

MAY 2019



Curry Rivel in Bloom

A flowering community

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Plant Sale

Our Plant sale at the war memorial on Sat 6th April was very successful. Luckily the weather was dry for us after a week of rain. Lots of people turned up and there was as much 'Bring' as there was 'Buy'! Or people just came to buy, chat, have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake and look at the war memorial garden. We didn't have many plants left at the end and it was a great community event. We made £160 and that will go towards planting projects around the village. We are hoping to repeat the event and will have more summer plants to sell this time, geraniums etc. Please come along and support us again on **Saturday 1st June** 10.30-12.30 at the war memorial. 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!

Stolen Pots

Sadly, five of our lovely pots were stolen during the afternoon / early evening of Sunday 7th April. The two pots by the bus stop in Parsonage Place and three pots from the railings. It is a shame that a selfish act has taken some of the enjoyment of our efforts from the village. We have however, turned it to our advantage and have received a lot of press coverage and emails of support. Within a few days I had received donations, from concerned and upset villagers, totalling £50 to go towards replacing the pots. They will all be replaced but with better fixings to make them harder to steal. We do have a lead and the community police have been very supportive and are following it up. Thank you to all our villagers for your support!

Curry Rivel Young Gardener of the Year

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.

CURRY RIVEL In BLOOM

Please get in touch if you would like to help with any aspect of gardening around the village. We are always looking for help with non-gardening jobs as well as gardening, for example office skills would be a great help with all our admin and paperwork you would be surprised at how much there is; and practical skills too, such as carpentry, digging, heavy lifting or any other skill that you may have to offer. Our next committee meeting is on Monday 13th May in the Firehouse at 7.30pm, please come and join us and share your ideas.

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Gardening Tips for May

- Pinch out tops of sweet peas to make them bushier
- Feed tomatoes after the first truss sets. Don't over feed though!
- Grow French marigolds next to tomatoes to keep white fly away
- Keep on top of weeds and use mulch to keep them away
- Pick slugs and snails off plants and veg by hand (wear gloves) go out at night with a headtorch, you'll be surprised how many you will find!

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 also the tickets, are on sale at the BP garage at £6 a head, children under 16 free. Tickets 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.

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!)

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Charity Theatre Trips to Bristol Hippodrome

News for May 2019

Two Kings to book up for this month.
I have a few spaces on the coach for **The Lion King**, back in Bristol and nearly sold out in the first two days. We have reservations for:
Wednesday 13 November evening, at £65 and £82
Sunday 27 October matinee at £92 and £112
Both of these are subject to the theatre still having some tickets available.

The highly praised London production of **The King and I** tours to Bristol next year. We are going on the evening of Thursday 26 Mar 2010 at £53 and £70.
Welsh National Opera brings us a new production of **Carmen** on Friday 13 March at £55 for good Grand Circle or Stalls seats.

We also will be tripping to Bristol for:

Fame 11 June, £45/£54

Calendar Girls - The Musical 16 July, £47/£59

We Will Rock You (Queen) 18 March 2020!, £45/£58.

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Payment is usually due about two months before the show date. Any profit is donated to charity.

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PROMISEworks

Volunteer to mentor disadvantaged children

Michael Fox

Have you ever wondered what would be the best way to help children who are living in difficult circumstances? Most of you reading this lead comfortable lives. But there are hundreds of children across Somerset growing up in families which are struggling to cope, due to unemployment and a wide range of personal problems.

Research shows that providing a mentor for a young person from a disadvantaged background can make a significant difference for them. PROMISEworks is a Somerset charity which recruits, trains, matches and supports local volunteer mentors, each of whom then builds a close, long-term relationship with a disadvantaged youngster.

When asked about their own experiences, the responses of the young people have been heart-warming: "She takes the stone from my heart", and "Mentors are like pillars. If they weren't there the roof would fall in".

We have more than 60 mentors already operating in Somerset and are looking to double this number over the next year or so. Many of the children and young people we support are on the edge of, or have recently left, the care system.

PROMISEworks is keen to find more people to volunteer as mentors, and to raise funds to support our work. If you could help with either of these, please visit our website at www.promiseworks.org.uk. Thankyou

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GRAND FINALE TO 40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Curry Rivel Music will be hosting the Stetson University Chamber Orchestra from Florida, under their conductor Anthony Hose, for the culmination of a very successful 40th Anniversary Season on Saturday 18 May 2019.

Anthony Hose spends nine months of the year as Director of Orchestras at the University and he is also Artistic Director of the Welsh Chamber Orchestra, Artistic Director of the Beaumaris Festival in North Wales and is Head of Music Emeritus, Welsh National Opera.

Curry Rivel Music (formerly Curry Rivel Music Club) was founded in 1979 by Canon John Simpson when he was Rector of St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel. Over the years, audiences have enjoyed music from soloists and groups of world renown, as well as those at the start of their careers. Past performers have included the oboist Leon Goosens, harpist Marisa Robles, flautist William Bennett, harpsichord player Virginia Black, 'cellist Raphael Wallfisch, the Albion Ensemble, the Pavao Quartet, guitarist Craig Ogden, pianist Iain Farrington, organist Gordon Stewart and 'cellist Natalie Clein.

We are greatly assisted by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust who support talented young musicians at the start of their careers, the Young Classical Artists Trust and Making Music, to whom we are affiliated.

The Stetson University Chamber Orchestra are coming to Curry Rivel as part of their UK tour and their programme will include music by Elgar, Grainger, Telemann, and Mendelssohn.

The concert will take place in St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel, starting at 7.00pm. The concert will be FREE and there will be an interval for refreshments of wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks. There will be a retiring collection.

Further details from Mrs Anne Michell 01458 250863 or email anne.michell@btinternet.com
See also the Curry Rivel Music Website
<https://curryrivelmusic.wordpress.com>

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Bring your pet too! There will be an animal marquee offering grooming, animal communications and animal reiki.

Workshops and talks from meditation to gong baths will be running in the training room all day too.

Maybe you fancy sampling our local cakes whilst enjoying a cuppa and listening to the brass band? Or maybe you fancy the sit down 2-course meal whilst listening to the Lost Tribe Of The Tea Cup Turtles who will be providing us with beautiful music.

We also have an evening of Mediumship with the amazing Bernie Scott, £1 entry fee to the Fayre, £5 entry fee entitles you to attend all workshops you like.

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Rainbows in Curry Rivel



The 1st Curry Rivel Rainbow Guides is for girls aged 5-7 years. It offers fun and challenging activities to help girls discover and develop new skills both indoors and outdoors.

The Girlguiding Association, for the last six months, have been trialling a new programme aimed at all units starting from Rainbows through to Brownies, Guides and Rangers. It is aimed at skills for the future, to help the girls explore new adventures and express themselves. They will also be able to record their achievements and progress at home as well as in

the unit. The activities will include the Rainbows favourite activities like Baking Cakes, Pizza Making, Crafting, Film Nights and end of term parties as well as some programmed themes. We will also still be joining the Brownies on occasions which helps with the transition when Rainbows move up.

For more information on available spaces etc. please contact Mrs. Karen Petheram - Rainbow Leader (Butterfly) on 01823 698940 or 07773627857

Children's Page



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Rainbow Facts

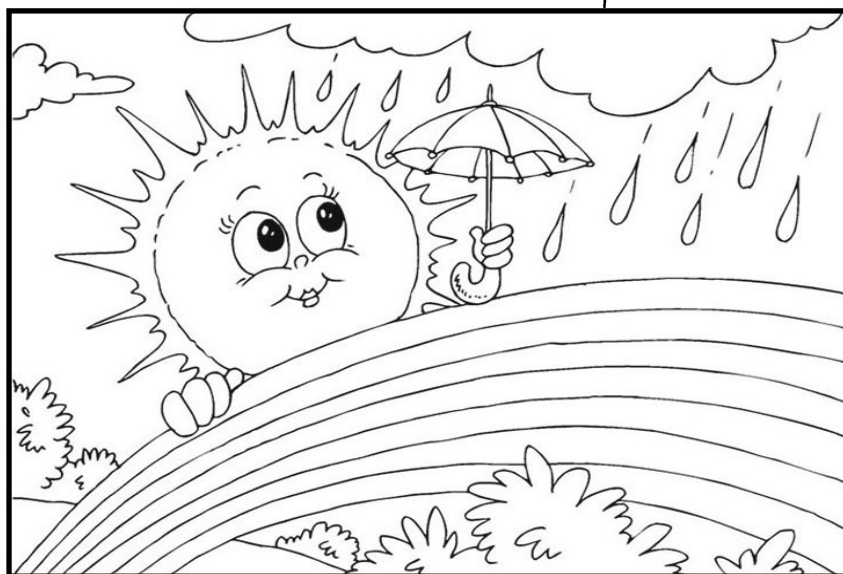
A rainbow occurs when it is raining in one part of the sky and sunny in another. You will see an arc of different colours in the sky that can be seen when the sun shines through falling rain. The colours are orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

The rainbow got its name from its shape. Its arc resembles a bow that's used for shooting arrows.

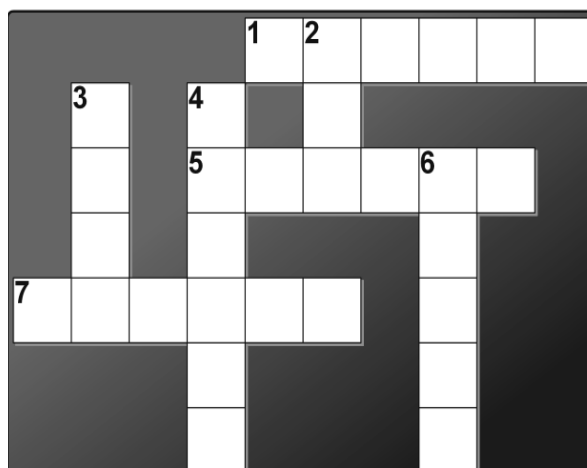
Rainbows often appear after storms, and are popular symbols for peace and harmony in many cultures.

How to make your own rainbow:

- Ask a grown-up for help
- Stand outside on a sunny day with your back to the sun.
- Hold the garden hose and spray a fine mist in front of you, keeping the sun behind you. A rainbow will soon appear!



The Seven Colors of the Rainbow



Across:

1 O
5 I
7 Y

Down:

2 R
3 B
4 V
6 G

Remember! R.O.Y. G. B.I.V.

TWAM

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Would you consider becoming a collector?

After 10 years of collecting tools for TWAM I have decided to call it a day.

It has been an interesting and rewarding experience involving a certain amount of local travelling to pick up tools, or simply receiving tools at home, whilst at the same time meeting genuinely caring people. They all wish to donate treasured,

but now no longer required, tools to be put to a useful and good cause.

TWAM will refurbish and recycle tools and equipment into trade kits and ship to bespoke projects overseas, meeting particular needs, mainly in East Africa.

A very big thank you to everyone in the village and surrounds who have contributed tools on my watch.

Please consider if you would like to be involved with this wonderful charity and get in touch with me for more information, or visit the TWAM website for complete details www.twam.co.uk Eric Richardson on 01458 252788

SOMERTON U3A

Denise Clarke

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will be our AGM on Friday 24 May. After the business part of the meeting, we welcome Kirsty Jenssen, who is a service manager for the Royal Voluntary Service, specifically responsible for the Home Library Service. The Royal Voluntary Service (previously WRVS) mobilises volunteers to support those in need or in hospital and the community in general. By inspiring the gift of voluntary service, they keep people happy, healthy and connected. The volunteers work alongside the NHS and

within communities to create more time to care. Kirsty will share with us the Royal Voluntary Service journey over the last 80 years since its inception and the work the volunteers do in South Somerset through the Home Library Service.

U3A 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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INSPIRING WOMEN
Burrowbridge

Jo Washington

The ladies of Burrowbridge WI met in the Millennium room at the village hall for our monthly meeting. This month we were entertained by local crime writer Claire Donoghue, who gave us an enthralling introduction into the fascinating world of crime fiction and how she linked her latest book to the Quantocks.

Next month is our AGM, which will be followed by wine and cheese.

Burrowbridge WI is a very friendly and informal group of all ages and backgrounds, who are always keen to welcome new and existing members.

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LANGPORT & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY EVENT REPORT Apr 2019

Janet Seaton

On 1st April, at the Society's new home at Huish Academy, Jeremy Michell, Senior Curator of Maritime Technologies at the National Maritime Museum, presented a fascinating insight into British expeditions to find a North West Passage through the Arctic, and the present day attempts to reconstruct what happened to Sir John Franklin's ill-fated 1845 expedition.

He began by sketching the context of the times. There was pressure on the government of the day to make more use of the Navy - an expensive but skilled force - to survey the Arctic, where there were over 900 miles of unexplored sea routes. Russia had begun to explore the Arctic, and Britain wanted to assert its position and claim sovereignty first. The Canadian based Hudson's Bay Company also wanted to map the area and exploit the beaver population for their pelts. For a time there was a monetary prize for finding a north-west route to the Pacific.

Sir John Franklin had led several land-based expeditions before he came to lead a ship-based exploration. Previous seaborne explorations under the command of Sir John Ross, Sir William Parry, and James Clark Ross (Sir John's nephew) had succeeded in mapping and producing charts of much of the area, but without finding the elusive passage.

Thorough preparations for Franklin's expedition included making special adaptations to the ships HMS Erebus and HMS Terror and trialling them in the Antarctic before they set off from Greenhithe in Kent in May 1845. They were last seen by Europeans in Baffin Bay in July 1845.

With no news, searches were dispatched in 1848, but for over 5 years they brought back nothing. It wasn't until Sir John Rae started interviewing Inuit people that the story of their tragedy began to emerge. His mention of the possibility of cannibalism caused

a scandal which unfortunately overshadowed the detail of his report. However, the recent Canadian discovery of the wrecks of both ships has brought the story of Franklin's expedition back to prominence, and the collaboration between Canadian and British museums promises to reveal even more of their sad story.

Jeremy's use of archives, especially ships' plans and contemporary letters; his encyclopaedic knowledge and his enthusiasm for the subject gave the audience a fascinating glimpse into the world of 18th and 19th century polar exploration, as well as into how modern museums research and conserve material that helps our understanding of our history.

The Society's next meeting will be at the **Lower School Hall, Huish Episcopi**



Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport TA10 9SS on Monday 13 May at 7.30pm, when Rob Curtis will present a talk about *Thomas Hardy: a literary life*. Refreshments will be available from 6.45pm. Non-members are very welcome, £4 per person. Anyone interested in joining the History Society should contact Sue Standen (01458 273471, suzannestanden471@btinternet.com). Follow the History Society at @langporthistory, and on: <https://sites.google.com/site/langporthheritage/home>.



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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Jackie German

In March we welcomed Frances Carlaw and her amazing collection of pearls. Frances became fascinated by pearls at the age of seven and has visited every pearl producing country in the world. She told us of her first visit back packing in China where she was enthralled by the vast pearl markets. She learnt to string pearls and now sells her work in addition to giving talks and running 'Pearls before Wine' holidays at her home in France. Frances talked of the history of pearls, the science of their development and mischievously shared the best way to keep your pearls shining. Pearls are judged by their rarity, size and perfection. Imitation pearls are less robust with real and cultured pearls the best choice.

Yvette Milliner and Georgina Rutter joined our April meeting to share with us the work of the Jemima Layzell Trust. Jemima was a vibrant young girl who died suddenly aged 13 as the result of a brain aneurism. She loved flowers often wearing one in her hair and to mark Yvette's visit our members arrived wearing a flower or small corsage. Knowing Jemima's thoughts her family readily agreed to the donation of her organs, enabling eight people to survive and achieve an improved quality of life. At the time of her death this was the largest number of people who had benefited from the organ donation of one individual. The trust supports the work of BIBIC also donating equipment to other hospitals and institutions enabling more than one person to benefit. Members readily joined Yvette in discussing the merits of organ donation, the implications of society opting into organ donation rather than opting out and happily embraced her challenge 'Can you identify the position in your body of your main organs'? Of course we did!!

Recently eleven of us took part in an afternoon of Curling, others have enjoyed lunch and a conducted tour of the Smokery at Hambridge and the

walking group visited Chard Reservoir. Several members joined other local WI groups for a lunch and competition afternoon at North Curry where Neta won a prize for her Easter bonnet. A busy month concluded with four of our members joining with other Somerset WI members on a coach tour to Derbyshire including visits to Holmfirth, Bakewell, Chatsworth House and Buxton. This was much enjoyed in spite of the weather!



Events planned for the coming months include a Make Up afternoon, a walk near Hambridge, and a joint walk in Curry Rivel with members of Pitney WI, visits to Tintinhull and Cothay Manor and our ever popular game of Lawn Croquet in August.

Our next meeting on Thursday 9th May will be our AGM. We meet in the Village Hall at 9.45am for a 10am start. If you would like a lift or more information about the WI please contact Jackie German on 01458 259688 or by email: jackiegerman@hotmail.com

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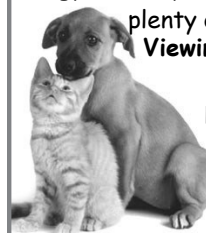
ROGATION SUNDAY AND BEATING THE BOUNDS SUNDAY 26th MAY

Everyone is welcome to join our three Benefice church families for a Rogation Sunday celebration on **26th May**, starting at **09.15** when we gather at St. Martin's Church in Fivehead for bacon butties and a short opening service; then a "beating the bounds" walk (incl. toilet stop) to Swell for a short simple Communion Service before continuing on to Curry Rivel for a final hymn and prayer, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Old School Room. Dogs **on leads** are welcome.

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Parish council election profiles

As the number of prospective councillors standing for election was less than the number of vacancies for councillors, there will be no election for parish councillors. The two profiles that follow are those of the two new applicants who stood for election. Cllrs. Anderson, Atkins, Goodenough, Greenaway, Yeomans have indicated that they will continue to serve on the council.

Les Hood

I have lived in Somerset for 30 years, we moved to Stoney Lane in 2017. I am a retired publican and enjoy being a part of the community and walking in and around the village where I meet many other local residents. My daughter and grandchildren also live in the village, which gives me a focus to help ensure our village remains a safe and enjoyable area for the future.

Tina Paul

In 2016 my husband and I moved to Curry Rivel and have found it to be a thriving, friendly village to live in. I am passionate about assisting rural communities and local enterprises. As a parish councillor I would work to improve local services and support community groups as I feel that these are an integral part of village life.

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Quiz Kids conquer

Alison Cockrell

Almost 60 people took part in The Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association's popular quiz held in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 April. This was the organisation's last social event before members again host friends from our twinned town of Chevilly during the early May Bank Holiday. Ten teams - comprising both members and non-members - pitted their wits against one another on a variety of topics. With eight main rounds quizmasters Glenys and Steve Allinson challenged participants with questions which tested everyone's knowledge of subjects as diverse as Kings and



Quizmasters Glenys and Steve Allinson with Barbara Hamlin

Queens, Sporting Glories, Screen Idols and Hooray Henrys. No Twinning quiz evening would be complete without the customary Fil Rouge round distributed at "half time" which, this time, involved guessing famous brands when only being given one letter from each name – harder than you might think!

At the end of the evening "The Quiz Kids" were declared the winning team – many congratulations to Ginny and Will Smith, Janet Seaton, Brigid Gunn, Anne Michell and Barry Winetrobe. Their fine achievement was acknowledged by being presented with the Chairman's Cup by Barbara Hamlin, Chair of the Twinning Association, and they also received some well-deserved wine.

The evening was rounded off by a raffle which helped in the Association's fundraising efforts.

Interested in learning more about the Curry Rivel & District Twinning Association? Then please email:

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Members of "The Quiz Kids" following their victory.

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Tuesday Group

Barbara Lancey

Very remiss of me, but I missed last month's deadline, so this Report covers our February and March meetings!

February brought us Hazel Morris to encourage us out of our winter stupor, and she led a most entertaining evening of Line Dancing. To start with she taught us a fairly simple routine, then to show what can be achieved, gave a demonstration of a more advanced dance routine with three experienced members of her weekly 'class'. The rest of the group watched in awe, enjoying the performance immensely, and after rousing applause, were subjected to yet another routine to learn!?!?!? Aaaargh!

After a few bumps and clashes, mild expletives and much laughter, we danced our way to tea and coffee, ending a very enjoyable evening!

Thanks again to Hazel, who subsequently decided to become a member of the Tuesday Group! Yee ha!

March brought something quite different! Alex Morrice has been researching many characters from history, looking at them as people rather than just the historical relevance, and on this occasion he enlightened us all with Lady Emma Hamilton, the person.

We learned that Emma was renowned for her relationship with Nelson, but there was so much more to her life than that. Emma Lyon was born in 1765 in Denhall on the Wirral to a Blacksmith father who was illiterate. He died shortly after she was born and her mother then took her back to North Wales. At the age of 10 she was a nurse maid, moved to London at 12 as an under housemaid, at 15 was 'working' at Mrs Kelly's in Arlington Street (no surprise as to what sort of 'work' that was!) and in 1781 at the age of 16 was installed in a small house on a large estate. She was soon abandoned and put out on the streets by the landlord, and was now pregnant. An earlier acquaintance took pity on Emma and moved her into lodgings, visiting her from time to time, but her child was to be brought up by her grandparents. In 1783

Sir William Hamilton visits London and meets Emma, now 18 and a true beauty, and at 21 she moves to Naples with him, and they marry in 1791. Emma now has a good life, speaks 5 languages and is a beautiful singer.



However, when Nelson arrives in Naples after the Battle of the Nile, Emma nurses him back to health and they subsequently become lovers. Emma becomes a great friend of Queen Maria and with her command of languages helps the Queen to be one step ahead of her enemies by translating despatch letters sent back and forth at the time, providing a vital service and uncovering the enemies plans. With this insight the Royal family were able to eventually escape secretly with Nelson, avoiding the enemy's advance. Emma became pregnant with Nelson's child. Unfortunately the people who supported their relationship were of no standing, but those who supported Nelson's wife were very influential, so when Nelson died Emma was left very exposed.

Emma returned to England with her daughter, but despite the pleading of Queen Maria, was never accepted into an English court by the English Queen, and Emma gradually fell on hard times. Sadly, therefore, Emma's achievements in life did not sustain her, and she died impoverished. A very sad end to a fascinating life!

In April we will be exploring our craftiness, with Lino Printing! I shall report on the success or failure 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 Aideen Roche on 01458 252022, email aideenroche@btinternet.com

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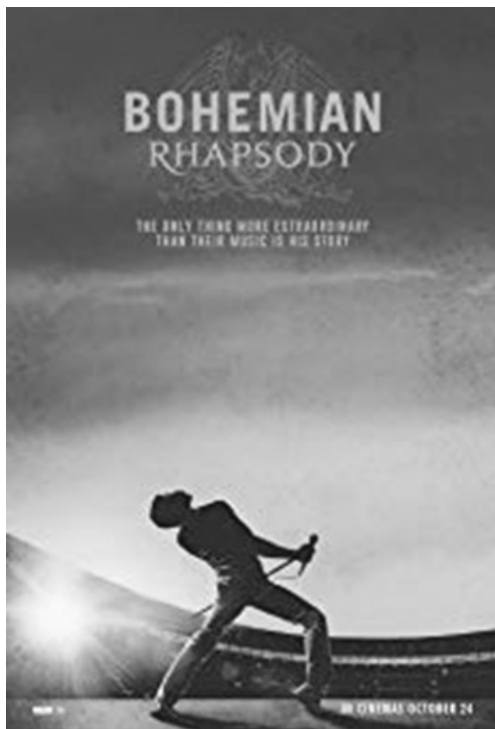
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Movies in the Village Hall

mvh.curry.wix.com/films

Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

Friday 17 May



A foot-stomping, biographical film telling the story of the rock band Queen's frontman, Freddie Mercury, brilliantly portrayed by actor Rami Malek. It charts the singer's life from just before he joined the band in 1970 to the outstanding 1985 Live Aid performance at Wembley Stadium.

Freddie challenged stereotypes and shunned convention to become one of the world's most iconic entertainers. Through their unique songs and revolutionary sound the band saw spectacular success. However, Freddie was surrounded by darker influences and wanted to pursue a solo career, which led to both personal and professional challenges.

Also stars: Lucy Boynton Gwilym Lee, Ben Hardy, Tom Hollander and Allan Leech.

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.

Coming soon:

The Favourite (15): A frail Queen Anne is on the throne and her friend Lady Sarah Churchill governs the country in her stead. But then a new servant, Abigail Masham, arrives.



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

May

Thursday 2nd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 5th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

Monday 13th

3.30-5.30 pm CR School Messy Church

Tuesday 14th

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

Wednesday 15th

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 1**

Thursday 16th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 19th

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

10.00 **CR** - All Age Family Service

11.15 **CR** - Short Communion CW

Wednesday 22nd

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 2**

Sunday 26th - Rogation Sunday

9.15 **FH** - United Benefice short All Age/Family Service, followed by Benefice-wide 'beating the bounds' event (see also opposite page), incl.

@ 10.30 **SW** Family Communion

@ 12.30 **CR** Final hymn & prayer and bring & share lunch in the OSR

Wednesday 29th

7.30 pm CR School **Alpha course 3**

Thursday 30th - Ascension Day

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Scott's spot

Alpha?

Perhaps you've spotted the *Alpha* ads in the CRN, and you are wondering what you'd be letting yourself in for if you were to come. Let me fill in some blanks...

In a nutshell, our *Alpha* will be a 7 week journey exploring the Christian faith through a series of beautifully presented ½ hour films. These will explore what Christianity is, and isn't, about, asking questions of significance such as: 'is there more to life than this?', 'who is Jesus?', 'how can I have faith?', and 'how does God guide us?'

Alpha isn't, however, just a 'here's how it is' sort of course. After each film there will be the chance to chat in small groups about the film's content, and to ask any 'no holds barred' questions you may have. To help facilitate this, brave volunteers from our church families will be dotted around the tables, willing to share their experience of the Christian faith, and to answer questions as best they can. I'll be around too.

The format of each evening will be the same. There will be puddings on offer as you arrive at the Curry Rivel School Hall at 7.30 pm. After a welcome, we'll watch the film together, before chatting about what we've seen and the issues it's raised in the smaller groups. Hopefully within those groups you will find friends as we get to know each other. Each evening I'll aim to finish by 9 pm, but I'm sure the *Firehouse* across the road could accommodate any overflow conversations!

So who is *Alpha* for? Well, during one of the films we hear this quote by C.S. Lewis: "*Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important.*" So firstly *Alpha* is for anyone who thinks Christianity is moderately important. This is an opportunity to come to a conclusion either way.

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 . . .

Alpha is also for the spiritual seeker. Today many have rejected the Bible and the Church as irrelevant and have turned instead to alternatives such as *mindfulness*, or the spirituality of *yoga*, or are exploring *New Age* Spirituality. But could it be that, in rejecting Biblical Christianity, the richest possible spirituality has been inadvertently rejected? *Alpha* will help explore this.

The list is long. *Alpha* is for: anyone who wants to know more about what the Creator says about us and Himself; it's for anyone who's confused about the Christian faith; for anyone who wants to break out beyond the combined knowledge of their social media network; for those who have had their children Baptised and who struggle with the promises they made; for parents who are being asked tough questions by their children, and know they have little to offer; for couples who choose to marry in church, but who don't quite know why; for those who think they're good enough for God, and for those who think they're too bad for God; for those who sense a call of the Divine; for the curious.

So can I warmly invite you to consider engaging with *Alpha* this Spring, beginning Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 pm in the Curry Rivel School Hall? To quote a friend who had just experienced *Alpha* for the first time: "*It's just so clear, I wish I'd heard it all 30 years ago!*" Will you take this opportunity?

With every blessing to you and those you love,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

Church fete Saturday 6th July

Planning for this event is continuing. Besides the usual stands and some classic cars, the bric-à-brac stall will appear again and there will be some 'trade' stalls with a variety of goods.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in advance (and on the day) with **1st prize £ 100**, and a number of entry tickets to local attractions as other prizes.

Donations of books, toys, craft & jewellery or plants will be gratefully received, as well as items suitable for prizes on the tombola. All items can be collected; details in the June CRN.

Rogation Sunday and 'Beating the Bounds' Sunday 26th May

An invitation to everyone to join our three Benefice church families for this Rogation Sunday celebration on **26th May**. Starting at **9.15** at St. Martin's in Fivehead for bacon butties and a short opening service; then a 'beating the bounds' walk (incl. toilet stop) to Swell for a short Communion Service, before continuing on to Curry Rivel for a final hymn & prayer followed by a bring & share lunch in the OSR.

Dogs **on leads** are welcome.

See the diary on opposite page for approximate timings, so that any non-walkers can meet us at various points.

The Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce food. Rogation days (the 3 days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest, starting on the preceding Sunday.

'Beating the boundary' goes back to medieval times, when a 'beating party' walked the boundary of a parish, checking the boundary markers and beating them with long sticks, also praying for the protection of the land.

Mendip Consort of Recorders Saturday 1st June 7.00 pm

The Mendip Consort of Recorders, with local members and some from the wider Somerset area, will treat you in St. Andrew's Church to a selection of music by German composers from the 16th to 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 !

St. Andrew's Rotas May

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18th & 25th - Sue Randell

Cleaning

4th - Wendy Graves

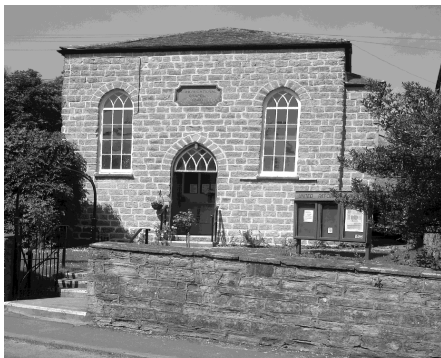
11th - Liz Rendell

18th - Jackie & John de Ronde

25th - Nicky Barker



United Reformed Church



May

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 5th - Mr Steve Beney

Sunday 12th - Rev Rowena Francis
(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 19th - Easter Day **

Mid-Somerset Groups Service at
Somerton, lead by Rev Tim Richards
& visitors from Taiwan

Sunday 26th - Mrs Jo Morling

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

URC Minister: Rev Tim Richards
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Funerals

Friday 22nd February - Muriel Norton.

Friday 5th April - Ann Scholes.

SPRING EVENT

fundraiser for Active Living

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who, via donations for coffee, cake & plants, buying raffle tickets helped us raise **£230** at our SPRING EVENT on Saturday 16th March - every penny of the money donated has been forwarded to Curry Rivel's Active Living Group to help meet the deficit left by grants that are no longer available. Thank you to those who baked or donated cakes and giving freely so that every penny could go where it counts most.

THANK YOU!

Birthday celebrations!



As a way of celebrating a BIG number birthday and by way of saying thank you to the longest standing member of Curry Rivel United Reformed Church we hosted a tea party on Sunday 17th April for a familiar face around the village, Gladys Mounter - babe in arms when she was first brought to Chapel, Gladys has been Sunday School Superintendent and organist, getting married to Arthur at the Chapel and marking their Golden wedding with a special service there too.

Having seen many changes and fluctuations in the fortunes of the congregation over the years Gladys has remained constant and faithful: we wish her many happy returns!

**** Sunday 19th May**

Curry Rivel URC is part of a group of 5 URC churches in Mid-Somerset who share a minister and every now and again share a little more than that - holidays, Quiet days, training days, fundraising events, worship. The week beginning 13th May sees a delegation of 7 arrive from Taiwan to spend time experiencing how Church functions in rural Somerset. Their stay will include a visit to Wells, Glastonbury, fish & chips supper at our Street church, prayer breakfast with our Curry Rivel Church culminating in all 5 churches gathering for Sunday worship at West Street in Somerton. Worship at this service will be shared by Rev. Tim and the pastors among the Taiwanese group. We hope they will feel as welcomed and cared for as Rev. Tim did on his longer and more extensive stay during his sabbatical - and living tucked away in rural Somerset it is useful to be reminded we are part of something much bigger, a worldwide community of Christians.

In May**Regular Events****MONDAY**

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

Special events

Sat 10 May	Stetson University Chamber Orchestra
	St Andrew's Church 7pm; FREE
Sun 26 May	Rogation Sunday
	09:15 St Martin's Church, Fivehead

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Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

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Heale Lane Allotment Association	253953
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	01278 256967
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
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