



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

The Curry Rivel News invites you to take part in our spot the difference competition – this month’s subject is our dearly departed pub (RIP).



1) The King Willy last year - for sale as a pub before planning permission for change of use was granted. One of the planning requirements that it should be “robustly marketed”.

2) The King Willy now – “a public house with planning permission for change of use to a dwelling with associated parking, and further building plot with outline planning permission for a detached dwelling”.



# Parish Plan 2015-2018 Progress Report

You asked.....	What has been done since 2015
<b>...to establish the capacity to support the setting up of new businesses and to develop links with the Somerset Business Agency</b>	Somerset Business Agency has a page on the community website and updates from SBA and Heart of the South West local businesses are listed for free on the Community Website within the local and updated Parish Plan the Parish Council will further explore the potential demand for business start-up units
<b>...to explore the idea of a new Village Hall and community hub</b>	there are ongoing discussions and negotiations about this - watch this space In the meantime, the existing Village Hall has had many enhancements and improvements including a new kitchen and foyer, DDA (Disability Access) refurbished toilets and hearing loop. 150 new chairs and their dollies plus table trolleys were Lottery Grant funded 150 new chairs and their dollies, plus table trolleys were Lottery Grant funded The committee have raised money to redecorate the hall and re-sand the floor
<b>...to work with Farmers and Wild-life Advisory Group (FWAG) to minimise the effects of flooding</b>	Many discussions have taken place between landowners, FWAG and PC councillor to use grants to alleviate the fast runoff from vulnerable areas of the village. Two schemes have been identified. One will be completed during 2018 and the second needs finalising, but we hope to also complete this in 2018. These two schemes are expected to prevent the school flooding. We have also proposed a flood defence at the school which still experiences problems with run off from the surrounding playground and car park. This awaits the support of Somerset County Council who have been SLOW to respond. There is a link on the Curry Rivel website to a FWAG article. A Flood Alleviation group has been set up and flooding hotspots in and around the village identified
<b>...for more attendance by local groups and residents at the Annual Parish Meeting</b>	This has been explored but circumstances prevented any change however it is hoped that a more interactive gathering of all the local groups can be held at a weekend in future to encourage greater participation.
<b>...to investigate the community transport scheme</b>	Our District Councillor and Parish councillor, Tiffany Osborne has established that we cannot have a SLINKY bus. There is free bus service to Taunton Asda every Monday morning. Somerset County Council runs a free return bus service on Tuesday and Friday mornings into Langport. You can catch it at various points in the village - Chatham Place and Abbey Close. It also picks up ordered prescriptions from the surgery and delivers them to the petrol station for collection.

## Parish Council – change at the top

Parish Councils are required to hold an Annual Meeting where members elect a chairman and vice-chairman and appoint committee members and representatives to other bodies. At the meeting in May a new chairman, Andy Anderson and vice chairman, Paul Deacon were unanimously elected. Other positions remained unchanged with Councillors Rob Atkins, Mike Cousins, Peter Goodenough,

Tony Greenaway, Tiffany Osborne and Derek Yeomans sharing the other roles. Madelaine King Oakley, who decided to step down from her position as chair was thanked for her hard work and dedication to the job. Fortunately, Madelaine's enthusiasm and expertise are not lost as she remains a councillor.



*Your Community Website*  
curryrivel.org.uk



# CURRY RIVEL PARISH PLAN 2015-2025 REVIEW

## Tony Greenaway Parish Councillor

It's been two years since the Curry Rivel Parish Plan was published and much has been achieved in that time, notably Curry Rivel in Bloom, improved broadband, improvements to footpaths and wildlife and play areas and supporting flood relief initiatives. Below we highlight a further 5 areas of the original Parish plan and what has been achieved so far.

However, with the increased pressure for councils to build more houses there is now, more than ever, a pressing need for the Parish Council and the community to influence what happens to shape the future of our beautiful village and to protect its valuable assets. The vision that sits at the very top of the original Parish Plan is, **'Helping Curry Rivel to be a healthy and balanced community offering a safe and friendly environment for people of all ages to live, work and prosper.'**

This vision remains the overriding aim of the Parish Plan. During 2018 we are seeking the input from residents of all age groups to update the Plan to ensure that it remains relevant to the changing needs and wishes of the community.

Your views are being sought on these two simple questions

1. What do you like about living in Curry Rivel?
- 2 What would you like to see change or improve in the future?

In considering these questions you might find it helpful to think about:

Transport -Young People-Employment- Housing- the Environment

You can take part in the survey in the following ways;

- on line survey <http://www.curryrivel.org.uk/parish-council/parish-plan-tell-us-what-you-think.html>
- submit your views directly by email to [tgreenaway51@gmail.com](mailto:tgreenaway51@gmail.com)
- fill in the simple questionnaire below

In addition, councillors will be in attendance at forthcoming major local events including **Curry Rivel Live** on 16 June and the Village Fete on 7 July to seek your views about what you like about the village and what needs to change



## PARISH PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Name (optional)

Email (optional)

1. What do you like most about living in Curry Rivel?

2 What would you like to see change or improve in the future?

Take completed forms to: Village Hall Foyer; One Stop Shop; Garage/Post Office

## Movies in the Village Hall

[mvh.curry.wix.com/films](http://mvh.curry.wix.com/films)



### The Greatest Showman (PG) Friday 15 June

**T**his high-energy, feel-good, musical film, which defied the critics, tells the story of the American P.T. Barnum, founder of the world-renowned Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Orphaned and penniless but with ambition and a mind full of ideas, this son of a tailor manages to open a waxwork museum but soon changes career focus. He decides to introduce strange and wonderful yet hitherto unseen live acts onto the circus stage. As well as Barnum's collection of oddities the showman gambles all on the opera singer Jenny Lind in order to appeal to a high brow audience.

Stars: Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Efron, Zendaya and Rebecca Ferguson.

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

**Coming soon: Finding Your Feet (12A):** Lady Sandra Abbott (Imelda Staunton) discovers her husband is having an affair with her best friend and is forced to go and live with her bohemian sister on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

## Library Consultation – last chance to respond

**U**nder the proposals outlined in the County Council's plan for its 34 libraries the library at Langport will not be subject to change. Friends of Langport Library (FOLL) have submitted a response to the Council which includes a report on the many wells supported events organised in the library by the Friends Group. But it is important that as individuals we also respond to the consultation in order to show our support for a library in Langport.

Somerton library is under threat of closure and in their response the Somerton Friends Group suggest that the two libraries share opening hours – something which would necessitate the reduction of the service in Langport. Don't give the council pause for thought, make your views known and keep the service in Langport intact. The consultation closes on Wednesday 13 June.

Councillor David Hall, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for libraries, said: "With less than a month to go before the library consultation ends, I encourage anyone who has yet to have their say to complete a questionnaire and make their voice count. It's important to us as many people as possible tell us their views on our proposals and how they may affect them before we make our final decision."

A final decision on Somerset's library service is expected later this year.

<http://somerse libraries.co.uk/consultation/> or ask for a paper version in the library.

## Village Hall 200 Club – “you’ve got to be in it to win it”

**T**he Summer draw will take place on Saturday 7 July at the Church Fête. If you wish to buy any units before this date please contact Mrs Myfanwy Ashton on 01458 251877. The units cost £10.00 each for a year and will qualify for two

draws. Half the money collected will be used as prize money and the other half will be used towards repairs and improvements to the Village Hall. Your support is vital!

## Wildlife Events in June

**What's that bird?** A relaxing morning walk with a local expert for people who'd like to know more about how to identify Curry Rivel's birds - songs, calls, jizz and habitats. Meet at Westfield play area (Taunton end of the village) at 7.30am on Sunday 17 June. Duration 1-2 hours, depending on the group. Led by Catherine Mowat.



**What's that flower?** Curry Rivel's wildflower meadow, Eastfield, is owned by the Parish Council and is blessed with a lot of wildflowers, many of which are becoming relatively rare these days. Come and find out more about them and how to identify them. Also an opportunity for younger ones to hunt bugs! Drop in between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 30 June - Eastfield is opposite Westfield play area. Led by Catherine Mowat and friends. Call 01458 250655 for more info.



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# Curry Rivel in Bloom

*A flowering community*

**J**ust under six weeks to go till judging day! Don't panic! But get planting up those pots and troughs to put on display. Hopefully by now the new permanent garden at the war memorial will have been planted, the delay has been waiting for the water pipe to be installed. The new garden is in three sections, red for the Army, white for the Navy and blue for the Airforce. You can see a plan of the garden on our website.

You will notice that the rope swags have been moved back to open up the area. Thank you to Bradley Lewis & Kevin who kindly put in the three new posts for us and to Paul Crocker for moving the rope! Also, thanks to Sandpits for donating the posts and Travis Perkins for the Postcrete. As the plants will not be at their full extent this year we will be planting some annuals to fill in the spaces. In future years there will not be the need for new planting as the shrubs and perennials become established.

A lot of work has gone into digging out a border around the area next to the BP garage where the Twinning tree is planted and filling in the old bed in the middle. This was done to make grass cutting easier and so that we could create a sensory garden around the edge. It was designed and planted by Sue Hand and Pat Cilia and has been partly sponsored by the Langport and Somerton Rotary Club. Did you know that this piece of land was once the garden of Mr Terry Mounter's grandmother and was donated to the Parish Council? Maybe it should be known as 'Granny's Garden'

## So, what can YOU do to help Curry Rivel in Bloom?

- We need volunteers to help water the new memorial garden and the hanging baskets.
- Also help is needed to water the new border in the Twinning area.
- Watering and dead heading pots and troughs around the village. If you live close to one then please volunteer if you can. Just a few minutes a day is needed if more people join in.
- Before the judging day make sure grass is cut and that frontages are weed free.
- If you have some pretty pots at the back of your garden, why not put them out at the front for a few days?



## Front Garden / Frontage Competition

There is still time to enter the Front garden/ Frontage competition. If you haven't got a front garden just hanging baskets and troughs on the wall or front will do! The main colour is white with pink and blue. Judging will take place between 23-30<sup>th</sup> June, you don't need to be present to enter just email Gina @ CRiB [cribsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:cribsomerset@gmail.com) or phone 01458 762296, also see the form on the website.

There will be a get together in the village hall after the event to announce the winner. Let's have lots of entries to help make the village look beautiful! HAPPY GARDENING !

## Defibrillator Appeal

**I**n response to a call for a defibrillator to be installed outside the Village Hall for the benefit of users of the hall and local residents, an appeal has been set up to raise the £1200 needed which will also provide for a further training workshop on CPR. The link to the Crowdfund appeal is below, and this method of fundraising is an on-line system and perfectly safe. Even the smallest amount will help simply enter the link into your web browser

If you do not wish to contribute on line you can simply send an e mail to [tgreenaway51@gmail.com](mailto:tgreenaway51@gmail.com) or phone 01458 252495 to make a pledge. We will then make the necessary arrangements directly with you. Curry Rivel LIVE will be selling festival programmes with every single penny going towards the appeal.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/curryrivelvillagehall>

## Spot the difference...



# Active Living Get Together Club

Mike Mason

I am pleased to report we had an overwhelming response to my plea for help in the April edition of the CRN; our Friday Get Together Club can now continue with the aid of the new volunteers.

We currently have space for more members so if you know of anyone who might like to join us on a Friday do get in touch – tel 251773

We meet at the Village Hall every Friday from about 10 a.m. when tea, coffee and biscuits are served and we have an opportunity for a good chat swapping news and views.

Most Fridays we have some kind of entertainment followed by a home cooked two course lunch prepared in the hall by our own chef.

The afternoon finishes with a raffle and a game of bingo before we go home.

## June Programme

01 Games

08 Malcolm Gregory (keyboard player)

15 Help for Heroes

22 Games

29 Sarah Chant (accordion music)



## Elderflower Cordial

### Ingredients

40 fresh elderflower heads (picked in full sun)

2kg white sugar, granulated or caster

4 unwaxed lemons

70g citric acid (from chemists)

3 litres boiling water



### Method

1. Don't wash the elderflower heads, just shake off any insects. Put in a large pan/bowl and add the lemons cut in quarters.
  2. Pour on the boiling water, add the sugar and stir until dissolved.
  3. Cover with a cloth and leave to stand in a cool place for 24 hours.
  4. Squeeze the lemon quarters and strain the cordial through a sieve lined with muslin.
  5. Add the citric acid and pour into clean glass or plastic bottles.
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## Curry Rivel & Drayton Guides

*Our local guides have been getting out and about recently, here is an account from **Freya Harvey** of her I.C.E trip to Belgium with Girlguiding South West England. Next month look out for the report on their expedition to Sri Lanka.*

I.C.E is an international community experience for girls guides aged 11-13. On my selection weekend we went to a forest local to where we were staying and got rid of all the smaller brambles and made the area safer for local people. We also completed the World Issues guide badge. At the pre-weekend we met all the people who were going to Belgium and did some more community work this time we weeded a patio and did a litter sweep of the car park where we were staying. As well as this we did the World Guiding badge and then started planning what we were going to be doing in Belgium.

We travelled through the Eurotunnel and then drove through France to Belgium and the De Kluis Scout Centre near Leuven. We did our community work for the trip, this consisted of digging a hole for the on-site tractor and then

filling in holes across the site so that when people drive around it is less bumpy and they don't get stuck as easily and can just continually drive.

The next day we went to many of the war memorials near Ypres. We went to the 'In Flanders Field' museum which had a lot of information about the war and clothing from the war. We then went to Hill 62 and saw what trenches would have been like and how quickly they filled up with water and how low they would have really been. These places were really eye opening as we didn't really know what the war was like before we saw these places and read accounts of what really happened. We next went to Tyne Cot Cemetery and there were graves from people all over the world, the majority unknown. Lastly, we all watched the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. We had made a wreath at the pre-weekend to lay here with a personal message to all who had fallen in the war.

On the final day of the trip we spent the day at Walibi theme park.

## Langport & District History Society

Janet Seaton

### A Glimpse of Stocking

The Society's May meeting at Langport Library featured a presentation by Blue Badge Guide Rob Curtis, which was tantalisingly called 'A glimpse of stocking'.

The first part of the talk focussed on men's socks and stockings, going right back in history to the Egyptians and beyond. He charted their development from leggings, through knitted fabrics to silk hose, which were a clergy speciality. The flamboyant sash garters shown in many portraits of royalty in the 15th and 16th centuries showed how important stockings were to fashionable men of the day.

The arrival of Huguenots and Flemish weavers in the late 16th century boosted the development of the silk-weaving industry in this country. All forms of embellishments such as embroidery and garters, became fashionable. But the development of women's stockings only began as hemlines began to rise.

Using images from the world of advertising, fashion and costume, Rob illustrated the development of ladies' stockings, and the means of holding them up, through the ages. The introduction of machine weaving and the invention of artificial fibres such as rayon and nylon revolutionised their manufacture. The relaxation of social conventions, and the rise of music hall

and burlesque, heralded a new era where the stocking became an object of titillation. Wartime restrictions led to 'liquid stockings' (leg make-up), but post-war fashions led to the decline of stockings in favour of tights. Finally, Rob reminded everyone that tights – and stockings – had a life after death in the many uses they could be put to, such as straining soup and polishing boots.

The next meeting will be at Aller Church on Monday 4 June, when Anne Michell will give a presentation about the restoration of the Aller Church bells, followed by a short demonstration of bell ringing by two local tower captains. It is free to members (annual membership is £12); non-members are welcome, admission £2. Anyone interested in joining the History Society should contact Sue Standen (01458 273471, [suzannestanden471@btinternet.com](mailto:suzannestanden471@btinternet.com)). Follow the History Society at @langporthistory, and on: <https://sites.google.com/site/langporthheritage/home>.

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# District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

## Unitary Authority

Earlier this month Somerset County Council announced its intention to start a conversation with all the district councils, as well as other partners, to explore whether a unitary model of local government would best deliver public services in Somerset.

The last time a unitary authority was considered was in 2007. Since then all district councils have made considerable changes and as such it could be argued that the substantial savings which existed then no longer exist now.

As we are aware, South Somerset District Council has already recognised a need for change due to financial pressures and has been undergoing a 'transformation' process which it believes will help enable it to retain economic stability. Although SSDC remains committed to implementing further changes to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services they, and the other districts, are not convinced the current projected savings from establishing a unitary council suggested by Somerset County Council are realistic and are questioning the analysis undertaken.

However, the growth in demand for Adult Social Care is not only a national challenge but very much a Somerset one with the all Somerset districts having a higher proportion of their populace aged 65 or over than the national average. This is very much adding to the financial pressures all across the county. As such, options will continue to be explored which include unitary councils but also other considerations will be objectively assessed as well.

## Boundary Changes

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for South Somerset District Council. As expected Curry Rivel will now move to become part of the Langport and Huish Ward, losing Drayton to Burrow Hill. South Somerset will remain a 60 councillor district but will have four fewer wards than there are now. Subject to parliamentary approval the new arrangements will be implemented in the May 2019 local elections. For more information go to: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

## Careline

South Somerset Careline have over 2,000 alarms installed in homes around the district supporting the elderly or vulnerable or anyone who needs it. Their control centre responded to a total of 45,601 calls in 2017/2018. 98% of these calls were answered within one minute. It is no wonder the service has a 97% 'very satisfied' rating from their customers. Careline also offers free home fire safety visits, a keysafe service and telecare equipment, including bed sensors, epilepsy sensors and medication dispensers. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from Careline contact them on 01935 479815 or [careline@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:careline@southsomerset.gov.uk).

## U3A

Denise Clarke

**SOMERTON U3A**

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 22 June and is a talk by Commander Brian Parker on Admiral Blake. Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community

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# Curry Rivel Twinners Celebrate 20 Years of Friendship

Jane Hamlin

It is a friendship that has been growing and growing. People from the communities of Curry Rivel and Chevilly have been getting to know each other for twenty happy years. This year it was the turn of those from Curry Rivel and neighbouring villages to experience the outstanding hospitality of our good friends in France. We all appreciated the calm crossing of the Channel, and our comfortable journey south through France was enriched by taking a break at the very interesting city of Le Mans. While the coach driver had a rest, his passengers could visit the motor museum, the vast cathedral, the markets, the shops or just delight in a leisurely lunch.

When we arrived in Chevilly, our hosts were there waiting to welcome us and whisk us off for aperitifs and an evening

meal. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, after spending a fun morning with our hosts, we all gathered in the warm sunshine by the Friendship Tree in Chevilly to be welcomed by the Mayor, Bernard Texier, and other dignitaries. The local brass band played the two national anthems followed by several other stirring tunes. There were cheery speeches in French and English and a commemorative plaque was unveiled by M. Texier. With the band leading the way with jolly melodies, everyone followed to one of the halls in the village for celebratory drinks and nibbles provided by the local council. This was an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. In the evening there was a lovely dinner in the village hall, or Salle de Fêtes, which presented more opportunities to get to know each other better.



*French and English twinnings line up for the group photo at the end of a great weekend*

# Curry Rivel Twinners

## Celebrate 20 Years of Friendship - continued

Jane Hamlin

On Sunday, we visited the town of Bourges, which is about 140km from Chevilly, for a guided tour of the Palais de Jacques Coeur. This is a magnificent house built in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century by the king's treasurer. Our guide was excellent, and the house had many fascinating features. Later there was time to explore some other delights of Bourges such as the cathedral, the narrow cobbled streets with quaint old buildings and, of course, lunch. For the evening meal, many of the families doubled up, and so in the convivial atmosphere we could get to know some of our English group better as well as the French.



Over the last twenty years, hundreds of people from the Curry Rivel area have been involved in our visits to Chevilly and/or welcomed visitors from Chevilly to their homes. If you are not one of those people, it is not too late to share in the enjoyment. In May 2019, we will be welcoming our friends from Chevilly, when we will be commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter in Curry Rivel.

**Above - Twinning Plaque**

**Left - Twinning cake**

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# Good News on Plastic Recycling

The biggest change to plastic recycling in Somerset in almost a decade is underway at the county's sixteen recycling sites.

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) announced that every recycling site is now taking **plastic food pots, tubs and trays (including black plastic food trays) – the rigid plastic containers for yoghurt, margarine, fruit and other foods – as well as all plastic bottles.**

It is a leap forward in the planned transformation of Somerset waste services from 2020, including the end of landfilling rubbish and phased roll out of the new "Recycle More" weekly kerbside collections, taking extra bulky but light plastics, with three-weekly collections of the far emptier refuse bins.

The move to take rigid plastic food pots, tubs and trays – known as PTT – at all sixteen recycling sites follows successful kerb side collection trials.

The plastic bottle and PTT skips will take black plastic food trays, but residents must:

- Remove all foil, film covers, and cardboard attached to or enclosing the PTT.
- Discard all lids, flip-caps and trigger-tops from plastic bottles.

*If you save them up and they are clean, no foil or inserts, you can take them to any 'LUSH' shop, they send them to be recycled into pots used for their cosmetics which are recyclable! Our nearest Lush shops are in Taunton, Exeter and Bath.*

- Rinse out food residues or other contents, and squash items to fit more in each skip.

Items which **must** be EXCLUDED

- Thin plastics, such as cling film, carrier bags, black sacks, or bubble wrap.
- Plastic plant or paint pots, with or without any contents.
- Other plastics, such as plastic toys, CD cases, garden furniture or car parts.

Residents who do not already regularly use recycling sites are reminded that they are all far less busy early on weekdays, while eleven sites stay open to 7pm on late-night Mondays, including our nearest at Somerton.

Earlier this year, twelve of Somerset's sixteen recycling sites began taking single use coffee cups, with their layers of plastic and card, in the same skips that already take beverage cartons, such as Tetra Pak and other brands. SWP is launching a 'Schools Against Waste' programme across 90 primary schools, promoting free water refills in local food outlets, and launching a plastics pledge card with simple tips and information.

Details of all recycling sites, including opening hours and what materials each site takes, can be found at <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres/>.

If you cannot get to a recycling centre or a LUSH shop yourself and would like to recycle, please contact Gina Beauchamp [cribsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:cribsomerset@gmail.com) who will arrange collection for you.





## TUESDAY GROUP

Barbara Lancey

It was marvellous to see such a large turnout this month, and to welcome several new members and guests! And what a treat for us to have Santa Checkley demonstrating her catering skills and allowing us all to taste the results! We were totally spoilt!

Born in England to an English father and an Italian mother, much of Santa's childhood was spent at the family villa on the Italian Riviera in Northern Italy, helping prepare meals for the large family, which is where her love of food and cooking started. Among her many exploits since, she has been a Chef and Manager of an award-winning country house hotel and restaurant, a home economist, and created dishes for food magazine photographic sessions. She has run her very successful catering business for over 30 years and developed her food workshops to enable her to share her interest in and enthusiasm for all that is food with others.

Although a somewhat unusual event for the Tuesday Group ladies, 40 or so members and guests were given expert advice and instruction on the making of sweet canapés, namely Chocolate Brownie Bites with Pistachio Cream Topping; Limoncello Tiramisus; Fruit Brioche Tarts with

Patisserie Cream and Filo Baskets with Apple and Crumble Topping; AND a gin-based cocktail! Santa's popularity meant we were quite a crowd, but everyone was able to see and sample each recipe as they were deftly passed around, and there were many questions from the floor, keen to know all the secrets! Everyone was given a beautiful portfolio of all the recipes to take away, and I can see these being repeated time and time again! Mouthwatering!

Our 19 June meeting is to be a talk on 'The Big Flood', given by Michael Brown, a massively talented and multi-faceted local man. I am sure his telling of that time three years ago will be riveting. So do come along!

To find out more about the Tuesday Group contact either Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657, or Aideen Roche on 01458 252022, or just come along to the next meeting - and bring a friend or neighbour too....our programme of events has something for everyone, including Outings, Workshops, Speakers/Demonstrators, Theatre trips, Quizzes and much much more. With membership only £10 a year, it is great value for money, or come as a guest for just £2.50 per meeting.

## Curry Rivel LIVE

– have you got your ticket?

In its sixth year the CR Live music festival has become a regular feature in the village calendar, this year on Saturday 16 June at Westfield the tickets are available online at Eventbrite.co.uk (search 'Curry Rivel Live 2018') or the BP Garage/Post Office, Curry Rivel, The Hair Lodge and The Bow Street Barbers, Langport.

Live music from 1pm until midnight from ALIBI – King Tuts Revenge - Snakebyte – Break Beat Bandits – Dusk Brothers –

The Gin Bowlers and new this year Champion Music Showcase with young talented pupils from CMG performing. With plenty of stalls and amusements, plus food and other refreshments there's something to appeal to everyone in the family.

All proceeds from the sale of festival programmes is being donated to the Village Hall Defibrillator appeal.

Painter & Decorator

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**Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead Branch**

**SUMMER DRINKS & CANAPÉS**

**At Heale House, Water Street, by kind permission of**

**Mr. & Mrs Tom Colborne-Malpas**

**Friday 22nd June at 6 p.m.**

**The Volunteer Band of HMS HERON will provide incidental music.**

**Tickets may be obtained from One-Stop Shop Curry Rivel, Evelyn Leckie,**

**01458 251261 or from members of the Branch Committee.**

**Price includes Canapés and first drink.**

**Ticket Price £ 10.00**



## St. Andrew's Church



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

### June

#### Sunday 3rd

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

#### Wednesday 6th

2.45 pm **Immacolata House**  
Residents' Communion

#### Thursday 7th

9.00 **CR** School Collective  
Worship

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 10th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP  
11.00 **CR** - Holy Communion CW  
& Sunday Club  
6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

#### Tuesday 12th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

#### Thursday 14th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 17th

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  
4.00 pm **URC Chapel**  
Joint Songs of Praise

#### Monday 18th

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

#### Thursday 21st

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 24th

9.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW  
& Sunday Club  
11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW  
6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

#### Tuesday 26th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

#### Thursday 28th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

## Scott's spot

### A peace maker?

As I write, there is confrontation and violence erupting once again in Gaza. Donald Trump has unilaterally decided to move the US Embassy into the city of Jerusalem, and so far 55 people have died as a result of clashes between the Palestinian people and the Israeli security forces. It was an incendiary decision and the results all too predictable.

These recent events have, however, reminded me of another awful act perpetrated within that same region, one that unexpectedly led to the most moving of stories. It was something that surprised and challenged me.

This event about took place over 15 years ago and happened just a few days after a suicide bombing of an Israeli wedding reception – perhaps you remember it. This bombing left several people dead and many others injured – men, women and children. One moment they were enjoying a family celebration, the next victims of an indiscriminate attack. Few incidents seemed to better picture the depth of hatred between Arab and Jew, the downwards spiral of violence seemingly unrestrained.

The surprising part of this story was very different. This was about the father of a young man who was tragically killed in an accident. Reeling from his grief, the father never-the-less agreed to donate his son's organs to a patient in hospital who was in desperate need of transplant. Nothing too surprising here, perhaps, until you hear that the donor was an Arab and the patient an Israeli. In a powerful moment, so distinct from the violent hatred that so often marked that conflict, the father said: *"I wanted my son's death to bring life, whether it be for Jew or Arab."* What a challenging and poignant contrast; just a relatively small act, but a massive gesture that for a short time spoke of reconciliation and peace.



How do you think you would have acted in his place? Would I have done the same? I hope, but I wonder.

In the famous 'Beatitudes' found in Matthew's Gospel chapter 5, Jesus taught that: *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.'* Our situations may be very different to that Arab father, but, in any number of ways, we too will be faced, on a daily basis, with the choice to act as peacemakers. The choice is ours: we can swallow our pride, or thrust ourselves forward determined to get our own way; we can show forgiveness, or allow that grievance to burn away within us; we can admit mistakes or stubbornly refuse to bend; we can choose to make the first move for peace, or resist every advance.

Currently in Gaza we see 'writ-large' the consequences of a perpetual unwillingness to seek reconciliation and peace. In what ways might you be able to bring peace to the 'little Gazas' you know? *'Blessed are the peacemakers...'*

With blessings and prayer,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

### St. Andrew's - Rotas June

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

2nd & 9th - Evelyn Leckie  
16th - Adrienne Holmes

23rd & 30th - Margaret Davey

#### Cleaning

2nd - Lynne Comley  
9th - Lyn Cotterill  
16th - Julia Gauler  
23rd - Tina Geary  
30th - Wendy Graves



### 'Drop-In' at St. Andrew's OSR

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Old School Room ('behind' the church)

**10.30 - 12.00.**



Freshly baked cakes and beverages are served in a friendly & welcoming gathering of people who meet for an informal chat.

Please come and join us.

### Diary July

#### Sunday 1st

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

**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

### **Church fete on the Village Green Saturday 7th July 2.00 - 4.30**

An opportunity to browse the stalls with books, bric-à-brac, cakes, crafts, jewellery & 'new for you' items (good quality, new or barely worn clothes) and plants, or have a go on the tombola or stocks. There will also be a collection of classic cars and at **3.00 pm** the popular **dog show** starts.

For the children there will be face painting, a **bouncy castle**, a 'water or fizz' stall and a 'Teddy Bear parachuting jump' from the church tower at **2.30** (information on leaflets at CR School).

**Teas** will be served from the Old School Room or have a cool drink from the **bar** on the Green. The church will be beautifully decorated as usual by the Flower Guild, and the displays can also be viewed on **Sunday 8th July** between 2.00 - 6.00 pm

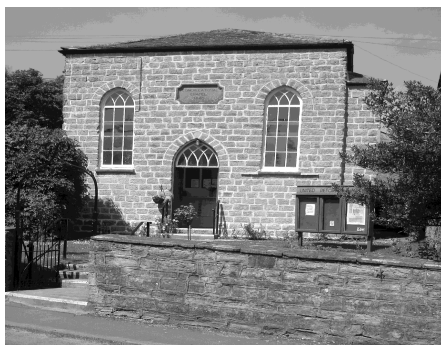
**Raffle tickets** are on sale from **mid-June** (and will be on the day) from some of St. Andrew's church members, at the School Admin Office, Sandpits Heating, Wiltown Garage and The Barbers at Coopers Cross. **1st prize** is **£100**, 2nd prize a large food hamper and there are a number of entry tickets to local attractions as other prizes.

Donations of books, toys, jewellery or craftwork will be gratefully received, as will items suitable for prizes on the tombola; to arrange collection, please ring 252429 or 251355, preferably before the week of the fete. Cakes (for the cake stall or with the teas) and plants can be delivered to the Green on the morning of the fete.

**We look forward to seeing you  
on the Green**  
(or in the **Village Hall** and the **School Hall** in case of bad weather)



### **United Reformed Church**



### **June**

(Services start at 10.30 am)

**Sunday 3rd** - Rev Gardner

*incl. Holy Communion*

**Sunday 10th** - to be arranged

**Sunday 17th** - Rev Tim Richards

**Sunday 24th** - to be arranged

### **July**

**Sunday 1st** - Mrs Jane Fry

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

**URC Minister:** Rev Tim Richards

01458 252799

### **A view from the orchard**

How many of you speak a foreign language? Most of us, I think, would at least know a few words of one or more foreign languages; some might understand more than they can speak and there may be some of us who are fluent in one or more languages.

Knowing the words of the language however does not make us a native of that place; we are not immersed in the culture, the idioms, the emotions of the country of which we have some knowledge of the way they communicate verbally. When we go on holiday we might enjoy feeling that we are somewhere different, but there are frustrations too if we cannot make ourselves understood or understand what is being said to us.

### **A view from the orchard . . . . ctd**

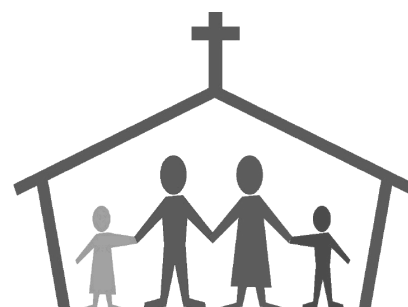
It is said that we live in a post Christian culture. What I think is meant is not that we are surrounded by 'heathens' but that for so many people the language and culture of being Christian is not something they have learned or been brought up with. How many folk today speak 'fluent Christian'? Do the words we use to describe our faith, or the phrases and concepts we use in our churches and at our services readily communicate themselves to those on the outside? Or are they like a foreign language?

Language evolves; it is born into a particular time and culture. Some words are understood radically differently over a period of time, and new words are added, new phrases coined and other ancient words are lost becoming obsolete. How do we keep up with common parlance in our expression of Christianity in order that it of itself does not become incomprehensible or rendered obsolete?

It is not about changing that which we wish to own as eternal truths, but about adapting the vehicle we use to express those truths in order that they can be communicated in a comprehensible way and speak in to the world we inhabit. If we wish to communicate and convince others of the sincerity of our faith effectively we would be well-advised to look thoughtfully at the language we employ ensuring it is easily understood and not a 'foreign' language.

Your friend,

Tim.



**In June****Regular Events****MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

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

**Special Events**

Sat 16	Curry Rivel LIVE	Westfield
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**Some Useful Telephone Numbers****Youth Organisations**

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

**Sports Clubs**

Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

**Social**

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

**Arts**

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

**Community Facilities**

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

**Community Services**

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500

**Education**

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

**Local Authorities**

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

**Religious**

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

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