



Where does the time go.....oops! I missed the CRN deadline for February... apologies, but hope you will enjoy this catch up!



The December meeting was our Christmas Party. Who doesn't enjoy a 'party', with wonderful food contributions, liquid refreshments, Secret Santa, music, and fun and games thrown in! After a welcome drink and a few notices, members were invited to begin feasting on the fantastic array of food, beginning with succulent savouries. Before the next course, 'the game' was introduced inviting three volunteer pairs to each wrap a Christmas present using only one hand each! The lack of scissors made for interesting innovation, but using the basic 'tools' provided, ie wrapping paper, sellotape, ribbon, self-adhesive

bow and a knife, the results were amazing! Intense concentration broke into hysterical laughter with the right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing!

....and here's the winner...!!!
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Pretty good, eh?

January started a new year for members and guests who were provided with the new programme for 2020. Traditionally, we held our AGM, highlighting last year's programme which had consisted of an outstandingly hilarious but challenging quiz, 'dancing' feet, amazing history, clever craft, magic and theatre, a singer/songwriter, two parties and a game of skittles! Phew! We do try to cram a lot in! Having then sorted the business of committee changes, confirmed a healthy bank balance, and agreed on this year's charity donation to the Forget-Me-Not Cafe in Curry Rivel, we enjoyed a cleverly formatted and very artistic quiz! So much fun should not be allowed!!

The evening ended with refreshments and our Quizmaster waiving his fee, requesting a donation be given to



Yeovil Heartbeat, which we were very pleased to do.

Our February meeting is 'Friends Against Scams - a Bankers Guide!' with Trudi Zimmer, and I will report on this in the next issue.

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



Curry Rivel, just like everywhere else, is changing slightly all the time. The scene in this photograph from the 1930s is still recognisable today, though both buildings in foreground have changed over the years. Copies of our book *Curry Rivel Past and Present*, which features 80 pages of old photographs including this one, are still available from Living Pretty or the Village Hall for just £5 a copy

District Councillors' Report

Tiffany Osborne

Would you be interested in becoming an Environment Champion volunteer? There are opportunities within SSDC to directly contribute towards creating a region of rural environmental excellence. The role would include being the link between SSDC and your parish by disseminating information through attendance at forums or via email. You would also be responsible for compiling and returning information from your parish to SSDC about environmental group activities, rewilding areas or any support required to champion ideas you have to help make your parish more sustainable. Collaboration with other parishes to maximise impact and share expertise would also be expected. It's a vital role and integral to SSDC being able to fulfil their environmental strategy to ensure initiatives are followed through and opportunities are maximised. If you would like to sign up then please contact: ssdcenvironment@southsomerset.gov.uk to register.

Continuing on the environmental theme you may have noticed the new slogan of 'Trim my waste' and 'Feed my face' appearing on your black bins and food bins respectively. Make of the slogan what you will! However, it is trying to serve an important message and that is to not use the black bins for food waste at all but to only use the brown bins. Unfortunately, it would seem that many residents do not do this and not only does this impact on the ability to recycle effectively, it also has cost implications and a smell! It would seem the council have produced another balanced budget for 2020/21 and are quick to thank their income generation and transformation initiatives for not having to cut services in the upcoming year. The jury is still very much out on just how effective their initiatives have been with many of you finding it difficult to contact SSDC via telephone and many of you having planning applications stalled in a black hole for months on end. Perhaps the success of these initiatives would be best judged after a few years when the true extent of income generation can be assessed by the effectiveness and ease of accessing services and customer care.

Somerton U3A

Kay Williamson

If you have moved to the area or just retired and looking for a new direction, Somerton U3A might be for you.

Somerton U3A is one of a 1,000 U3As across the UK which brings retired or semi-retired people together to learn, continue to develop existing interests or learn something completely new, and make lots new friends at the same time. It's all completely voluntary and run in informal activity sessions.

Somerton U3A has over 500 members and over 50 interest groups.

If we have whetted your appetite, why not come and see what we're about at our regular meetings on the 4th Friday of every month at the Edgar Hall, Somerton. Meetings start with coffee and chats at 10 am followed by a guest speaker at 10.30 am.



We know how difficult it can be to go somewhere not knowing a soul, but we have a dedicated "Welcome" team who will make sure you are well looked after.

Our next monthly meeting will be on **Friday 27th March Edgar Community Hall**, Somerton, when our speaker will be George Hinton who will be telling us about the work of the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) in the South West giving practical and emotional support to people with sight problems.

If you can't attend and would like to know more, please see the Somerton U3A website or alternatively, phone Kay on 01458 448694.



Your Community Website
curryrivel.org.uk



Collectors Wanted

Chris Cox

Langport & District Red Cross Group is appealing for collectors during the 2020 Red Cross Week, Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th May. An hour or two of a volunteer's time during this week will be warmly welcomed and will help keep the Red Cross voluntary service running in this area. With all the new housing we need extra house-to-house collectors to cover as many as possible of the villages and towns in South Somerset, as well as volunteers to help for an hour or two holding a bucket at local shops. As the last remaining volunteer-run Red Cross Centre in the UK it is very

important that we continue to raise funds to justify us remaining in operation.

Our Centre in the main Langport Car Park is open every morning, except Sunday, where we sell donated goods and provide friendship and company over a hot, or cold drink and a biscuit (or two!). Donations of items for sale are always welcomed. We also carry a small stock of disability aids for loan or purchase.

Please contact Chris, the Group Leader, on 01458 273085 or e-mail to cox.cj@btinternet.com.



The 'Forget Me Not' Cafe needs your help

Roger Hampton

Over the last few months the 'Forget Me Not' café has become more popular, so we are looking for additional volunteers, to help once a month.

The 'Forget Me Not' Cafe meets every Tuesday from 2.30pm till 4.30pm at Curry Rivel Village Hall, and is a great place to make friends especially for those with memory challenges'.

The Cafe does various activities, provides tea and cakes, and finishes with a sing along.

If you can help or would like to know more about the 'Forget Me Not' Cafe then contact Adrienne on 01458 252710 or Christine on 01458 741606



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Mrs Lowry & Son

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A biographical drama that recounts the life of renowned artist L.S. Lowry.

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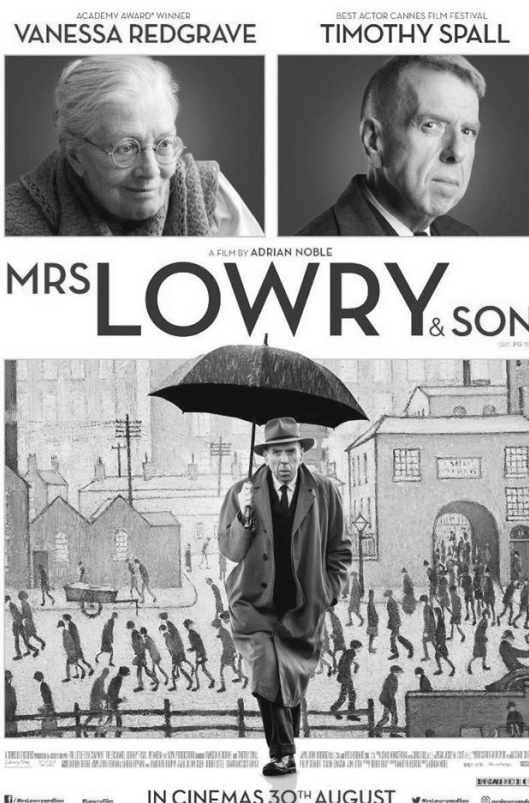
Stars: Timothy Spall, Vanessa Redgrave, Stephen Lord & Wendy Morgan.

Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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Curry Rivel News seeks understudy volunteers

Robert Atkins



As part of succession planning, the Curry Rivel News seeks volunteers to act as understudy/ies to the present incumbent responsible for both Advertising and Treasurer functions.

The treasurer position would suit anyone familiar in the use of Excel. In terms of time it amounts to less than an hour a week plus maybe two hours towards month end.

The advertising function requires the use of Microsoft Publisher, a desktop publishing application. The Curry Rivel News may be able to assist with the purchase of this. It is simple to use and tuition will be provided. Usually the requirement will be no more than two hours a month. This may appeal to a student with interest in graphic applications.

As understudy/ies, the time involved would be much less demanding as the purpose would be for the understudy/ies to acquaint themselves with the requirements so as to be able to step in and take over at a future date.

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Anne Michell



Curry Rivel Music's 2019/2020 concert season continues on 14 March when we welcome Peter Moore - Trombone and Robert Thompson - Piano.

In 2008, at the age of 12, Peter Moore became the youngest ever winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Since then he has become the Principal Trombone of the London Symphony Orchestra, having been a member of the LSO since 2014. As a soloist he has appeared with the LSO, BBC



Symphony Orchestra, BBCNOW, BBC Concert Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra, Lucerne Symphony and Polish Chamber Orchestra.

In 2018/19, as part of the ECHO Rising Stars Scheme, Peter has given recitals in Vienna, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Cologne and the London Barbican. He has also undertaken recital tours in China, Japan, Korea, Australasia and South America. As well as his performing career, Peter is Professor of Trombone and Artist in Residence at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.



Robert Thompson is a consummate musician, equally at home as a soloist and a chamber musician. He has performed as solo pianist at the Wigmore Hall, Bridgewater Hall, the Leeds and Nottingham International Piano Series and chamber music performances at Wigmore Hall, the Sage Gateshead and in Hong Kong.

For 10 years he was a member of the Rhodes Piano Trio which was selected by the Young Classical Artists Trust in 2010 and in 2011, they won 2nd prize in the Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition. Robert has performed widely as a concert soloist and has performed regularly at the Lake District Summer Music Festival and given recitals at venues and festivals across the UK. Robert was Head of Piano at Bedford School for 9 years and is now Assistant Director of Music (Performance) at Christ's Hospital School.

The Concert on 14 March, will take place in St Andrew's Church, starting at 7pm. Tickets cost £12, available at the door. Students and children admitted free. There is an interval with tea, coffee or wine.

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Fleas Arrive!

Jane Hamlin

According to a book of Somerset customs and superstitions published in 1920, 1st March was widely believed in some parts of Somerset to be the day when fleas arrived. Apparently in Crewkerne the fleas come marching down Cemetery Hill and in

Yeovil it was believed that they marched down Hendford Hill. The Somerset County Herald quoted one of their correspondents who advised that "housewives who desire to keep their house free from the inquisitive flea should be careful to sweep their front doorstep early on the morning of March 1st for it is on that day that the invasion of the 'Black Army' takes place. If the front doorstep is swept the invaders are

repelled and swept away". Further advice that they reported was, "Keep your windows closed tight, else the fleas will come in and bite."

Either the people of Curry Rivel were particularly diligent and kept their doorsteps clean every day, or the fleas did not fancy us much, because there are no such reports for our village – unless it is one of our dark secrets!

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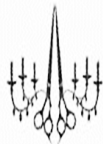
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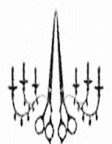
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National Trust collections in their South Somerset Houses

Janet Seaton

The Langport & District History Society's February meeting featured an illustrated talk from Sonja Rogers, Collections Manager for the National Trust in South Somerset. Her experience and in-depth knowledge of the National Trust properties in South Somerset filled her talk with interest and background detail.

Sonja's talk covered Montacute, Barrington Court, Lytes Cary, Tintinhull, the Priest's House and the Treasurer's House. She began by outlining the origins of the National Trust's commitment to saving country houses, noting that Barrington Court was the first property acquired by the Trust after it was put on a statutory footing by the National Trust Act of 1907.

As Collections Manager for many years she had acquired a unique and intimate knowledge of the items kept in the National Trust's South Somerset properties, and indeed of the buildings themselves. Montacute has over 2,000 items, more than half of all the items in South Somerset. Lytes Cary has under 1,000 and Barrington Court, which is empty, has fixtures and fittings amounting to only just under 250 items. Collections reflect their collectors' lives and interests, though the houses are not intended to be museums to the families who lived in them.

A quick run-down of the National Trust's policies on what they do and do not collect revealed some surprising offers, such as a set of baby-feeding bottles and a National Trust member offering to let them store his furniture – both of which were declined.

Sonja described the houses in order of their age, pointing out their most important or unusual features. In the Treasurer's House, for example, not everyone may have known that the



Montacute House

13th century wall painting in the solar was discovered as recently as 1995. She explained in detail the process for restoring Montacute's valuable 15th century millefleurs tapestry at specialist workshops in Belgium. She also recounted how delighted they were that the owners of the unique 16th century *Lyte's Herbal*, which had been on long term loan, had offered to donate the volume for permanent display at Lyte's Cary.

Sonja's enthusiasm for her work and her detailed knowledge engaged the large audience, who were inspired to visit these properties armed with greater insights, even if they were already frequent visitors.

The Society's next meeting will be on Monday 2 March at the Sixth Form Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy, when Phil Nichols will give a talk called *Secure the shadow: Somerset photographers 1839-1939*. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria from 6.45pm. Non-members are very welcome, £4 per person.

At this meeting there will be a special offer of half-price annual membership for £7.50, which will allow free entry to our talks from March to June.

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Curry Rivel Residents Care for the Environment

Gina Beauchamp

This month please come and join in with the **Great Village Litter Pick**. It will take place on **Sat & Sun 28th & 29th March** between **10.00 & 14.00**.

Meet in the village car park to collect litter pick tools and bin bags. Bring your own gloves and a high-viz jacket, if you have one, though some will be available on the day. You will be allocated an area to cover or choose one that hasn't been covered already. The collected rubbish will be sorted and recycled. You will be surprised at how much rubbish is collected each year from around the village. It is a very rewarding thing to do, great fun and you will be helping the environment. Bring your children and well-behaved dogs! This is organised annually by the Parish Council. Hope to see you there. N.B the Saturday time clashes with our CRIB plant sale on Sat 28th 10.30- 12.30 so why not come along and do both that day?

I was very pleased to see the plastic bag

recycling holder at Tesco absolutely overflowing the other day, with plenty of bread bags and plastic wrapping being recycled. The mixed plastics bin is always overflowing, too, and although it says 'no plastic bags' of mixed plastics, if left they will be collected and emptied when the bin is emptied.

Have you looked at Freecycle yet?

There are quite a few Curry Rivel members on this site now. It is a free service where you can give away almost anything. Furniture, plants, greenhouses, rubble, pallets, you name it, it can be posted on the site. I once got rid of two buckets of stones and received a table to use in my potting shed.

You can post a wanted request or ask for offered items from the emails you receive or from the site, which you must collect at a time convenient to the donor. Likewise, if you offer an item you can choose who you give it to, and

they must collect it from you. All items must be donated free of charge. I have met some lovely people on Freecycle and have been given gifts of plants, jam and seeds as 'thank yous' from grateful recipients.

Go to www.freecycle.org it will tell you how to set up an account and explain the rules. The nearest groups are Taunton, Bridgwater, Chard, Shepton Mallet, Wells & Street, they cover all the villages as well. It will help to keep furniture that still has some life in it out of landfill. Whenever I go to the recycling centre at Somerton I wish that some of the people throwing perfectly good things in to the rubbish skip had put them on Freecycle or even taken them to a charity shop. People have managed to furnish a flat with free items from this site. So please spread the word!

Parish Council News

Tony Greenaway

Two planning applications were considered by the council at the meeting in February. Tennis Court at Red Hill House and a detached self-build property adjacent to Portway, Langport. The Parish council had no objections to either application.

The Precept has been submitted to SSDC.

Previous Planning applications have been approved by South Somerset District Council with conditions:

The erection of a small lean-to extension of glass and wood and a structural stone buttress at The Dovecote, Heale Lane; the carrying out of internal alterations to form wc cloakroom, kitchen and utility room, including changing of internal doors at Heale Wold, Heale Lane.

Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural barn to a flexible use B1 at Perham Farm, Wick. Planning permission was not required for this application.

We have also approved a budget of £6000 (£3000 from the financial Year 19/20 and £3000 from financial year 20/21) for the purchase of 2 speed indicator devices (SIDs). We may also consider a reduction in speed limit through the High Street to 20 mph. However, there is still some work to be done on this at present.

There will also be a village clean-up held later in March which will involve volunteers coming forward to assist the clean-up of our village. This will be advertised shortly on the Website and you can read more about it in the article above

Curry Rivel Live will take place this year on Saturday 25 July, and members of the organising committee were present at the meeting to provide assurances that the team will run it the same as in previous years and that the site will be cleaned up after the event.

Burrowbridge W.I.

Jo Washington

The ladies of Burrowbridge WI met on a chilly January evening, despite the weather we had a friendly evening planning the forthcoming activities for 2020, and enjoying a warming cup of tea.

It is the start of our new membership year, and now is the chance to come and join us. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Coronation Hall, Burrowbridge.

Next month why not come and join us for a flower demonstration from Chelsea Award winning Eden Florists.

Organic Gardening Principles

Mike Davis

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Sedgemoor Gardens Club

Sylvia Goodenough

On a cold and blustery evening in January we were delighted with the number of members who wrapped up and came out to hear Katherine Crouch's talk on "New tricks for old gardeners". She was rather a celebrity speaker as she had been a contestant on TV's Mastermind only the night before - a bit of a change to come to All Saint's Hall in Langport the following evening! However, we were delighted she did.

Katherine recognises that as we gardeners "mature", we need to find ways to minimise the work and in doing so prolong our enjoyment. She suggested that if we embrace the ideas from the "new perennials" movement, we won't have hedges to trim. Cutting back the border perennials in the spring season means we can leave the results in the borders to act as mulch and the seed heads will have provided welcome food for birds over the winter. She suggests we look closely at our gardens and perhaps think of different designs to minimise outdoor housework. Wisteria for example could be grown on a fence which is less work than growing it on the house. Her advice is not to grow anything that takes longer to prune than it is in flower. She

also suggests enlisting the (paid) help of teenagers—preferably someone else's!

Katherine is in favour of the no dig gardening technique—but you do need to mulch prolifically. We were then shown a variety of useful garden tools—with the suggestion we choose those that don't rust—one less job to worry about. We all went home with much food for thought.

In March we have two events, our normal Tuesday meeting when Sally Nex will talk about Year Round Vegetable Growing and then we have our annual Daffodil Festival at Long Sutton Village Hall on March 21st. This will delight the senses as usual and all are welcome to visit in the afternoon. Hope to see you there!

As ever we will be delighted to welcome visitors or new members to any of our meetings with more information being available on 01458 250091 or 07903030533.



Katherine Crouch

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Somerset Gardens Competition 2020 — £ 250 top prize

There are two competitions; one for schools and another for individual owned gardens. The competitions celebrate the wealth and diversity of historic and modern gardens in Somerset and the remarkable passion of school volunteers and garden owners. Competition closes 20th April 2020. Visiting & Judging May to July 2020

Details: www.somersetgardenstrust.org.uk/competition/

Entry fee £15—Free for Schools

Children's Page



Just For KIDS



Curry Rivel News is pleased to announce an art competition for all children in Curry Rivel. Pictures should have a Spring time theme. A small selection of pictures will be printed in the news paper with a **prize** for our favourite. Good luck and get drawing!

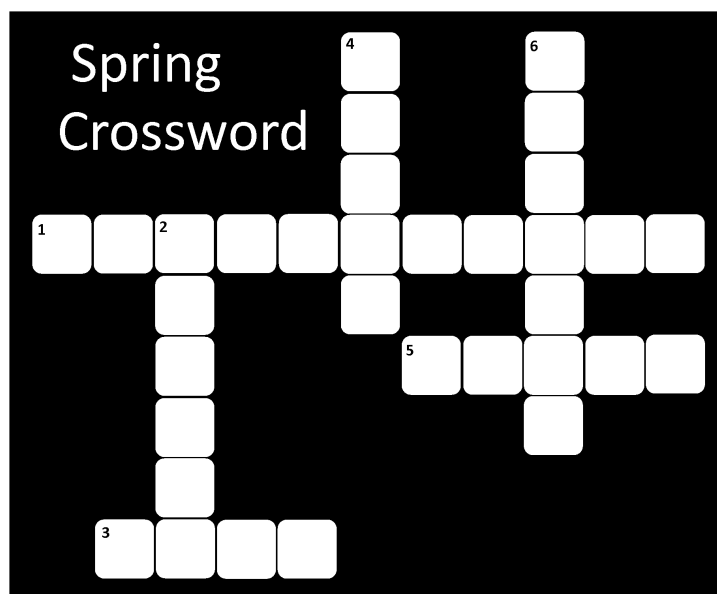


- Artists must be aged **15 or under**.
- All pictures should be drawn or painted on an **A4** piece of paper or smaller.
- On the back please write your

name, age, address (or class number) and **phone number**.

- Drawings must be put into one of the collection boxes (there will be a box in Sandpits and another in the school) by **30th of March**.
- All pictures should have a **Spring** theme.

Good Luck!



Across

- 1 A long sleep that some animals wake from in the spring.
- 3 What birds keep warm in their nests in spring.
- 5 You get this on a cold crisp spring morning.

Down

- 2 Sport that march hares do in spring.
- 4 Baby rabbit.
- 6 The name of the 21st of march when there is an equal amount of day and night.

Spring wordsearch

C	U	C	O	A	S	T	E	F	F	U	D	I	L	G	M	L
P	C	H	E	R	R	Y	B	L	O	S	S	O	M	H	S	T
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E	L	D	O	F	F	I	D	L	S	D	R	I	L	L	H	K
A	B	B	L	U	E	B	E	L	L	G	R	A	H	J	K	L
A	S	N	B	Y	D	E	E	T	Q	U	F	S	D	X	I	L
T	U	H	A	R	E	F	R	E	T	H	R	U	S	H	I	P

Daffodil
Tulip
Hare

Crocus
Snowdrop
Cuckoo

Cherry blossom
Bluebell
Lamb

Are Holly and Phill really as nice as they seem?

Jane Hamlin

People who know us and were careless enough to watch ITV's *This Morning* on 20th November, have asked this question, and the answer is "Yes." Barbara and I sat on their sofa in the *This Morning* studio and were interviewed by them. It was just like being in a friend's sitting room chatting.

Last November we found that there was a ripple of media interest in us. By coincidence, we had been approached in August by two journalists from different publications who wanted to write about us. One was from a new monthly magazine called *Platinum* and the other was from the *Daily Mail*. We were interviewed by phone in early August for both publications, but neither article appeared immediately. *Platinum* followed up with a photoshoot by a local photographer in our garden (fortunately it wasn't too untidy!) and the *Daily Mail* lured us to London in September to have our hair and make-up done by professionals, dressed by a stylist before being snapped by a very dynamic photographer. We were truly pampered for the afternoon, though the designer of the dress that I was given to wear – kept in place by strategic bulldog clips – may have wondered why I had it on back to front. (The photographer decided it looked better on me that way round.) The *Platinum* article featured in the December issue, which of course, meant that it was published at the beginning of November and the *Daily Mail* one was published in the middle of November. As a result of this we were asked to appear on *This Morning*. We were told that we would have few days' notice and would travel up to London the day before the programme, have a night in a hotel all expenses paid etc. It sounded wonderful. However, someone from the programme phoned us the evening before and said, "I don't suppose you could come tomorrow, could you?" As it happened we could, so at 6:20 am we were on the train to Paddington, then whisked to the Television Centre to have our make-up and hair done. We could get used to that! Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield, who present the programme, wanted to meet us



before the show began. They each gave us a hug and kiss and told us how pleased THEY were to meet US. We were directed to another part of the studio so that they could start the programme which goes out live. We were so impressed by it all. There were several cameras and they all moved about silently. There were people with clipboards rushing around, checking their watches and looking very anxious. It was fascinating to watch from the sidelines as the programme began. Then we were moved to the sofa for our bit. The eight minutes passed in a flash. Although they used the autocues (which were on every camera) to introduce the item Holly and Phill focussed on us for the interviews. They were well prepared, warm and friendly and, seemed genuinely interested in what we had to say. When the adverts came on, they gave us another hug and kiss, posed for a photo with us, and then we were ushered back to the green room. It all seemed a bit of dream. Our fifteen seconds of fame was over and we could slip back into obscurity.

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or <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11260/>



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

March

Sunday 1st - Lent 1

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

Thursday 5th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Friday 6th - World Day of Prayer

10.00 **FH** Interdenominational service, refreshments available

Sunday 8th - Lent 2

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

Monday 9th

3.30-5.30 pm CR School Messy Church

Tuesday 10th

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

Sunday 15th - Lent 3

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

Thursday 19th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 22nd - Mothering Sunday

10.00 **CR** - All Age Family Communion (refreshments afterwards)
11.15 **CR** - Short Communion

4.00 pm **FH** - All Age Family Service

Sunday 29th - Lent 4

10.00 **SW** United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Scott's spot

Temptation.

This, for many people, is what the season of Lent is all about. By this I mean that the 6 weeks of Lent are often especially associated with overcoming it. For many the 40 days of Lent have become about giving up some bad habit, or perhaps denying ourselves some luxury, or is about 'turning over a new leaf'. It is all about resisting temptation.

And the reason for this is understandable. At the beginning of Lent each year, the church hears again about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. In those Gospel readings (e.g. Matthew 4:1-11) we read about Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness during which he faced temptation to turn stones into bread, temptation to worship the devil instead of God, and temptation to test God by throwing himself off the highest point of the temple.

It's because of this link that I wonder whether our understanding of what Lent should be about has got a bit warped. As we put Jesus' temptation and Lent together, too often it is understood as a stick with which we should beat ourselves. Too often we see Jesus' example as an example of stern self-discipline that we must somehow follow. By putting Jesus' temptation and Lent together, the implication seems to be that if he could do it, then so also should we.

St. Andrew's Annual Meetings

Monday 27th April 7.30 pm,
in the Old School Room

- Annual Meeting of Parishioners (**AMP**) to elect Churchwardens

followed by the

- Annual Parochial Church Meeting (**APCM**), with reports about church life; PCC proceedings; the church's financial affairs over 2019, and the election of new PCC members.

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

CR OSR = St. Andrew's Old School Room

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell



Scott's spot ctd . . .

But that's not the point of Jesus' temptations. The temptations Jesus faced were to take the easy way rather than the hard, to fit in with the way of the world rather than to walk the way of the cross. In short, they were about 'nipping in the bud' his saving mission before it even began. His refusal to give in, therefore, was less about a pattern for us to follow, and more about giving us a reason to hope and rejoice. As we see Jesus **overcoming** temptation, this can be a reminder that the one who took the road of costly self-sacrifice, the route that would eventually lead to the cross, took that route not because we deserved it, but despite our failings. Jesus walked this road for us because he loves us, warts and all. Lent, and Jesus' temptations, speaks of the God who longs not to condemn but to forgive, not to punish but to bless, and who has gone to astounding lengths to do so.

So if you're considering giving anything up this Lent, why not give up the false image of an austere, kill-joy god who wants to brow-beat you into submission, and replace it with the God of grace we see displayed in Jesus' self-giving life? He overcame temptation as a signal to all that saving love, strength, courage and commitment had arrived on earth. Despite our daily temptations, and our very human weakness in the face of them, is this not very good news?

With every blessing,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

St. Andrew's Rotas March

Brass - Nicky Barker

Flowers

7th, 14th & 28th - Lent

21st - Mothering Sunday

Cleaning

7th - Wendy Graves

14th - Liz Rendell

21st - Jackie & John de Ronde

28th - Nicky Barker



A reminder for your diaries:

St. Andrew's Church fete

will be on

Saturday 4th July

World Day of Prayer

A special annual service to celebrate this day will be held in

St. Martin's Church, Fivehead,
at **10.00 Friday 6th March,**
with refreshments afterwards.

The theme for this year is

'Rise! Take your mat and walk.'

This service, which is inter-denominational, has been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe.



All are welcome - men, women, and children.

Anyone who is willing to present a reading or help with some preparations, please contact Mrs Rowan Patterson on 01458 - 251375.

Easter Lilies

At Easter, members of St. Andrew's Church Flower Guild arrange lilies in the Church in memory of loved ones.



If you would like to donate a lily (cost £ 3.00 each stem), please contact Adrienne Holmes (252710) or Sue Randell (253496) by

Tuesday 31st March.

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United Reformed Church



March

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 1st - Mrs Alison Reed Richards

Sunday 8th - Rev Tim Richards

Sunday 15th - Rev Evelyn Ridout
(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 22nd - Mothering Sunday
Rev Rowena Francis

Sunday 29th - Mrs Jo Morling

Lent at the URC

Giving something to (rather than giving something up)

You are invited to Lunch: Easter Saturday 11th April 12 noon (see at bottom of right-hand column).

You've heard the familiar phrase "giving something up for Lent" – it originates with the solemn Christian observance of fasting and the giving up of luxuries in order to replicate, remind ourselves by entering into the spirit of, Jesus's time spent in the desert at the beginning of his public ministry. The Gospels record this period in the desert as 40 days – hence Lent (and any giving up we might do) lasts for 40 days (weekends don't count!). This year the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday) falls on 26th February ending approximately six weeks later, Holy Saturday (11th April), the day before Easter Sunday.

Lent is a season of preparation: preparation for Christ's death and resurrection – preparation through prayer; repentance (or sorrow for) of sins (unhelpful acts or inaction); penance (putting right or making amends for a wrong); almsgiving (charitable giving to those in need); the denial of ego (self-denial; usually denying oneself the pleasures of life but also a recognition of others needs as more important than our own).

Our **giving up** at the URC during Lent this year involves **giving to** and **we invite you to join with us.**

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

Lent at the URC ctd . . .

Throughout the period of Lent, we encourage you to join us by putting something aside (in-date, non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries, household items, sanitary products, baby supplies or money) either on a daily, weekly or as you can basis to give to our local foodbank.

This might be as an act of penance, putting right a wrong, or addressing an injustice:

It might be as part of your alms or charitable giving:

It could be part of your self-denial, putting others' needs before your own or going without in order that someone else might have:

It might simply be your act of kindness or compassion.

It doesn't need to be much: five loaves and two fishes fed a multitude - 10p every day for 40 days = £ 4:00 will make a difference.

Langport Foodbank is for individuals and families experiencing a crisis which is making feeding themselves or a family difficult. Open every Wednesday between 2:30 – 4pm at the Ridgway Hall, Stacey's Court, Langport, it is run as a satellite of the Taunton Trussell Trust foodbank. If you want to know more or discover specific item requests visit <http://taunton.foodbank.org.uk>

To say **THANK YOU** we will be hosting a **FREE Soup & Bread plus Cake lunch** at the end of Lent on **Saturday 11th April, 12 noon – 2pm**: just bring your items/money for the foodbank with you to the **URC hall**. Stay for lunch: we will gather, pack & transport foodbank items/money for you.

In March**Regular Events****MONDAY**

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

TUESDAY

10-12	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room
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 - 9.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall, L'port
7.30	Tuesday Group (3rd only)	Drayton Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10.00	WI	(2nd only) Village Hall
2.00 - 4.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows	Village Hall
4.30	Brownies	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council	(1st only) Village Hall

FRIDAY

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

Special Events

Litter pick up 28th and 29th 10.00 (village carpark).

Dig Deep for Curry Rivel 14th 10.30 (war memorial).

CRIB plant sale 28th 10.30 (war memorial).

Some Useful Telephone Numbers**Youth Organisations**

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

Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club	251201
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

Social

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	252146
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	251432
Women's Institute	259688
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
PROBUS	252545
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	253953
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	251524
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 741606
Inner Wheel	251940
Tuesday Group	252657/252022

Arts

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

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United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	259391

Community Services

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Primary School	251404
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Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre	251055

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County Council	0300 123 2224

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Flower Guild	252710
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URC Minister	252799

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