



## Remembering Rifleman Albert Budd

On 15th September the ringers of St. Andrew's Church rang the bells in memory of Rifleman Albert Budd.

Albert Budd (a carter) and Rebecca Budd (both of Curry Rivel) had two sons - William and Albert junior. The family lived at Wiltown, Bell Corner and Hillside, in Curry Rivel.

Albert junior worked as a gardener in the village and was a bell-ringer at St. Andrew's before he joined the King's Own Royal Rifle Corps 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion in October 1914 to serve in the Great War.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916, during the battle of the Somme, in an attack on Pommiers Redoubt, Albert (aged 25) was killed; 46 other bell-ringers also died on that day.

Like so many, Albert's remains were never identified, so there is no grave for him. However, there is a memorial plaque in St. Andrew's ringing room; his name is on the Board of Remembrance in the Church and on the village War Memorial. He is also commemorated on the British memorial in Thiepval, in France, as one of the 72,246 British and Commonwealth soldiers who died at the Somme with no known graves.

The battle of the Somme lasted 141 days, from 1st July to 18th November 1916. The official number of British and Commonwealth dead, missing or wounded during that period is 419, 654.

In Albert Budd's memory, exactly 100 years after he and the other 46 bell-ringers died, the bell-ringers of St. Andrew's rang 1,260 changes of Grandsire triples in 48 minutes. The ringers were Mike Blissett; Chris Cox; Trisha Everitt; Mike Hargreaves; Paul Ramond; Liz Rendell; Patrick Rendell, and Jim Shephard (Conductor).

John de Ronde



## W.W.1 Exhibition

*L'Angleterre dans la guerre : nos amis de Curry Rivel sont venus se battre chez nous*

An exhibition commemorating the sacrifices made by the men and women of Chevilly during the First World War has been created by some residents of our twin village. Three hundred Chevillois were recruited to fight, 70 of whom died during the conflict. Their stories are told in words and

pictures on several exhibition boards, one of which has been set aside for information about the 158 villagers from Curry Rivel who served, 21 of whom did not survive.

The exhibition runs for three days from 11 November and is expected to attract much interest from the inhabitants of Chevilly. Here in Curry Rivel there will be the usual opportunity to mark the anniversary of Armistice Day at St Andrew's Church and the village war memorial.

# October Parish Council Shorts

Madelaine King-Oakley

## Footpath from the main road to the car park

It was regrettable that the footpath was closed for a couple of weeks. The barriers were put up by a resident who lives next to the footpath because there has been an increase in noise and swearing along the path, especially after the pub has closed.

A relative of Godfrey Barnard (Baker of the village) told me that Godfrey had donated the land required to create the footpath after being approached by The Parish Council, at the time the Car Park was being constructed. It was along two sides on land he owned this was given before he sold more land to George Alford to build a house. The path has been used since the 1970's.

Therefore, the Parish Council is committed to keeping the footpath open, particularly for the safety of children and their carers on their way to and from the school. But we are also working to help reduce the problems the residents close to the path are experiencing.

**Please keep noise down as you walk along the path**

## Next meeting

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

The Parish Council meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30pm in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

# A Blast from the Past

Mike Mason

**T**he village Active Living Group recently enjoyed a 'Blast from the Past' - a talk given by **Jonathan Weeks**.

Jonathan talked about and demonstrated wind and string instruments from his collection. A long brass horn, an early form of the trumpet, a medieval lute and even sea shells were all blown or plucked and sung along to with great enthusiasm.



# Neighbourhood Watch

It has been reported that property has been stolen from a vehicle in Curry Rivel recently. Ensure all valuables are removed from vehicles parked outside your home.

There has been a lot of publicity recently about fraudulent mail being

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# Curry Rivel in Bloom News

Sylvia Goodenough

Website: [curryrivelinbloom.simplesite.com](http://curryrivelinbloom.simplesite.com)

The schemes for the War Memorial garden have been judged and we thank all those who submitted designs. We will be moving ahead with the scheme chosen for 2017 after the Remembrance Sunday ceremony on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The judge, Stephen Fox, Senior Horticultural Officer with SSDC, praised all the long-term designs but particularly singled out two, which he suggested combining to produce the final scheme. This will require further work, but luckily we have a year before we will be using this scheme, during which time we will be seeing what can be saved of the existing planting and replenishing the impoverished soil.

Opposite the War memorial work has already been underway, and 500 purple crocuses have been planted with "Cloth of Gold" wallflowers and deep purple tulips behind them. The crocuses should make a show in February, with the wallflowers and tulips flowering in April/May. They will be followed by summer planting, ready for the Britain in Bloom judging!

Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, the High Street will be full of purple and gold colour in July 2017, utilising

troughs and pots on the wide walls and other pots and containers on gates and in other spaces. Our High Street is not an easy place to "green" as the pavements are so narrow but we hope the judges will fully appreciate how we have dealt with the challenge! On the subject of containers, if you have any reasonably large and unusual containers - for example, old jam saucepans or small wheelbarrows, we plan to put groups of these, planted in the theme colours, wherever possible, so please let us know if you have anything suitable or can suggest a good place for a display.

For further information, including some information on purple and gold coloured plants that will look great in July, please head for our website, ring 01458250091 or email [smgoodenough@aol.com](mailto:smgoodenough@aol.com)



## Village Hall News

The Annual General Meeting of the Curry Rivel Village Hall will be held on **Tuesday 15 November** at 7.30 pm to which all are invited to attend. The Management Committee look forward to meeting anyone who is interested in helping with the running of the Hall.

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# District Councillor's Report

*Tiffany Osborne*

I recently attended a meeting in Somerton for all Parish and Town Councils regarding the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). The role of HELAA is to provide a platform for landowners, agents, developers or anyone else who may be interested in selling land for housing to come forward and help South Somerset District Council (SSDC) identify and create a list of potential sites within the area which may be suitable for development. From Curry Rivel's perspective the only identified site on the HELAA map was extending the already approved 30+ dwellings at Stanchester Way to provide further housing incorporating the entire field. However, other areas around the village which are known to be keen for development were not mentioned. Thus, the accuracy, and therefore the usefulness of the HELAA is somewhat questionable. Unfortunately, SSDC can only provide information from those who have proffered it, whilst there will obviously be others who are not so keen to publicise their intentions. Yet, without a HELAA, SSDC cannot evidence how they intend to fulfil their five year housing land supply obligations and would be open to rogue developers with less amenable and robust plans. It is important to make the distinction that

HELAA only creates a list of potential sites; it does not allocate sites for development. However, with the need for housing becoming more acute we can only wait to see how this affects our village in the future.

In mid-October the Full Council voted to accept a four-year settlement of central government grants even though the agreement will leave the Council with a negative Revenue Support Grant in the fourth year 2019/20 when £330,000 for local taxation will be returned to the Government for redistribution to other authorities. Members of all parties were united in the condemnation of the impossible position the Government had put us in in that they had made it very clear that all four years of the settlement had to be accepted and under no circumstances would any authority be better off by rejecting the offer. Thus, we were left with two unfair choices to the tax payers of South Somerset, finally opting for the one that gave us certainty to financial planning.



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# Hedgerows in Autumn

David German

At this time of year our hedgerows light up with autumnal decoration. Lush and dense during the summer, frothy with blossom in the spring, in autumn our hedgerows dazzle with the colours of hips and haws, sloes, holly and spindle berries, privet and blackberries and long necklaces of bryony. Glittering in the slanting sunlight they seem to anticipate Christmas festivity.

Although they are the work of human hands, hedgerows, like railway and motorway embankments, have become important habitats for wildlife providing food, shelter and protection for breeding. They are wildlife corridors and are recognised nationally as such and given the protection of the law.

They might sometimes look unkempt and even boring but they are truly 'national treasures'. Gardeners are now encouraged to plant hedges of native species rather than put up

fences or plant cultivated species. This brings to our gardens what the hedgerow brings to the fields, lanes and roadsides. Planting a native hedge benefits the wildlife and as a consequence the managed plants too. Of course not all gardens can give a home to a hedgerow but not far away will be a long established one, possibly several hundred years old, which can be enjoyed and cared for. It is surprising just how many different plants can be found there let alone birds and mini-beasts. It is worth having a good look at a hedgerow. If you're considering planting a native hedge here are some of the species of trees and shrubs worth including.



## Native trees to try

Field maple  
Hawthorn  
Beech  
Bird cherry  
English oak  
Common alder  
Silver birch  
Hornbeam  
Mountain ash  
Yew

## Native shrubs to try

Gelder rose  
Holly  
Spindle tree  
Hazel  
Elder  
Common dogwood  
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# Langport & District History Society

Barry Winetrobe

## History of the Longbow

The October meeting of the History Society, in Langport Library, began with its AGM, and then briskly moved on to a talk on the history of the longbow by Neil Eddiford, the noted medieval re-enactor, and expert in the deadly weapons of that period, many of which he demonstrated to the audience.

He displayed a variety of bows, and focussed in particular on the longbow, often made from yew. Though no such longbows remain in their entirety, they can be seen, for example, on the Bayeux Tapestry. The technology of this weapon developed in part by absorption of the bows used by peoples in the parts of Britain conquered by the Normans, especially Wales. Advances in defensive armour, such as chainmail, also required more specialised forms of arrow to breach them. By the mid-14th century the classic English longbow had evolved. These were often made from yew imported from Mediterranean areas, which produced the

most suitable wood. This could cause problems when the main exporter, such as Spain, became the enemy.

Armies of the late medieval period were largely professional, in that archers, who provided the bulk of the forces, would be highly experienced at their craft, and were thereby well paid for their service (at a rate half that of a knight, but the same as a ship's captain, ie 6d per day). Using the 1415 Agincourt campaign as a case study, Neil explained that the English army of around 9,000 would have included about 7,000 archers, each using 4 dozen arrows.

Finally, Neil described and demonstrated some other fearsome weapons which were used in battle at that time, in conjunction with the longbow, such as spears, maces, swords and crossbows.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Monday 7 November and will feature Kay Townsend on 'A History of the Dodgems'. It is free to members (annual membership is £12): non-members are welcome, admission £2; refreshments available. Anyone interested in joining the

## Movies in the Village Hall

[mvhcurry.wix.com/films](http://mvhcurry.wix.com/films)

This hilarious comedy-drama, starring Meryl Streep in the title role, is based on the true story of a New York heiress who was a concert pianist and had always wanted to play at the Carnegie Hall. However, an injury in her youth took away that dream. With



music being her life she decides to resume singing lessons and hires pianist, Cosmé McMoon, alongside her vocal coach, Carlo Edwards. McMoon is shocked to discover that she lacks any singing talent but Edwards and her indulgent husband, St. Clair Bayfield (a brilliant Hugh Grant), warn him against any criticism. The film

## Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)

### Friday 18 November

tells the story of how, with Bayfield's support, Florence is determined to achieve her ambition.

Stars: Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg and David Haig.

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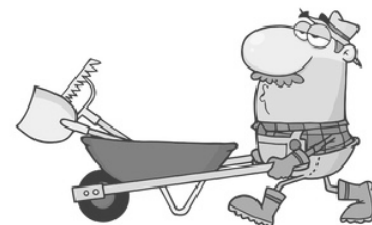
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# Growing Your Own

Peter and Sylvia Goodenough



If you came along to Sedgemoor Gardens Club October meeting you will know that sweet pea seeds should be planted by now. In their very interesting talk about "Gold Medal Sweet Peas" Phil and Joyce Kerton explained that sweet pea seeds planted in pots in October and then planted out in the ground in February give wonderful flowers in June far more successfully than those planted later in the gardening year.

At the time of writing it is quite hard to believe we are well in to autumn. It has been so warm and often sunny, more like early September than the middle of October. We have quinces on our three-year-old tree and the passion flower has produced fruit this year for the first time.

However, the beautiful autumn colours around are a bit of a give-away about the date. Our Liquid Amber leaves have turned a deep carmine colour and the field maples are giving a wonderful display in the hedgerows. Annuals such as cosmos are still giving a great show and will continue to do so until they get frosted, so keep on dead-heading to keep them flowering. It seems unlikely that we will escape frost in November so it is vital to take in or protect vulnerable plants that are still outside. It is a good month to dig new beds and borders that can then weather over winter before spring planting. Deciduous trees, including fruit trees, and shrubs can be planted in fine weather and new hedges should be completed as soon as possible. Prune fruit trees after planting and winter prune established trees, though not cherries, peaches, nectarines, plums or damsons.

Here in our mild part of the country we can sow broad beans and peas outdoors for an early crop. We use the broadbeans called Aquadulce Claudia, as we find them best for winter hardiness, and they are reliably successful, so long as the mice leave them alone! For a good overwintering pea use Douce Provence, once germinated it will stand the winter wet and cold.

If you haven't already tackled the greenhouse, now is definitely the time to wash the glass, check your heating, if you

have any, to keep plants frost free, add insulation such as bubble plastic, and organise all the plants you are overwintering in it. A good clean is also essential as nasties such as spider mites will be overwintering in dusty corners. Overwintering annuals only need watering occasionally from now on. While on tidying jobs, fallen leaves need to be collected and can then be rotted down into leaf mould or beech and oak leaves can be used immediately to mulch tender plants such as Agapanthus and Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker) which benefit from protection in really cold weather. Now is also a good time to plant trees and shrubs in containers for winter colour. Among low-growing evergreens which provide good colour are varieties of Euonymus, Hypericum and Vinca. All of these either make a change from winter pansies or look good with them. If you are ordering plug plants or seed for next year, please remember the purple and gold theme colours for the Curry Rivel entry into the Britain in Bloom competition next year. The website, [curryrivelinbloom.simplesite.com](http://curryrivelinbloom.simplesite.com) has some suggestions for plants in these colours.

It is, of course, the month for bonfires so, if it won't be a nuisance to your neighbours, a November 5<sup>th</sup> bonfire is a good excuse for a party and a brilliant way to get rid of all the dry, woody garden rubbish and diseased material that you've accumulated while you've been clearing up the garden.

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## PLAY EVENT SUCCESS

Kaye Morgan

Around 600 children and their families attended Active Somerset's Annual Kids Free Play Event at the Primary School in September.

Along with the many activities including the climbing wall, Bugfest and obstacle course, friends in Drayton kindly built and ran splat the rat. Stuart and Louis Wild ran a very busy tombola raising just over £145 that will go towards next year's event. A highlight of the afternoon came when 17-year old Hannah Loosemore, a pupil for the last couple of years with Kirstine Champion from Champion Music Group, took centre stage to entertain everyone with her rendition of songs made famous by Beyoncé, Ellie Goulding and Justin Bieber.

There are many people to thank but the person who deserves much credit for his enthusiasm and input on the



day was Simon Champion who worked really hard erecting and dismantling the marquee, delivering tables to the site and sorting out the electrics.

## Quiz Winners

There was plenty of head scratching and whispered conferring at the recent quiz organised by the Twinning Association.

Eight teams battled their way through a mix of subject rounds for the ultimate prize – The Chairman's Cup! Pictured with the cup is the winning team of Max von Tyska, Rob Hewitt, Peter Barker, Steve Allinson, Paula Hewitt and Glenys Allinson.



## Bath Christmas Market

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# Letters to the Editor

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Dear Editor

I should like to thank everyone, through the Curry Rivel News, who came to our Coffee Morning on 30th September for Macmillan Cancer Relief. We raised the tremendous sum of £750 !!! It is an absolutely amazing sum and we are truly grateful to all who came, spent money, donated prizes and generally supported us on the day. Many many thanks.

Kind regards  
Angela and Clive Davage



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David Gibson

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# OUR STORY - 'LEST WE FORGET'

Joanne Goody-Orris

Some time ago, Mo and I were asked by the Beeb if we could make a journey to London to the Imperial War Museum to be filmed and interviewed about our letter and 'shoe box' campaign during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Of course we were delighted, so arrangements were made by the BBC to collect us from Curry Rivel and drive us to London in September. After our long journey we were met by Emma and Aimee who made sure that Mo and I were fed and watered and generally well looked after.

We were taken to the library at the top of the Imperial War Museum, which was originally part of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, known as 'Bedlam' where mental ailments were treated in the past. The BBC Producer, Tim Farage, introduced us to Sophie Raworth the BBC1 presenter who had been acquainted with the story of our campaign and our radio broadcast 'The Perfect Strangers'. The camera crew was waiting for us, and a very large table had been covered with the letters – 'blueys' - that Mo and I had received from all the boys and girls, who were serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan, thanking us for their parcels. We felt it was important that the letters, previously kept in my computer room, should not be destroyed and after many conversations, letters and emails head curator Anthony Richards gratefully accepted this valuable archive for the benefit of future generations of historians.

The interview was lovely, we were asked why we had started sending parcels out to the troops and also which was our favourite 'thank you' letter. It is very difficult to choose but a very special one was the letter we received from a young boy in the Black Watch, who wrote that he had just come back from the front line, was lying on his bunk, eating a custard cream and had just put the socks on that we had sent him. His name was Acting Sgt. Sean Beeny, and Mo and I will always remember that in the evening of the day we received the 'bluey' the BBC news announced that he had been killed.

8,500 letters that we sent to the Imperial War Museum were laid out on that wonderful table. Some from young lads without parents who told us their problems and how scared they were. Letters from officers, Brigadiers and Colonels who wrote to us and thanked us for all of the work we were doing. The Gurkhas were particularly grateful for our parcels as they did not receive anything from Nepal. We are still in touch with the Gurkhas and were made honorary members of the Gurkha regiment in 2010.

We often think of all the brave soldiers who lost their lives in these conflicts and will give extra thought to them on Remembrance Day.

(Look out for the programme which is scheduled to be broadcast on 7<sup>th</sup> November).

## CURRY RIVEL MUSIC

Carol Haines



### TRUMPET AND ORGAN

The second concert of our new Season took place on 15<sup>th</sup> October. It was given by two musicians sponsored by the Countess of Munster Musical Trust; Christopher Hart on trumpet, accompanied by Daniel King Smith on the St Andrew's Church organ.

It is only in the last few years, perhaps the decade, that the trumpet has been perceived as a solo instrument from the brass ensemble. As a result of this, as Christopher Hart explained, a good deal of trumpet performance music has to be derived from items originally written for other instruments and this was amply demonstrated by his own agenda for the evening.

Baroque music was provided by Georg Philipp Telemann, Tomaso Albinoni and J S Bach. A more contemporary item was "The Hollow Men" by Vincent Persichetti, an American composer 1915-1987, followed by a Toccata by Padre Martini of Bologna to conclude the first half.

Our second half was very varied, including Rachmaninov's popular Vocalise Op 34 No 14, last heard rendered on the clarinet at our earlier concert! Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) gave us his well-remembered "Last Spring"; the remaining items being very contemporary: by Henri Sauguet (died Paris 1989), Henri Tomasi (died Paris 1971) and most notably Petr Eben (born 1929) a Czech composer, describing some remarkable stained-glass windows (okna) in a Jewish Medical Centre.

In all, Christopher Hart convinced us of the viability of the trumpet as a solo instrument, played with extraordinary expertise to demonstrate its capacity for gentle compassion and soft expression, as well as brisk volatility.

You will have to wait a while for our next concert which will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 but winter will be over (we hope!) when we welcome Charmé d'Hautbois – oboe, bassoon and harp - who will charm and delight us with familiar pieces as well as some from a neglected repertoire.

For further information please contact our Secretary, Mrs Anne Michell: telephone 01458 250863, email [anne.michell@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.michell@btinternet.com) or visit our website [www.curryrivelmusic.org](http://www.curryrivelmusic.org)

# CURRY RIVET W.I.

## Horse Welfare and Growing Old Disgracefully

Have you ever driven down the A372 to the A303 and wondered what is inside the large building recently constructed near Kingsdon? At our October meeting, Sara Jerman from the World Horse Welfare came and told us all about it. It is a large visitors centre, opened by their President, Princess Anne in July 2016, and contains a café, indoor arena and conference facilities. It is open Wednesday to Sunday and anyone can call in and see the horses and visit the café. A lady called Ada Cole started the WHW in 1927 when she witnessed the transport of live horses to Antwerp for slaughter. It took 10 years to get the first legislation passed to protect horses from this cruel treatment, which are not covered by the laws protecting other farm animals. Since then the organization has expanded over 3 continents, and there are 4 rescue centres in the UK. They set up courses all over the world to train local people to look after their horses in all aspects. Their field officers investigate over 2000 cases of neglect a year, of which about 190 come into the centres. Their main aim is to rehome the animals, and when a suitable home is found, they are leased out, making it easier to take them back if or when they are no longer needed. It was a very interesting and informative talk and more details can be found on their website [www.worldhorsewelfare.org](http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org).

Our members have been out and about again and have been to an ABBA tribute evening, a tea to celebrate 150 years of Beatrix Potter and enjoyed a walk along the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal path. Our Pub lunches start this month with a visit to the Lamb and Lion in Hambridge. Coming up soon is the County Annual Meeting where the main speaker will be Val Budgen-Cawsey who will talk about growing old disgracefully! We've also got days booked up at Taunton Races and the Cheddar Chocolate Company where apparently we can make our own chocolates, sounds wonderful! Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th November in the Village Hall and our speaker will be Angela from Cottage Flowers in Ilminster who will be making a Christmas Floral Arrangement. Why not come along and join in, 9.45am for a 10.00am start and find out more about us. If you'd like a lift or have any questions, please call Jackie German on 01458 259688 or email [jackiegerman@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiegerman@hotmail.com)

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# DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

After a break to organise and stage their first Christmas Tree Festival, the United Reformed Church in the village is once more hosting their successful Christmas Craft Fair - back by popular demand from stall holders and villagers alike. This year the day event will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November between 11am – 3pm in the Village Hall. With a Dickensian theme the Fair welcomes all visitors from far and wide to come along, enjoy the festive atmosphere with costumed stall holders and musical accompaniment; browse the quality locally handcrafted goods for sale – start (or finish!) your Christmas shopping – why not even treat yourself? There will be refreshments throughout the day served by the 1<sup>st</sup> Curry Rivel & Drayton Guides; bacon butties, tea & cakes – a raffle and tombola. Amongst the items for sale will be pottery from Ellis Pottery of High Ham; beautifully turned wood; jewellery and handbags from Gemasis of Low Ham; small scale wrought iron pieces made by Emma Logan in Stoke-sub-Hamdon; cards; cakes & preserves; hand knitted dog sweaters for your favourite pooch; painted glass, ceramics and butterflies; fused glass; fabric gifts from Heart & Home of Curry Rivel, Christmas cakes (made in Curry Rivel), fabric covered boxes, Christmas decorations and novelties for children; kitchen

textiles; sculpted crochet work; handpainted gifts and pictures; lots of ideas for gifts for friends and family this Christmas. Entry to the fair is free, there is good disabled access, free parking in the village car park a few metres away. A warm, friendly atmosphere in which to do your Christmas shopping with refreshments and entertainment too!



## Pilates

*Mo Masrour Pilates Foundation*

*Tuesday: Curry Rivel (Primary School)*

*5.45pm – 6.45pm (All levels)*

*7.00pm – 8.00pm (Intermediate)*

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## QUIZZA NIGHT

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# Langport Community Christmas Lunch



Following the successful Christmas lunches which have been organised for the last two years and much enjoyed by all, we are happy to announce that we are able to do the same this year.

We are organising lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> December at Huish Episcopi Academy for anyone who may be spending Christmas Day on their own. We can offer you good company and a traditional Christmas lunch. The event is free but places must be booked by Friday 16 December so that we can organise catering. Transport will be available if you need it – just let us know.

If you would like to book a place for yourself, or you are aware of anybody who would like to join us, please get in touch. We are a small group of local folk who would love to spend Christmas Day with you. Last year was great fun, so contact us now !

Depending on numbers, we may need some extra help this year, either beforehand or on the day – do let us know if you are available and willing.

Please contact Jo Stradling: 01458 252388 or [jostrads@yahoo](mailto:jostrads@yahoo).



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## St. Andrew's Church



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

## November

### Thursday 3rd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 6th - 3rd before Advent

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

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00pm **CR** - All Souls Service

### Monday 7th

3.30-5.30 pm CR School Messy Church

### Tuesday 8th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

### Thursday 10th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Friday 11th - Armistice Day

10.40 **CR** - Armistice Day Service with CR School

### Sunday 13th - Remembrance Sunday

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

**10.53 CR** - Remembrance Day Service & Sunday Club, followed by ceremony at the War Memorial

**3.00pm FH** - Remembrance Day Service

### Thursday 17th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 20th - Christ the King

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

### Tuesday 22nd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

### Thursday 24th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 27th - Advent Sunday

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

### Tuesday 29th

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

## Scott's spot

### Peace

As we head into November once again we are approaching our Remembrance services. On the 11<sup>th</sup> there's Armistice Day, and on the 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday. We are of course continually thankful for those who have given their lives for their country in past wars and conflicts, and to those that continue to risk their lives today. Perhaps some of you reading this know service personnel now on active service; if so we join with you in praying for their safety.

So, in gratitude we remember and seek to support those who face danger on our behalf. But as we look at the continuing violence around us and the dreadful cost of conflict, the desire of all our hearts is surely always for peace.

On the night before Jesus died, he said this to his disciples: *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid'*. (John 14:27) What does this mean when we live in a dangerous world? What does this mean for those who continue to risk their lives in the pursuit of peace?

When Jesus spoke of peace, he did so at a time when one of his friends had betrayed him, and with his mind full of the battle to come – his battle with evil on the cross. Yet, as we see above, he spoke of peace as something he already had. *'My peace I give you...'* So the peace Jesus is speaking about is not an idea of peace that looks only to the future, or seeks to escape in some way from the present, but it's a peace that only comes to us from Jesus through the Holy Spirit. It is something very different from the peace that the world can give; it is something far beyond just the absence of war.



## December

### Thursday 1st

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

**CR** = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

**CR OSR** = St. Andrew's Old School Room

**FH** = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

**SW** = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

The Apostle Paul expressed this peace so well in those familiar words: *'the peace of God that passes all understanding'*. This is peace in the midst of strife, trouble, difficulty, and the pressures of day to day life. It is a peace that comes from knowing that God is with us, and for us, both now and always.

We are thankful for the sacrifice of all who have served their country in war, and we will remember them particularly on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. But history teaches us, and goes on teaching us, that in the end true peace cannot come from the sword, but rather as a gift of God. Perhaps in this month of remembrance the time has come for you to bring your personal battles before God and to receive that gift. A gift received as we come in faith to Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

With blessings to you and your family this November and always,

Revd. Scott

## St. Andrew's Flower Guild Annual meeting

will be held on **Thursday  
17th November**

in the Chatham Room of the  
**Village Hall** at 2.00 pm.



## From St. Andrew's Registers Funerals

*May God grant them eternal rest.*

11 October - Service to Celebrate the Life of Dennis Frederick Bagg († 21st September)

13 October - Service of Remembrance and Farewell of John Robert Hoover († 20th September)

## St. Andrew's - Rotas November

**Brass** - Lynne Comley

**Flowers**

5th - Lyn Cotterill

10th - Poppies

19th - Adrienne Holmes

26th - Advent

**Cleaning**

5th - Julia Gauler

12th - Tina Geary

19th - Wendy Graves

26th - Nancy & Olive Martell





**'Carols, bangers and mash'  
on Friday 2nd December  
in the Village Hall**

Following last year's success, St. Andrew's church is again hosting an evening of entertainment in the Village Hall on Friday 2nd December.

A glass of mulled wine upon arrival, a meal of bangers & mash and a selection of puddings will be provided for £7.50 per ticket.



There will be a bar.

The evening will feature intervals of light entertainment and Carol singing.

Tickets will be for sale in Sandpit's DIY/ Garden Centre, the Shell petrol station/ Post Office, the CR School Office, or St. Andrew's and at the door on the evening.

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the church.

**Doors open at 7.00 pm.**

We look forward to seeing you.

***Dickensian***

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**in the Robert Sewers Hall**

Refreshments throughout the day; a lovely variety of quality handcrafted items for sale; musical accompaniment in a festively themed atmosphere.

Come along, support your local crafts folk, meet up with friends, and shop in a warm, friendly setting.

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***Volunteers sought***

Could you spare a little time to assist with some seasonal clearing-up, pruning of shrubs etc. in St. Andrew's churchyard on **Tuesday 22 November**?

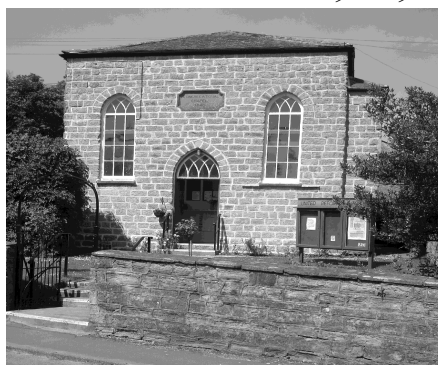
Anyone willing to assist is very welcome **from 9.30.**



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**United Reformed Church**



**November**

*(Services start at 10.30 am unless indicated otherwise)*

**Sunday 6th** - Rev Ken Coles

*(incl. Holy Communion)*

**Sunday 13th 10.53** - United

Remembrance Service at St. Andrew's

**Sunday 20th** - Mr Peter Trenchard

**Sunday 27th** - Rev Evelyn Ridout

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**October's Celebration Lunch**

Following the Service on Sunday 2nd October, we invited those from the village who have been so supportive of our events, including the Christmas Tree Festival last December and donated generously towards the cost of new cushion covers and building repairs/improvements to a Celebration Lunch. Our visitors enjoyed a very convivial occasion and welcomed the chance to chat to other villagers, many of whom they did not previously know. We are so glad that so many responded to our invitation: we thank them all again wholeheartedly.

*(Robert Crowley URC Secretary)*

**PILLOW  
TALK**



This new school experience has been fascinating: both from watching her make her own way, and with confidence, in this new world and observing how different it has been for us as parents. We watch our daughter developing character beyond my imagining; a young woman begins to emerge.

It's a challenge.

It's a challenge not to want things to stay the same. It's a challenge to not pester with questions trying to find out about new friends, checking whether they are a 'good' influence or not. It's a challenge to sit back and trust her to make her own choices, to adjust to her own challenge of commitment to homework and doing her best. It's a challenge watching her handle this in a way I wish I in my shyness had been able to do.


And those lessons keep coming: a couple of girls had been 'looking' at her for a few days and rather than feel intimidated or wonder what was wrong with her (that would have been my reaction) what does she do? Decides she might make some new friends, walks up to them and says 'Hi' – only to discover one of them to be a 'long lost' friend from pre-school playgroup!

To be honest I'm a little envious my experience was different: and I'm delighted her experience is as it is!

Where does 'God' fit into all this? Same place as usual: Here. There. And Everywhere. Right in the thick of it –


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6.00	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Youth Drama	Village Hall
6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

#### TUESDAY

10.30	Drop In (2nd & 4th only)	Old School Room
5.45 -8pm	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Youth Club	Ridgway Hall, Langport
6.30	Guides	URC Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club	All Saints Hall, L'port (2nd only)

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

10.00	WI	Village Hall (2nd only)
4.30	Rainbows	Village Hall
4.30	Brownies	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council	Village Hall (1st only)
9.30 -11am	Parent, Baby & Toddler Group	Primary School Hall
	(Term time only)	
1.30 - 3.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
	(All welcome either day—no experience necessary)	

#### FRIDAY

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

### Special Events

Tues 15	7.30	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Sat 19	11 -3	Dickensian Christmas Fair	VH
Wed 30	8.30am	Bath Christmas Market Trip	Langport Car Park

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