips out were planned really well. Orléans for shopping! Jenny needed an umbrella – which amazingly kept the rain to just when we were in the coach, and stopped whenever we walked about. Well done, Jenny! An official twinning trip to France Miniature brought delight in varying degrees. The children would run and play and others could stroll amongst these little scenes and historic buildings. It was a fun day – and tea was available!

The evening quiz became quite competitive, not French versus English but table against table. I still don't know who won, but it was great fun and, yes, tea was available.

The last night was spent in great company. Jenny and I were guests of some

founder members of the French association. A beautiful table was set. Food flowed around, as did the champagne, white wine and red wine. So, having the combination of company, food and wine in abundance opinions grew stronger and subjects of politics and wine were discussed. Yes, we would stay in Europe. No, the red wine was not good and could do with laying down for

another year. Then I put my foot in it.

"There are other wines from the New World that are lovely?" I suggested. Never speak like that to a French man. With a twinkle in his eye he exclaimed his horror at what I had said. But the *entente cordiale* was resumed with a rendition of 'God Save Our Gracious Queen' and two or three toasts to all of us around the table. A very special night. No tea was necessary. I was nearly French. So thank you Twinning Committee. Muchas Gracias – oops, that's Spanish. Sorry!



## Wildlife Group for the Village?

**W**ildlife is alive and well in Curry Rivel! A nightingale can be heard singing most days and nights to the west of the village, herons are nesting in Swell Wood and red kites have been seen over the village. Gardens, fields, hedges and verges are suddenly full of new growth.

The Royal Horticultural Society, of Chelsea Flower Show fame is a partner in Britain in Bloom which we hope our village will become increasingly aware of over the coming months. The RHS is also in partnership with the Wildlife Trusts and together they are keen to encourage gardeners to be wildlife friendly and do much to provide guidance and advice.

Our Open Gardens Day on June 12th will have examples of how gardens can look good, be interesting and help wildlife at the same time. The wildlife friendly meadow known as Batty Piece (adjacent to Eastfield) will be open to all. The name of this field has its origins in the Parish tithe map of 1840.

In a follow up to the Parish Plan a small group of residents is getting together to share their interests in wildlife in general and to look for ways to be better informed of the natural riches all around us. There is much to lose. Please join us if you have an interest in wildlife. Contact David German on 01458 259688

For information about the RHS go to:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk> and for local Somerset Wildlife go to:

[http://www.somersetwildlife.org/Heart\\_of\\_the\\_Levels](http://www.somersetwildlife.org/Heart_of_the_Levels)

## Village Hall 200 Club

'You have to be in it to win it!'

**T**he next draw will take place at the Church Fete on Saturday 2 July, so there's still time to buy your units. To purchase a unit please contact the Promoter - Mrs Myfanwy Ashton on 01458 251877. Any person aged 18 and over may purchase any number of Units at a cost of £10.00 per unit per year and this entitles entry to two half yearly draws. On each occasion 13 prizes are drawn - one of these prizes being a big one. 50% of subscriptions is returned as prizes and the other 50% is used to help fund repairs and improvements to the Village Hall

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor.....

## Call for 20mph speed limit

In May there was a head-on collision in the High Street in the vicinity of the former Post Office, which took place between a 4-wheel drive vehicle and a lorry. Fortunately, this accident happened after the morning rush to get young children to school, so that no pedestrians were injured. The driver of the lorry hurt his leg, but the driver of the 4-wheel drive vehicle who pulled-up just opposite the King William, to inspect the damage to his vehicle, assured me that he was okay. He subsequently drove-off in the direction of Taunton.

One could say that it was inevitable that there would be an accident at this dangerous blind bend in the main road through our village, and that knowing this in advance, something should have been done to try to avoid such an occurrence; but what could be done? It is obvious that this is a dangerous point in the main road, largely because of its narrowness and the narrow pavements, but above all the fact that cars are permitted to park on the southern side of the road at a blind bend. It can be argued that one cannot stop

householders parking in front of their properties on the High Street because there is nowhere else for them to be parked, this then leaves us with only one alternative which is to reduce the speed limit in the centre of the village from 30 to 20mph; because we are told that 'it is speed that kills'.

If it is possible to impose a 20 mph speed limit just 2 miles further down the road, where the road is quite straight (in Langport), surely the same can be done in our village where we have this dangerous blind bend.

I suggest that it is now time that something positive was done to prevent further accidents at this point in the village which will make Curry Rivel a safer place for us all, but especially for our children who have to pass along these narrow pavements on their way to and from school.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Powell.



## RNLI Somerton & Langport Area Branch

We are so grateful to all those who supported our House to House collection throughout the area and Flag Day street collections in Somerton & Langport at the end of April. The sum raised was £3,614.71

Mary Mullineux

## Stroke Awareness Day

I would like to thank you for the article that you printed highlighting the Stroke Awareness day that the Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton organised in April in the Tesco Car Park. The event was a huge success with 79 people having their Blood Pressure taken, and of those 21 had high blood pressures and were advised to contact their local GP. High blood pressure can be the major cause of strokes, so highlighting these high blood pressures may have saved a life. The event in Langport was one of over 1,600 national Stroke Awareness Days organised by Rotary International.

Regards

Roger Hampton



*The Rotary Team at the Stroke Awareness Day*



## FLOWER SHOW 2016

The **FLOWER SHOW** will be held on **SATURDAY 6 AUGUST** at **2.30pm** in the **Village Hall**

Last year's Flower Show proved to be very successful but, we would like even more entries this year. But it's not just a flower show, there are numerous other classifications to enter which don't involve growing! As well as Vegetables - Flowers - Fruits there's Flower Arranging - Home Made Cakes, Jams, Jellies, etc., a Men Only Section, Photography and Painting, Craft Section, Sugar Craft together with a Children's Section. 'Top Tray' and 'Top Vase' will still feature, with a first prize voucher of £10, a second prize voucher of £5 and a third prize voucher of £3 being offered.

The subjects for the Painting Section are 'Summerlands' (The Levels) and 'A painting of your choice'. The paintings should

be 12" x 10" and unmounted. The subjects for the Photography Section are 'A sleeping animal' - 'Sport' - 'A photograph of your choice'. Photographs should be up to 7" x 5" and unmounted. Subjects for the Craft Section are 'Waist or Full Apron' and 'Napkin Ring'. For the Sugar Craft Section a Decoration for a 6" to 8" Cake.

The Children's Section classes are a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday card, a Vegetable carved or decorated into an animal shape, a Garden on a plate.

**You can also look forward to the usual delightful cream teas. Schedules, which include an entry form, will be available from SANDPITS HEATING and THE SHELL GARAGE from the 7<sup>th</sup> June**

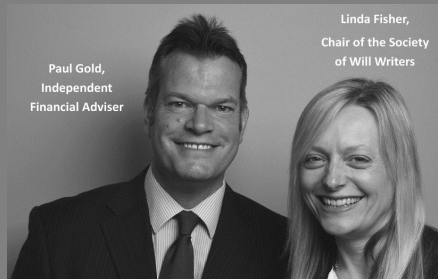
## SONGS OF PRAISE – all welcome

The United Reformed Church has invited the St. Andrews Church choir and congregation to sing hymns, to be chosen by members of each church, at the URC Chapel, Wiltown on Sunday 19th June at 4pm, followed by tea. A warm welcome is extended to anyone from the village to join us.

This will be a very happy occasion and an excellent tea is assured.

Please contact URC Secretary, Robert Crowley, for more information if required:

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## Food Waste and Patient Care

The May meeting is always a busy time for us. Our AGM went smoothly, looking back over the year just gone, we are always amazed at how much we have achieved. We now have some new committee members and expect the next year to be just as good.

This year, two resolutions are up for debate at the National Annual Meeting in Brighton in June. The first one concerns food poverty and calls on supermarkets to pass on more of their waste to charities. This created a lot of discussion and it was felt that the waste thrown away by supermarkets was only a very small part of the problem. Much more waste is generated in the home and by the policy of the supermarkets of rejecting perfectly good food at source, because it's not perfect. We decided to let our delegate listen to the views of the professional speakers in Brighton and make a choice on our behalf. The second resolution concerns the care of patients with Alzheimers when they are admitted to hospital for an unrelated condition and asks for carers to be able to stay with their loved ones. Again there was a lot to discuss, most of us have some experience of loved ones living with this terrible disease and felt that it was a good subject for the WI to get involved in. There was some concern that carers

needed a break and shouldn't be expected to spend all day in the hospital too, but a majority voted to support this resolution. We'll have to wait and see what decisions are taken in June.

We are making plans for the summer and hope to join in with the Village Litter pick in May and the Open Gardens event in June. We have played our last skittles match of the season but our garden visits and walks continue each month. We are planning more visits and events to give our members lots of different experiences and opportunities.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th June in the Village Hall and our speaker will be Neil Lovesey from Picket Lane Nursery in South Perrott. He will be telling us how to achieve 12 months of colour in the garden. Why not come along and join in, 9.50am for a 10.00am start and find out more about us. If you'd like a lift or have any questions, please call Jackie German on 01458 259688 or email jackiegerman@hotmail.com

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## St. Andrew's Church



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

### June

#### Thursday 2nd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 5th

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

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00pm **CR** - Evening Worship

#### Thursday 9th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 12th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

**11.00 FH** - Service of Thanksgiving  
for The Queen's birthday

#### Tuesday 14th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

#### Thursday 16th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 19th

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

#### Monday 20th

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

#### Thursday 23rd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 26th

9.30 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

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

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

#### Tuesday 28th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

2.45pm **Immacolata House**  
- Residents' Communion

#### Thursday 30th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

**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

### 'The Servant Queen and her King'

In this, the month of Queen Elizabeth II's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, whether royalist or republican, I think we cannot help but be deeply impressed by our Queen and the life she's lived.

As one publication put it, the Queen is by any measure a remarkable woman. She's the longest reigning monarch in British history; she never went to university, but has been the advisor and confidante to twelve British Prime Ministers; she's a 90 year old senior citizen, but still works over 40 hours a week; she is the most famous woman in the world, but seems as relaxed in a school, a residential care home or a technology company as in the company of celebrities or other Heads of State; she has had a gruelling travel and work schedule for over 60 years but as the political commentator Andrew Marr pointed out: *'There are no reliable incidents of the Queen losing her temper, using bad language, or refusing to carry out a duty expected of her'*. Most of us would find it hard to match that record for a week, never mind 60 years!

So what's the secret of her remarkable consistency of character and extraordinary contribution to this country, and the world?

On Christmas Day, like millions around the country, part of our family tradition is to sit down and watch the Queen's Speech, her message to the Commonwealth that has been given almost every year since 1932.



### From the Registers

#### Funerals

*May God grant them eternal rest.*

26th April - Celebration for the life of  
Mrs Sheila White († 17th April)

26th May - Service of thanksgiving  
for the life of  
Mrs Rosemary Leaf († 4th May)

## July

#### Sunday 3rd

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

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

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

Perhaps you've noticed that on many occasions she has explicitly, but always gently, spoken of her personal faith in the one whose birth is celebrated that day. In 2011, on the theme of forgiveness she said: *'Although we (human beings) are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves...God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general...but a Saviour, with the power to forgive'*. And on other occasions she has spoken of Jesus as *'an inspiration'* a *'role model'* and *'an anchor in her life'*.

So to answer the question above, it seems clear that what roots our Queen and shapes her character, is faith in God through Jesus Christ His Son. To use her own words spoken in 2002: *'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel'*.

On the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> this month countless thousands will be gathering to celebrate the Queen's official 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and the extraordinary leadership and service she has offered. In **Curry Rivel** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, the 'Open Gardens' event will mark the occasion with much floral red, white and blue, and in **Fivehead** a special service of thanksgiving will be held at St. Martin's church at 11.00 am, followed by a bring your own 'street party' lunch at 12.30 pm in the Fivehead Village Hall.

As we enjoy these community celebrations together and the pomp and spectacle on the TV, could I also encourage you to pause for thought. For those who share the Queen's faith, that we might draw encouragement from her courageous and life-long Christian witness; and for those who don't, that her faith -both lived and spoken- might gently point you to the King she serves.

Happy birthday, your Majesty.

Revd. Scott Patterson.



### St. Andrew's Flower Guild meeting



There will be a planning meeting for the fete flowers, at **2.00 pm on Monday 6th June**, in the church.

### Church fete on the Village Green Saturday 2nd July 2.00 - 4.30 pm

An opportunity to browse the stalls with books, cakes, crafts and plants or have a go on the tombola. There will also be a collection of classic cars, birds of prey, and the **Drayton hand bell ringers** will show their skills at 2.30 pm in the Church. At 3.00 pm the popular dog show starts.

For the children there is plenty to do, including a **bouncy castle** and (for those up to 11 years) a **fancy dress competition: for the most imaginative outfit in red, white and blue**. To enter this competition, just turn up in your chosen outfit at 3.45 pm **in the centre of the Green** (or School Hall, in case of bad weather) when the Ringmaster will announce the start of the judging; prizes include tickets to Tropiquaria and the Fleet Air Arm Museum.

**Teas** will be served from the OSR and the Flower Guild will have decorated the church with flower arrangements based on the theme **'Birthdays'** (these can also be viewed on **Sunday 3rd July 2.00 - 5.00 pm**). The tower can be climbed to view the surrounding area, starting at **2.00 pm**.

Donations of items for sale on stalls or suitable for tombola prizes will be gratefully received; to arrange collection, please ring 251355 or 252429, preferably before the week of the fete. Cakes (for the cake stall or with the teas) and plants can be delivered on the day of the fete day.

### We look forward to seeing you on the Green

(or in the **marquee on the Green** and the **School Hall** in case of bad weather)

### St. Andrew's - Rotas June

**Brass** - Lynne Comley & Wendy Graves  
**Flowers**

4th, 11th & 18th - weddings  
25th - Adrienne Holmes

### Cleaning

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



## PILLOW TALK



Two things have come to mind: SATS testing at school and my daughter's comment on crossing from Devon into Cornwall. I haven't been sure which to write about so decided I'd try both and see what comes of it.

SATS: we've made little of them at home until Leah herself mentioned she was disappointed in one of her mock tests and wanted some help. Other parents had bought trial papers and she wanted some too. Duly ordered they arrived and that's when trouble started; reading through the grammar test I needed to google a number of terms because I had no idea what they were referring to! How to help when I had no depth of understanding myself (and I did take English Language O & A level with good results!). Something also seemed to 'switch' inside me too: from keeping everything low key and relaxed to needing to make sure we did homework as often as we possibly could and concentrate and focus. It became *important to me* we improved the results. And I think that was my downfall – frustration at lack of time or perceived lack of application sullied my helping. I became less helpful and more anxious we did well.

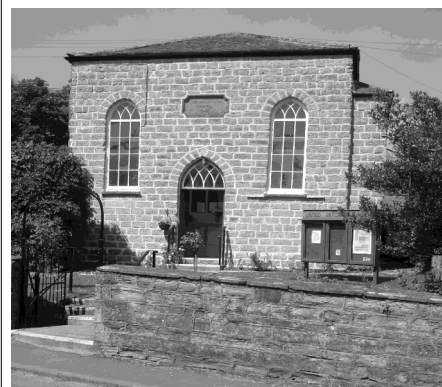
Approaching the county border Leah asks me to tell her exactly when we cross into Cornwall. As I do so she exclaims *"my feet got there first! Actually, no, my heart did!"*

"How did your heart manage to cross the border before your feet? Your feet are stretched out in front of you?"

*"My heart never left"*

It's true; ask her where she would like to live if it were not Curry Rivel and the answer is instantaneous: Cornwall. And maybe this is the link between the two topics: regarding SATS it became my 'heart's desire' she improve and do well when actually her heart wasn't as 'in it' as mine – I can't impose my wishes upon some else, or tell them what their 'heart's desire' should be.

## United Reformed Church



## June

(Services start at 10.30 am)

**Sunday 5th** - Rev Tim Richards

(including Holy Communion)

**Sunday 12th** - Mrs Sylvia Huggett

(including Sunday School for over 3s)

**Sunday 19th** - Uniting with Langport

URC congregation, Bow Street.

Preacher: Rev Rowena Francis

**Sunday 26th** - Rev Dr P Cattermole

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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.

*As a congregation we are looking forward to supporting Curry Rivel's Open Gardens on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June....hoping for fine weather to enjoy strolling around our lovely village.*

**URC Minister:** Rev Tim Richards

01458 252799



continued...

Leah has never lived in Cornwall (unlike me) and yet she loves it. Neither can I tell someone what their heart's desire should not be. My belief is we are in touch with the divine when we discover our heart's desire; we are in tune with God's desire for us when we discover that which makes our soul sing and we sing it! I can't find or do it for you but I can stop imposing my ideas upon others and encourage the discovery of your (her) own.



## In June

### 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
5.45-8	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Youth Club	Ridgway 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

2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
6.00	Youth Club	Village Hall
7.30	Bell Ringing	St Andrew's

#### THURSDAY

10.00	WI	Village Hall (2nd only)
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
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### Special Events

**Sat 11** 12 noon 'til late C.R. LIVE music festival  
Eastfield/Westfield

**Sun 12** all day OPEN GARDENS

**Sun 19** 4.00 Songs of Praise URC Chapel Wiltown

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