

June 2019



Re-affirming our pledge of Friendship with Chevilly

Barbara Hamlin

Some of us remember very well, the bright sunny day in May 1999 when the Taunton brass band played on the Village Green, the schoolchildren danced and speeches were made in French and English to establish the Twinning agreement between the communities of Chevilly in Loiret, France and Curry Rivel and its surrounding villages.

On Saturday 4th May 2019, we met again on the Green in the sunshine in front of the flags and our picturesque church to re-affirm our friendship and to pledge to continue these special and unique links. Speeches were made by our Chairman of the Parish Council, Andy Anderson; Hubert Jolliet, Deputy Mayor of Chevilly and Bénédicte Meriau and Barbara Hamlin who chair the respective Twinning Associations. They all outlined the value of the friendship, the broadening of horizons and the sharing of experiences in one

another's countries. The young people in the Chevilly group contributed to the vows of rededication, giving assurances of the commitment on both sides, to the future of the twinning friendship. In conclusion, all those present on the Green shook hands to seal the pledge, before going to the Old School Room where a delicious afternoon tea, prepared by the WI, awaited the 'Twinners'.

Having arrived in the evening of Friday 3rd May and hosted locally by Twinning friends, the group of 37 Chevillois continued to enjoy the weekend of celebration - a Saturday evening barn dance and supper in the Village Hall was tremendous fun and an excursion to the historic city of Bath on Sunday made a great day out together. The French guests were treated to a tour of the Roman Baths and were able to appreciate the architecture, restaurants and shops of the famous spa city.



All too soon on Monday 6th May, it was time to part after a busy and fun-packed weekend. We know that this is only an 'au revoir' as we will see our friends once again next year. Long may our friendship continue!

Thank you to all those who participated and to the Parish Council for supporting the work of the Twinning Association. Like to get involved? Email: thepavilion54@btinternet.com or telephone 01458 252946



District Councillors

Clare Paul & Tiffany Osborne

We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in the election earlier this month. It is certainly an interesting time to be involved in politics with national issues clearly influencing local matters with the outcome of the election reflecting this.

The Liberal Democrats have an outstanding majority in South Somerset District Council with over two thirds majority and as such will be dominating decisions made during the next four years.

However, we have always said that we are here to represent local issues and support matters which residents find important to our ward. We are aware of the challenges facing local businesses, tourism, planning, employment and environment and how important it is to be responsive to all community needs and services.

As you are aware we are in a newly formed ward with Curry Rivel now combining with Langport and Huish Episcopi and as such we will both be working together over the next few years to ensure all the diverse aspects of these areas are represented and supported.

Please do get in touch if we can help in anyway. Our contact details are as follows:

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Tiffany – tiffany.osborne@southsomerset.gov.uk or 07876 565546

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Curry Rivel Parish Council is looking for 2 new Parish Councillors. If you are interested and would like more information then please contact the Clerk, Jenny Ludgate on [Clerk@Curry Rivel Parish Council](mailto:Clerk@CurryRivelParishCouncil), or the Chairman Andy Anderson on [chairman@Curry Rivel Parish Council](mailto:chairman@CurryRivelParishCouncil)

The closing date for completed applications to be with the Clerk is

9am on 4th June 2019 and you will be expected to attend the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 6th June to be co-opted.

To qualify to become a Parish Councillora person must *be a British subject over 18 years old, *be listed on the current electoral role, *live in Curry Rivel, or within 3 miles of its boundary, or occupy as owner/tenant any land/premises therein or have a principal place of work within the Parish, *must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

South Somerset District Council Election Results for Curry Rivel, Huish & Langport held on 2nd May 2019

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| Tiffany Osborne | (Conservative Party) | 709 votes | Elected |
| Clare Paul | (Conservative Party) | 631 votes | Elected |
| Matthew Green | (Green Party) | 413 votes | Not elected |
| David Harrison | (Liberal Democrats) | 324 votes | Not elected |
| Kate Pattermides | (Liberal Democrats) | 302 votes | Not elected |
| Catherine Mowatt | (Green Party) | 293 votes | Not elected |
| Sean Dromgoole | (Labour Party) | 243 votes | Not elected |

Time to review and renew at the WI

Carolyn Paton

The WI programme card announced that May's meeting would be the AGM, and there was a good turnout – maybe members knew there would be cake! – to hear reports on the year's activities, to confirm new committee members, to learn more about the wider work of the WI and to set off into the coming year with a new President at the helm.

Relieved by the satisfactory nature of the accounts – in the secure hands of the treasurer - it was impressive to realise via the Secretary's report the huge variety of speakers, activities (both regular and occasional) that have taken place over the past year. Something of interest for all tastes. A brief but heartfelt reference was included to the sad and sudden loss of our friend Madelaine King Oakley.

No change in treasurer this time, but President Jackie German steps down after four years of loyal service in this post, making way for Anne Geach. Huge thanks to Jackie for her hard work, and to the rest of the committee for their various roles carried out so faithfully.

As is usual, there have been a small number of changes to the composition of this year's committee, and the new list was presented confirmed and welcomed.

This important and necessary business over, we were introduced to two visitors from the County Federation: Sandra Ford (Chair) and our group adviser Margaret Lomax who both enlightened and entertained us as to their work around the county. They have visited many institutes, encouraging, widening vision, asking questions and even when necessary, trouble-shooting. Their good humour and positive approach occasioned some levity when demonstrating some newly-acquired skills in Greek dancing (don't ask!) It is extraordinary into what diverse directions an advisory role can lead...

We were also privileged to have with us Gill Betty, chair of the county Creative Arts committee to judge the winner of our new competition, set up in memory of Sheila Sandifer, needlewoman extraordinaire. This was to make a cushion cover and member Gillian Neill carried the day with an enticing tapestry design featuring strawberries at the centre.

Our own new President, Anne Geach, then took up her role at the head of the meeting as we confirmed our support for the two National Annual Resolutions. The first on encouraging the take up of cervical screening, but also widening access to screening to include younger women, and secondly to fight the decline in bus services especially in rural areas. After all, public transport is crucial to reducing pollution quite apart from its desirability for social reasons. The meeting concluded with a few words from an in-house researcher who explained more fully the association Associated Countrywomen of the World (ACWW) and how we can help. This movement, to which we are linked, endeavours to encourage and empower women through health and other education, so that they may more fully play an effective role in their families and communities. While not quite a 'normal' meeting of the Curry Rivel WI, all came away both enlightened and cheered by the friendly contact offered by the group.

Vive the WI !



Sandra Ford, Gill Betty, Anne Geach and Margaret Lomax

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Summer Planting

By now the village should be planted up and looking fabulous for the summer! Thank you to all those who have helped with securing the new planters and pots, planting them up and to those who have volunteered to water and dead head them through the coming months. So much goes on behind the scenes, so thank you to all our lovely volunteers, it wouldn't happen without you.

Granny's Garden

You will also see some changes at Granny's Garden. We are creating a rose garden in memory of Madelaine King – Oakley and two of our volunteers, Pat & Sue are creating a ground cover garden on the bank at the south end of the garden. A huge thank you to Annette who did the first cut of the year and to Geoff, Annette and others who will cut the grass this summer. We have had donations from the village hall, and the WI towards this and hope there are more to come.

Plant Sale

Please come along and support us again on **Saturday 1st June** 10.30-12.30 at the War Memorial. Bring some plants to sell and buy some as well or just come and buy and have a cup of coffee or tea, a piece of cake, a chat with CRiB volunteers and look at the War Memorial Garden! It was a great event last time. For more details contact Gina. cribsomerset@gmail.com tel 01458 762296. Hope to see you there!

Front Garden Competition 2019

We are now open to entries for this year's front garden competition. Last year we had 22 entries, so if you entered last year, we hope you will do so again and we hope for new entries too. This year there is no colour scheme just a riot of colour!

The criteria for judging will be:

- Water saving
- Use of sustainable plants
- Recycling
- Horticultural excellence
- If you would like to enter just email Gina with your Name, Address, Post code and telephone number. Judging will take place during the week of 22nd-29th June.

Let's hope we have lots of entries to make our village look beautiful!

Curry Rivel Young Gardener of the Year Award

CRiB is creating an award in memory of Madelaine King-Oakley who did so much for the village and was instrumental in setting up Curry Rivel in Bloom. She was a hard working member of the group and loved gardening.

The award will be for a young gardener 16 and under who lives in the village.

The criteria for judging will be:

- To be involved in a gardening project in the village
- To be 'Nature Friendly'
- To show use of water saving, sustainable planting, use of recycling
- To talk about your plants and show good results

There will be a cup, certificate and a garden voucher as the prize.

Children should ask their parents to email or contact the CRiB chair. Details above.

Entries by 10th June please. The South West in Bloom Judges will present the award.



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Open Gardens 9th June 2019

Plans are finalised now for the Open Gardens; we have 12 gardens that will open plus the allotments to visit. The school garden will also be open where the children will be displaying their Recycled People and talking about their gardening in school.

Programmes, which are the tickets, are on sale at the BP garage, Sandpits and Living Pretty £6 a head, children under 16 free. They will also be on sale in the village hall foyer and at the Big Breakfast on the day from 8.30-12.30 with gardens opening from 11.00 -17.00 and teas available from 14.00. Allotments are open from 1pm. Toilets available in the village hall.

Plants will be for sale in many gardens and a Market Garden plant sale in the village centre behind Chanctonbury Cottage. (Bring your own bags to save or recycle plastic!) Proceeds will be shared among village groups.

Can you HELP US?

CRiB could always use more help. The summer is the best time to help water, weed and deadhead plants all over the village. If you can help with grass cutting at Granny's Garden that would be very welcome. You don't need to be a gardener, for example we need to treat the fence at the back of the war memorial garden, so any help with that would be great. Woodworkers can help make raised beds and recycle old pallets into all sorts of useful things. Contact details on p4. An hour of your time would really make a difference. Our next committee meeting is on **Monday 10th June in the Firehouse at 7.30pm**, please come and join us and share your ideas.

Gardening Tips for June

- Remove the side shoots from tomatoes and feed after the first truss has set
- Stake tall floppy plants such as delphiniums before they fall over!
- Be WATER AWARE, collect rain water in water butts, put out pans and bowls when it rains to collect extra water. Use saucers under pots and troughs.
- The weather should be warm enough for hanging baskets and bedding plants to be outside now.
- Dead head roses, petunias etc regularly to keep them flowering all summer long.

Village Hall gives £100 to CRiB

Roger Hampton

The Village Hall Committee recently presented £100 to Curry Rivel in Bloom. This money will be used to develop the corner garden next to the petrol station in memory of Madelaine King-Oakley. Madelaine worked hard supporting the Village Hall, and the Hall Committee is keen to support a lasting memory to Madelaine.

COME ALONG TO THE BIG BREAKFAST

The next **BIG BREAKFAST** will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 9th June from 8.30am till 12.30pm.

All Bacon, Sausages and Eggs will be kindly provided by the 'Black Sheep Butchers' Langport.

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TUESDAY GROUP

Barbara Lancey

Well, thankfully April brought us some better weather, lighter evenings, and a good turnout of members and guests for our April meeting! Before introducing our 'guest' it was a pleasure to announce that we have recruited a new Secretary and Treasurer of the Tuesday Group Committee, whose predecessors are stepping down after faithfully serving the group for several years.

We then welcomed Ann Fagan, a noted artist, who came to demonstrate the art of Lino Printing. She began by explaining how she first became interested in the process, having trained as a painter at Harrow and Hornsey schools of art, plus three further years at intermediate level resulting in a National Diploma in Design. She went on to specialise in painting and achieved her Art Teachers Certificate. Marrying a teacher, Ann went into teaching herself, but after her son was born the family moved to Kenya to teach at a boarding school. Returning to the UK after four years, Ann took a teaching post in Sussex where she stayed for the next 30 years! After moving to Somerset, she started printmaking again at the Dove Studio and Strode College. She showed many examples of her stunning and thought-provoking work, and cards and notelets of her prints were available for sale.

It was then time to get 'stuck in' and Ann demonstrated some simple

printing techniques inviting budding artists from the floor to have a go! Guess who 'cut' a shamrock?? There was a lot of interest and some amazing results!

Many questions from the floor continued while refreshments were served, and Ann explained that much of her work now is inspired by the Somerset landscape and is developed from observational drawings and her own photographs. Feelings of space and the patterns and textures made by land, trees, water and the birds in the sky are important elements of her work, and I think this was truly evident. Ann is a member of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen and exhibits regularly in Somerset Arts Week.

Well, after such an inspiring evening, the group were reminded that the May meeting should be pure



'Magic!'.....and I'll tell you more next time!

The Tuesday Group is a ladies social group drawing from Drayton, Curry Rivel, Muchelney, Fivehead, Langport and beyond, and meets on the third Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Drayton Village Hall. Annual membership is only £10, or come and try for a guest fee of just £2.50 per meeting.

For further information please contact either Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657, email barbaralancey@hotmail.com, or Aileen Roche on 01458 252022, email aileenroche@btinternet.com.

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The Friday Get together Club.

Mike Mason

To all readers of the Curry Rivel News. I think there are still many people who could benefit from coming along to the village hall on a Friday and join in with similar folk like you at the Get Together Club. We have found that those who come along always enjoy the time spent with us.

We start at around 10am each Friday with a cup of tea or coffee, and there is always time for everyone to have a chat and renew old friendships. Our folk can join in with a game of cards, board games or simply talk and joke with the others or the volunteers. We are always on hand to talk or listen to anything the folk have to say.

At least once a month we will have some sort of entertainment such as music and singing.

We serve a two-course home-cooked meal for everyone. This meal is cooked by our own chef in the kitchen.

So do not just sit at home, but come along and enjoy the fun with us.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as a helper would be very welcome as well.

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Parish of Curry Rivel

Temporary Closure of Currywoods Way

TAKE NOTICE that in pursuance of Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the County Council of Somerset propose to make an Order PROHIBITING ALL TRAFFIC from proceeding along Currywoods Way from the junction with St Andrews Close, south-eastwards for a distance of 65 metres. This order will enable Wessex Water to carry out new connection works

The Order becomes effective on **10 June 2019** (and will remain in force for eighteen months.) **The works are expected to last for 5 days.**

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Friday 21 June



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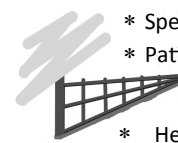
While Sarah is occupied with the politics of war with the French, Abigail tries to step into the breach as the Queen's companion. However, Sarah is not a woman to accept this without a fight.

Also stars: Rachel Weisz, Emma Stone, Mark Gatiss and Nicolas Hoult. Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Refreshments are on sale. Tickets £7 are available at the door.

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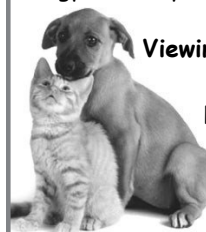
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News from Curry Rivel School

Frances Burns – Acting Headteacher

The first part of this term has flown by with a lot of notable activities happening at Curry Rivel Primary School. We started the term with a number of inter-school sports fixtures. Our netball team had successfully won through to represent our local Community Learning Partnership at a tournament against the best of each of Somerset's area teams. They played with real enthusiasm and should be very proud of what they achieved. As well as this event, our teams have taken part in football and cross-country events. Six of our children represented this area in the Somerset Cross Country competition. We are particularly proud of the excellent behaviour and teamwork displayed by all our children and commented on by sports leaders and organisers.

Our school aims are based around being a caring citizen, a curious learner and a confident individual. We give opportunities for the pupils to demonstrate the first in many ways. Last term, the children took part in many fundraising activities and, with the parents and friends, raised an amazing £1,110 for NSPCC. This term, we have visited the Village hall to sing to the Memory Cafe; set up our Eco Team with representatives from every class to find ways that we can be more environmentally friendly; and are now busy preparing for the Curry Rivel in Bloom displays later this the term.

This term's themes are based around geography and science. Phase One are studying the sea – its animal life, geographical facts, pollution and the physics of floating and sinking. We try to give the children as much practical and real experience as possible to help them link knowledge and research with their own observations. As part of this, the Phase One children are off to Lyme Regis for a day trip. In Phase Two, the focus is on being healthy – learning about how the human body works and the importance of diet, sleep, etc. This is leading to lots of interesting discussions and resolutions to be more healthy!

The energetic PTA supports the school in many ways, and we are very grateful for the fundraising they organise. We are now working on a long-term project to replace all of our climbing and outdoor play equipment as it has reached the end of its life. This type of equipment helps the children's physical fitness through strength and challenge, supports their wellbeing and gives them a lot of fun and exercise. If anyone knows of any local charities that might be able to help us raise the estimated £30,000 that is needed, we would be very grateful for the information. It is a huge sum to raise but it is so vital for the children.

Table-Top Sale at Primary School

Our school will be hosting its very own music festival to complement Curry Rivel Live again this June. However, this year they are also having a small community table-top sale in the front playground at the same time on Friday 28 June from 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

If you would like to book a table space for £10.00 per table and help raise funds for the school, please contact the school office or email curryrivelpriamry@educ.somerset.gov.uk before 17 June.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Am I alone in my disgust at the new Curry Rivel Gateway signs? If you haven't noticed them it's probably because they are so illegible. I understand that the old ones needed replacing but to do so with such inferior signage is an embarrassment. The material used is so flimsy that the mere process of erecting one of the signs (on the Hambridge entrance) has creased and distorted it. However, it is the actual design (or lack off) that really annoys me. The lettering is too small and close together, making it difficult to read. All this is set in the wrong size rectangle giving it a strangely unbalanced look. Unfortunately, the parish councillors seem to have not a clue about quality, aesthetics, and common good taste, as when I brought it to their attention at the May Meeting, my issues were all dismissed out of hand as they all could see nothing wrong with the signs.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Wilkins
Stanchester,
Curry Rivel



Legion Standard Handed-Over for Safe



Colonel Tony Potter, Chairman, hands-over the old Branch Standard to the Reverend Scott Patterson in St Martin's Church, Fivehead. Also present were the Standard Bearer, Mick Brett (on the left) and the two Escorts, Andy Anderson and Bob Willis.

The Curry Rivel, Drayton and Fivehead Branch is one of the oldest branches in the Royal British Legion. It was founded 101 years ago in 1917 by ex-Servicemen, some of whom were back home recovering from wounds sustained during the First World War. It was not for another 19 years that the Branch received its first Standard in 1936. This Standard now hangs for safe keeping in St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel. A second Standard was presented to the Branch in 1967 and dedicated by the Bishop of Taunton. It was this Standard that was laid-up recently in St Martin's Church, Fivehead.

A new Standard, paid for with generous public subscriptions, joined over 2,000 other Legion Standards last year at Ypres in Belgium to commemorate the ninetieth anniversary of the 'Great Pilgrimage' in 1928.



During an Evening Service in St Martin's Church, Fivehead, the local Branch of the Royal British Legion handed-over its old Standard to the Vicar, The Reverend Scott Patterson "for safe keeping in this Holy Church for evermore."

The next Branch event this year will be 'Summer Drinks' at Hurds Hill by kind permission of Mr David Holmes and Mr Clifford Lee on the evening of Friday 21 June 2019. The Volunteer Band from HMS HERON at Yeovilton will play incidental music. Tickets, priced at £10 each, will go on sale from Saturday 1 June 2019. This event is also open to non-members of the Legion.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM MEMORY PROBLEMS?

Then why not come along to the 'Forget Me Not' Café, that is held at the Village Hall every Tuesday from 2.30pm till 4.30pm?

The 'Forget Me Not' Café offers activities like Skittles, Indoor Curling, Seated Line Dancing, and Pom Pom exercises, as well as Bingo, Dominoes, Sing-along, in addition to Tea/Coffee and homemade cake.

The 'Forget Me Not' Café is for those with memory issues, those with Dementia or Alzheimer's or have had a stroke.

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

June

Sunday 2nd

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Service

Wednesday 5th

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 4**

Thursday 6th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 9th - Pentecost

10.00 **CR** - United Benefice

All Age /Family Holy Communion CW

Monday 10th

3.30-5.30 pm CR School Messy Church

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 5**

Sunday 16th - Trinity Sunday

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

Wednesday 19th

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 6**

Thursday 20th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 23rd

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Wednesday 26th

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 7**

Sunday 30th

10.00 **FH** - United Benefice

All Age /Family Holy Communion CW

Scott's spot

Do you know when to stop?



We've all been there. We're in the cinema, the film is about to start, and the usual message is given about switching off mobile phones. It's a simple act of courtesy so that everyone can enjoy the film without distraction. Most oblige, although, on that occasion, not everyone could bring themselves to do so. Some felt the need to continue texting throughout the film, one even taking a call. Inconsiderate? Well yes.

But I don't expect you are too surprised. The need to be constantly 'in touch' seems to be gaining an ever stronger grip on many. Try chatting to almost any (although not exclusively) young person today, and the chances are their phones will be beeping in the background alerting them that a text, email, Twitter or Facebook message has just arrived. One eye may be on you, but the other will be drawn to the device, their attention divided. Perhaps many of us could well do with a little 'down-time' from that demanding little companion.

It's not just phones that need switching off from time to time though, we do too. We need to rest both for our good and for the good of others. We may think we can power-on forever like Duracell bunnies – our capacity to keep going unlimited, and our energy reserves superior to everyone else's – but in reality, we can't. We all need time to rest for the sake of our health and sanity. I well know this is sometimes easier said than done – modern life can be very full and pressured – but if we ignore our need of rest then the consequences can be more serious than we realise. Exhaustion can lead to 'burn-out', even, perhaps, mental or physical breakdown as our bodies finally force us to rest.

Scott's spot ctd

And it's not just us who suffer but those closest to us as well; all too often they have to bear the brunt of the effects of our fatigue. I know that recently I have got rather too close to the 'edge' in this matter, and have needed to reassess the way I do things and acknowledge my need for greater support. It was Frodo Baggins in Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* who, bearing the great weight of the 'one ring', spoke of feeling like: *"too little butter spread across too much bread."* This phrase resonated with how I felt; perhaps you know it to be true of you?

In the book of Genesis at the beginning of the Bible, we find the accounts of creation. In chapter 2 verse 2 we read: **'And on the 7th day God finished the work that he had done, and rested on the 7th day from all the work that he had done'**. Psychologists may today congratulate themselves for working out that in order to remain healthy people need rest, but, as in so many other areas of life, it turns out that God's wisdom was there long before theirs. Surely one of the points of the creation story, with God resting on the 7th day, is that, if work is sacred, so too is leisure time and rest. In the pattern set for us by the creator, both are integral to life at its most rich and full.

So whatever you're switched on to, and however important and worthwhile your role or calling may seem, can I encourage you to remember to rest? If, like me, you sometimes feel like too little butter on too much bread, then for your sake and the sake of those you love, will you switch off before damage is done?

With prayer and blessings in Christ,

Revd. Scott

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29th - Wendy Graves



Mendip Consort of Recorders in St. Andrew's Church

Saturday 1st June 7.00 pm

During this concert you will be treated to a selection of music by German composers from the 16th to the 20th century.

Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in support of St. Andrew's Church. A raffle will be held.

Do come and see recorders ranging in length from 24 cm to 2 metres !

Church fete on the Village Green Saturday 6th July 2.00 - 4.30 pm

This is your annual opportunity to browse stalls for those **books-for-holidays**, unique **bric-à-brac** items, delicious **cakes, crafts & jewellery** and **plants**, or have a go on the **tombola**. There will also be a number of stalls selling 'items with a difference', produced by local artisans and **Graham the Bike Vet** will be there to advise on safe cycling and bike '1st aid repairs'.

For the children there will be **face painting**, **Beat the Goaly**, a **Teddy Bear abseiling** from the church roof and various other stalls.

Teas will be served in the Old School Room and the **bar** on the Green serves cool drinks, incl. non-alcoholic ones.

The church will again be beautifully decorated by the Flower Guild, on the **theme 'Children's Books'**; displays can also be viewed **Sunday 2.00 - 6.00 pm**.

Raffle tickets are on sale from **mid-June** (and on the day) from some of St. Andrew's Church members, at the Post Office, School Admin Office and Sandpits Heating. **1st prize is £100 cash**, 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 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)

Sunday 2nd - Rev Evelyn Ridout
(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 9th - Mrs Alison Reed Richards

Sunday 16th - Mr Steve Beney

Sunday 23rd - @ Langport URC, Bow St
Rev Rowena Francis

**** 23rd** @ 4pm Curry Rivel URC Hall
'Taiwan Presentation' by Rev. Tim and followed by Tea.

Sunday 30th - Mr and Mrs Potts

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

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**** Sunday 23rd June at 4pm**

Presentation about

the Church in Taiwan

(based on Rev. Tim's time in Taiwan during his sabbatical).

Curry Rivel URC Hall.

Presentation followed by afternoon tea. All welcome

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A View from The Orchard

In October last year another attack at a Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, eleven people were killed and seven injured.

In New Zealand in March two mosques were attacked; at the Al Noor Mosque forty-two were killed and at the Linwood Islamic Centre another seven were killed; another died later at Christchurch Hospital.

In Sri Lanka in April over three hundred people were killed in bomb attacks aimed at Churches and Hotels. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister was reported as saying it is possible the Sri Lankan bombings were a response to the Christchurch mosque attack.

So now what? A Christian militant group seek to avenge the outrage in Sri Lankaand then.....I have used this quote before but it is very appropriate to use it again now,

'An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind' (Ghandi).

Why does faith make some people react so strongly? Do they seriously believe that their god rejoices at an action which violently takes people's lives?

Christianity is the way I found God. The Christian faith is about a living relationship with God based on Easter's message of new life experienced through Jesus. It is both joyful and unique but does not need defending by the act of denying the reality of another's faith.

Engaging in dialogue is not always easy; we may not understand why someone should follow another faith path or why there are those for whom any idea of faith is preposterous. We may not always feel comfortable discussing our faith, yet alone should we need to defend it, but here's the rub, we should not feel a need to defend Christianity any more than we have a need or right to attack another's expression of faith. The most preposterous thing of all is that we should wage war in the name of the one who's very rising to life is the central focus of our faith. The values of Christianity can demand a great deal from us; are we able to face those challenges and honour and respect those whose lives take a different path?

Your friend, **Tim**

Somerton U3A

Denise Clarke

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 28 June when Philip Browne will tell us about "Unfortunate Captain Pierce and the Wreck of the Halsewell". This is one of the most dramatic shipwreck disasters on an English shore. Drawing on his recent prize-winning book of the same name, he will describe the terrible events that shocked the nation when a huge East India Company ship was wrecked on the Purbeck coast. On board were the Captain's teenaged daughters, his nieces and several other young ladies, bound for India in search of rich husbands. Despite the dramatic rescue of some of the crew, Captain Pierce and all the young ladies were drowned. In 1786, the peculiar circumstances of this disaster caught the public imagination and filled the newspapers for weeks. More than two centuries later, the story of the Halsewell still has the power to move us.

Copies of the book will be on sale after the talk at the discount price of £10. In July, it won the Hall & Woodhouse Dorchester Literary Festival Writing Prize 2018. Philip Browne was born and educated in Ireland, graduating from Trinity College Dublin with a B.A. and a Higher Diploma in Education. He taught English in a Dublin secondary school before

SOMERTON U3A

emigrating in 1973 to the U.K. Then followed nearly 40 years working in education, first as a teacher and subsequently as an education adviser with Dorset Education Authority. Philip Browne is married with two sons. He lives in Dorset in south-west England, an area that he loves.

Monthly meetings normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each".



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Row for the Ocean

Atlantic Talk on Saturday 15th June

Peter and Nicky Barker



Have you ever wondered what it takes to row across an ocean? Most people haven't even thought about it but, as you have read in previous issues of the Curry Rivel News, a team of four ladies decided to take on the 3000 mile Atlantic Challenge Race head on. Rowing the Ocean to Save the Ocean from the plastics crisis. An evening talk with Kirsty Barker from the team about what it took to get to the start line and take on the Atlantic, including images and video from the crossing. Donations will be accepted on the door for Surfers Against Sewage who are working in our communities to raise awareness and reduce single-use plastic. You can reserve a free ticket for this event by going to: rftotalk.eventbrite.co.uk, which will give us an idea of the numbers attending. However, last-minute walk-ins will also be welcome.

The talk will start at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. There will be refreshments available and time for questions afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

CURRY RIVEL LIVE 2019 – 15th & 16th June

Simon Champion



A small festival packed with a big punch. Curry Rivel Live is in its 7th year and this 2 day micro festival is a sure fire way to kick start your festival season. This year's festival will be looking to raise much needed funds for the Curry Rivel Village Hall, Combat Stress & Starlight Children's Foundation.

The main event is on Saturday 16th June with live music from 1pm through until midnight. This festival is known for its wide repertoire of music including local and international musicians in genres such as Country & Western, Samba, Rock, Soul, Rock n Roll, Ska, Dance and chart-topping music. And that's not all! Surrounding the festival is a selection of stalls and our Kids' area including an ice cream van, face-painting, inflatable rides and a children's craft area run by Apple Tree's Club. For adults we have the Blue Ridge Runners with their American Classic cars & Bikes, our famous long top bar and hot food, teas, coffees and cakes served all day along with the fantastic line up announced below.

Saturday Live Music from 1pm with; The Haus Band, The Break Beat Bandits, Whailtail, Flic & James, Shoot the Moon, The Champions, Wrecking Ball, Jack Humphries, Aqila, Samuel Cockram, Hanna, Champion Music Group Showcase. The event continues on Sunday 16th June with Fathers' Day 'Picnic in the Park'. Bring your own *picnic and enjoy with family and friends whilst you relax and be entertained by Wessex Big Band playing a range of popular Swing, Jazz and Big Band hits from 1930's to the present day.

Tickets are available for the weekend and both individual days online, or can be purchased from The BP Garage in Curry Rivel, Bow St Barbers & The Hairlodge - Curry Rivel.

* Picnic: i.e food ONLY can be brought on site during the Sunday NO ALCOHOL. We do not allow food or drink to be brought on site during the Saturday event.

Unfortunately, there is no overnight camping available onsite. There are several campsites and B&Bs in the area. For more info visit: <http://www.championmusicgroup.co.uk>

40 years in Langport for the Red Cross

Chris Cox

The Langport Red Cross Centre, in the main car park, opens every morning (except Sunday) from 10am offering friendship, refreshments and the sale of donated goods. This year, the local group is commemorating 40 years since the centre first opened.

Langport & District Red Cross volunteers, past and present, will be celebrating with an evening Carvery at The Langport Arms on Friday 21st June at 7pm; followed by a trip down memory lane at the Centre from 8pm. Past and present volunteers, plus any

regular customers, are warmly invited to join in the celebration of 40 years continuous opening. For the meal, please book with Chris Cox on 01458 273085.

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

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| 9.45 | Art Club | Village Hall |
| 3.30 - 5.30 | Messy Church (2nd only) | School Hall |
| 6.00 | Pilates | Primary School |
| 6.45 | Explorer Scouts | Scout Hall, Langport |

TUESDAY

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| 10-12 | Craft & Coffee (2nd only) | Old School Room |
| 10.30 | Line Dancing Classes | Village Hall |
| 2.30 | Forget-Me-Not-Café | Village Hall |
| 5.45 - 8 | Pilates | Primary School |
| 6.00 | Cub Pack | Scout Hall, Langport |
| 6.30 | Guides | URC Hall |
| 6.30 | Langport Youth Club | Ridgway Hall |
| 7.00 | Short Mat Bowls | Village Hall |
| 7.30 | Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only) | All Saints Hall, L'port |
| 7.30 | Tuesday Group (3rd only) | Drayton Village Hall |

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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| 10.00 | WI | (2nd only) Village Hall |
| 1.30 - 3.30 | Short Mat Bowls | Village Hall |
| 4.30 | Rainbows | Village Hall |
| 4.30 | Brownies | Village Hall |
| 7.30 | Parish Council | (1st only) Village Hall |

FRIDAY

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

Special events

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| 7pm | 1 | Concert | St Andrews |
| 11am | 9 | Open Gardens/Big Breakfast | |

Some Useful Telephone Numbers**Youth Organisations**

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| Brownies | 251953 |
| Guides | 252901 |
| Pynsent Youth Football Club | 251084 |
| Langport Youth Club | 0793 899 338 |

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| Bowls Club | 251616 |
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| Organist & Bell Ringing | 253856 |
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