

November 2017



## Curry Rivel in Bloom wins Top Trophy!

*Peter Goodenough  
receiving the City of  
Bath trophy from  
Lady Emma Fellowes,  
Lord Julian Fellowes,  
patrons of South  
West in Bloom and  
Councillor Anne  
Brooks, Chair of  
Torbay Council.*

*See full story on page 9.*



## Don't Miss Out on this Great Opportunity Make Your Pledge Now!

Tony Beauchamp



**A**t the meeting in October villagers agreed to continue to raise funds to purchase the King William IV pub and the car park as a community owned asset. As a community owned pub, it will be under new management – our management. We, the community, will be able to decide on the opening hours (within licencing rules), and as a Free House we can choose what beers, ciders etc. to drink and the type of food to serve etc. Our pub can adapt to meet the needs of the village. We can host functions, groups, meetings and events. We can provide an outlet for local food and drink. With your support, all of this and more is possible. But don't delay in making your pledge as time is running short. If this opportunity is lost the pub will close by the end of the year and the site will be sold for redevelopment. The developers are already circling to get their hands on the pub. If we don't buy it now ...they will.

To date we are a third of the way to meeting the £300,000 purchase cost – we need more pledges of money but perhaps more importantly we need more pledges of support and

interest in owning our village community pub. Pledges should be in multiples of £500 but if individuals would like to group together to buy a share please contact us, see details below. All pledges are non-binding and confidential. Can you pledge to help us run it? Can you pledge to use it? With a solid base of community support and interest, it becomes easier to convince larger investors that the pub will be viable, only if we can demonstrate that YOU, the villagers want this to happen!

We want to preserve the pub as a village asset focusing on providing a place to meet with friends and neighbours, to share a pint, a meal and a laugh. Please help us realise this vision and show your support by pledging to help in whatever way you can.... THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE!

Final Public meeting is at the Village Hall – Thursday 9 November

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# District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

## Commercial Enterprise

Following on from my report last month regarding SSDC's intention to become a more commercial enterprise I can confirm the Council's first investment decision has been to acquire the Marks & Spencer building in Yeovil. Marks & Spencer has a number of years left on their lease so presumably SSDC are expecting the returns from this acquisition to be consistent and substantial enough to start to build a revenue portfolio independent from Government grants which will be decreasing over the next few years. The liberal-led council has also said this will help to regenerate the town centre at the same time but has yet to specifically make known how they intend for this to happen.

## Play Equipment

Planning and development is often a contentious subject, with Curry Rivel taking more than its fair share of new builds in recent years. However, with developments come financial planning agreements, known as Section 106 obligations, which can contribute towards the creation or maintenance of recreational areas. As such, monies have now been used from the housing at Heale Lane and Westfield for new open space equipment at Westfield which is proving very popular. If you have yet to try it then go and check it out. The Parish Council are in the process of looking at a suitable replacement for the slide.

## Curry Rivel in Bloom

Finally, congratulations to Curry Rivel in Bloom who won silver for the New for 2017 category and the City of Bath Trophy for landscaping. It was an outstanding effort by all involved not only by the organising committee but also the residents who actively participated and helped the village look so good.



## Curry Rivel in Bloom 2018 — planning has begun

Madelaine King-Oakley

After the village's amazing success in the South West in Bloom competition a glass or two of bubbly was drunk at the congratulatory event in October and (perhaps because of the bubbly!) those present decided that they would like to enter the competition again next year. Peter and Sylvia Goodenough had decided to stand down after all their hard work and achievements and focus on their rather neglected garden and family! Therefore, Gina Beauchamp was elected as the new Chair, Laraine Hayes as the Deputy Chair and Annette Stein as the Treasurer. Their first meeting was held in the King William which was well attended with lots of lovely ideas being put forward with much enthusiasm. The plan for a more permanent planting design at the War Memorial is going to be discussed on 7 November at 7.30pm in the Chatham Room. All are welcome to take part in the discussion.

**Next Year's colour theme.** 2018 is the Great War centenary. The group will be using white in next year's planting around the village to represent Peace; blue and green (khaki) for service uniforms (as in 1918) and pale colours like pale pinks and mauves. The theme for the front garden competition next year will be "The Great War centenary".

All updates and news this coming year will on the new CRiB website <https://cribwebsite.wixsite.com/curryrivelinbloom> and our own village website. If you have any ideas or would like to help (just an occasional hour is very welcome) please ring 01458 762296 or preferably email [cribsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:cribsomerset@gmail.com).

Lastly how about friending Facebook CRiB Curry Rivel in Bloom?

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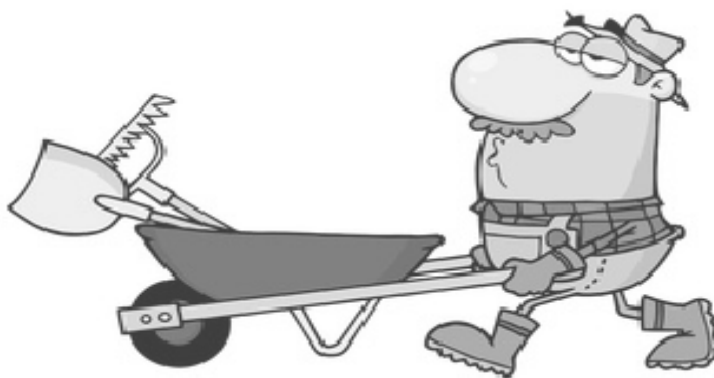
Sylvia and Peter Goodenough

If we see October as the busy start of the gardening year, November is a little less hectic but there is still much to get on with when the weather allows. We are really hoping the War Memorial Garden will keep flowering until Remembrance Sunday on 12 November! The osteospermums and marguerites there, like many annuals, are still giving a great show and will continue to do so until they get frosted, so long as we keep on dead-heading as this encourages them to continue flowering.

However, we are unlikely to escape frost in November so it is vital to take in or protect vulnerable plants that are still outside. November 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 broadbeans '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 the time to wash the glass to admit maximum light, 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 storing in it over winter. Overwintering annuals only need watering occasionally from now on.



Fallen leaves need to be collected and can then be rotted down into leaf mould. 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.

It is, of course, the month for bonfires so, if it won't be a nuisance to your neighbours, a November 5 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. Build your bonfire as close to the night you light it as possible, giving less time for hedgehogs to find it and move in.

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## Banking Memorabilia

Barry Winetrobe

The Bagehot Memorial Fund is delighted at the news that unique artefacts relating to the famous Stuckey's Banking Company, which had its origin in Langport, have been saved for the town after the closure of the NatWest bank branch. The Fund has been closely involved, together with the Town Council, in negotiations to retain these for Langport, following the announcement by NatWest earlier this year that its Langport branch – which was the hub of Stuckey's Bank – would close this October. Following the closure, Langport Town Council was presented with a framed 19th century print of a portrait of the second Vincent Stuckey, a framed £1 banknote of Stuckey's & Co

(Somersetshire Bank), issued at Langport on January 6 1825, just over a year before Walter Bagehot's birth in the adjoining Bank House (the original Stuckey's Bank), and co-signed by his father, Thomas Watson Bagehot, and a painted board from more than a century ago showing Stuckey's Langport branch's opening hours.

The Fund has been proceeding with its plans to erect an illustrated Interpretation Board commemorating Walter Bagehot's career as a country banker with Stuckey's Bank, as well as on the history of what was, in its day, one of the most important provincial banking groups in the UK, having originated in Langport.

*NatWest's mobile branch visits Langport each Thursday between 12.30 and 13.15, when it is located behind the Library.*

*NatWest's Community Banker will be running regular drop-in events at Langport Town Hall, Mondays, 1230 – 1600.*

## More Villagers Learn How to Save a Life

Tony Greenaway

Seventeen local people attended a lively and highly participative workshop held in the Old School Room on Saving Lives in October. Feedback suggested that it was judged it to a great success.

The workshop, organised and funded by the Parish Council, was run by Taunton based Heartstart, a locally based charity sponsored by the British Heart Foundation. The workshop was part of a negotiated package that included the installation of the secure defibrillator situated at

the garage in Curry Rivel.

Participants received tuition and practice in assessing status of patients who may have suffered cardiac arrest, carrying out CPR, use of the defibrillator and preventing a person choking.

Delegates donated £5 each and this will go towards the cost of a second defibrillator for the village.

The Parish Council is prepared to fund further workshops as a means of safeguarding members of the community and others in the event of cardiac arrest.



**Jane Crowley practising the Heimlich manoeuvre at the CPR training day**

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# Curry Rivel Music

## THE PELLÉAS ENSEMBLE

*Malcolm Cotterill*

The Pelléas Ensemble came with a reputation almost unparalleled in performers so young and they left St Andrew's Church after their performance in September with that reputation not only wholly intact but enhanced. The brilliance and musicianship of Luba Tunnicliffe on her viola, Henry Roberts with his flute and Oliver Wass embracing his harp delighted a considerable audience with music from Rameau, de Falla and from Claude Debussy, the only piece expressly written for that combination of instruments. That was the first half – played entirely without a sheet of music before any of them! In de Falla's Spanish Dance No 1 from *La Vida Breve*, Oliver Wass dispelled for ever any notion that the harp is the exclusive preserve of delicate young ladies in Victorian dress. He plucked more strings and made more music than would a quartet of guitarists in party mood.

The second half began with a tour de force from the flautist who expressed more air than a



deflating hot-air balloon in an arrangement of J S Bach's Flute Sonata in C Major BWV 1033. Sheer virtuosic brilliance. The viola was the last in an individual display of artistry with Luba introducing the melancholy of *Lachrymae* – composed by Benjamin Britten with more than a nod to John Dowland who

pre-deceased him by more than 350 years. Quite hauntingly beautiful.

The finale came in the form of an arrangement by Morlock of *Le Tombeau de Couperin* by Maurice Ravel. It started life as a suite of six piano pieces of which four were later orchestrated meaning that more than a bit of adjustment was needed for our trio. However, the impression given was that at least half an orchestra was playing. Appreciation and applause was loud, sustained and rewarded by an encore. This trio will very obviously soar to greater heights and those who were present regard themselves as privileged to have been able to enjoy them at this stage of their careers.

## Christmas Shopping in Bath

Following the popularity of last year's coach trip to Bath's Christmas Market the twinning association is taking bookings for this year's planned trip on **Wednesday 29 November**. The coach will leave Langport Car Park promptly at 9.00 a.m. and pick up in Bath for the return journey at 4.00 pm arriving in Langport at about 6.30 pm.

If you would like to get started, or finish your Christmas shopping, or just enjoy a day in this lovely city the tickets are available from John Andrew at £15 each. Telephone 251522 or email [jgandrew59@gmail.com](mailto:jgandrew59@gmail.com).

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## Churchill (PG) on Friday 17 November



This month Movies in the Village Hall is proud to present a special screening of "Churchill" (PG) with a donation from the event being given to The Royal British Legion.

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Stars: Brian Cox, Miranda Richardson, John Slattery and Julian Wadham.

Doors open at 6.45pm; show starts at 7.45pm in the village hall offering the opportunity to chat with friends prior to the screening. Refreshments will be on sale. Tickets are £10 for the evening to include the first drink (wine/beer/soft drink/tea/coffee) and are available at the door. Royal British Legion members can also obtain tickets from Tony Potter on 01458 251280 from 27 October. A raffle will also be held.

This is Movies in the Village Hall's first charity event, open to both members and non-members of the RBL – do come and support this worthy cause!

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## Curry Rivel W.I.

Our speaker for October was Charles Hill who was speaking of his interest in trees. Charles has loved trees all his life and is now an authority on them, recently having had a book of his photographs published. Trees and woods are vital because they filter our air, cool our cities, purify our water and enrich our soil. The Woodland Trust is one of several groups working to look after our trees. at all levels, to support this.

Our afternoon celebrating Jane Austen was a lot of fun, we learnt a lot about her life and her books from a wonderful speaker. For quite different reasons, our visit to the World Horse Welfare Centre was also enjoyed, learning a lot about how they look after their horses and everything that they do there.

A new venue for the annual Literary Lunch was the Somerset County Cricket Club in Taunton who provided a very tasty lunch in an iconic setting. The guest speaker was a local author, Damien Boyd, who was a solicitor before he became a successful author. He has written eight thrillers set in and around Taunton, with DI Nick Dixon leading the investigations. All the settings are authentic and his story of how he came to write them was both humorous and interesting.



**WI members at the Horse Welfare Centre**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9 November, in the Village Hall. The speaker will be from Broomhead and Saul LLP, talking about Wills and the current legislation. This is something we should all know about.

Why not come along and listen to the talk and also find out more about the WI? Come at 9.45am for a 10.00am start.

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Denise Clarke


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Monthly meetings 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.

*SIAB is unicyclist Ed Pratt's chosen charity – see next month's Curry Rivel News for the latest on Ed's epic journey.*

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# Curry Rivel in Bloom wins Top Trophy!

Gasps of astonishment met the announcement that Curry Rivel had won the City of Bath Trophy at the Britain in Bloom awards event in October – this was the very first time a new entrant had won!

The City of Bath Trophy is awarded for the best landscape from all the South West entries. Curry Rivel in Bloom organizer, Peter Goodenough said, this is about as big a success as any group could possibly achieve in year one'. The citation for the award read 'The War Memorial Garden was excellent, and a huge undertaking, but was a great success and provided a focal point to the village and the entry itself'. In the Cox Cup, the village won an overall silver award for its 'magnificent effort in year one'. The Parish Council led this initiative and is especially proud of being able to bring the war memorial garden, owned by the Parish, to a spectacular rebirth. It is hoped as many people as possible will come to the Remembrance service on 12 November to honour the dead of two world wars in the glorious ambience of the new memorial garden (lack of frosts permitting!)



The Parish Council would like to thank all those who were involved in the entry and those people and businesses who sponsored it for their part in this success.

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## READERS' RECIPES

### Honey Roasted Pumpkin Risotto

*Don't throw your pumpkin away after Hallowe'en...  
.....try this delicious risotto recipe*

#### Ingredients

900g pumpkin, peeled, cut into 1cm cubes  
60ml olive oil  
½ tblspn honey, plus extra to drizzle  
850ml vegetable stock  
1 onion, chopped  
2 celery stalks, finely chopped  
2 cm piece ginger, grated  
220g arborio risotto rice  
160ml white wine  
Juice of ½ lemon  
1 tblspn flat-leaf parsley, plus extra to garnish  
2 tblspns mascarpone, plus extra to serve



#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C or 200°C fan or gas 7
2. Lay pumpkin in an even layer on a large baking tray and drizzle with 2 tablespoons of oil. Season with salt and pepper. Roast for 15 minutes, then remove and drizzle with the honey, tossing well to coat each piece. Roast for a further 15 minutes until cooked and golden.
3. Place stock in a saucepan and keep at a simmer over low heat.
4. Heat remaining tablespoon of oil in a large heavy-based pan over low heat. Add onion and stir for 2-3 minutes until soft. Add celery and cook for 1 minute, then add ginger and rice and cook for a further minute, stirring to coat grains. Increase heat to medium-low, add wine and cook until absorbed. Add stock a ladleful at a time, allowing each to be absorbed before adding the next. Continue for 15 minutes or until rice is cooked but still firm to the bite. Add lemon juice, pumpkin and parsley. Season, then stir in mascarpone.
5. Serve with a dollop of mascarpone, a drizzle of honey and extra parsley.

Serves 4

## LANGPORT AND CURRY RIVEL PROBUS

Dorothy Wadeson

**W**e had a fun filled, eye opening talk at our meeting this month by Edna Russell, a lady well qualified in Roman history and artefacts. A visual presentation enhanced the history of sexual pursuits during that period.

As you might imagine the talk provided us all with some scintillating conversation during lunch, held at the Drayton Crown, the new venue for our meetings.

If you would like to find out more about Probus please ring Paul Crocker on 252545 or look on our website [www.langportandcurryprobus.btck.co.uk](http://www.langportandcurryprobus.btck.co.uk). We are a friendly welcoming group of men and ladies and our talks each month are varied and interesting.

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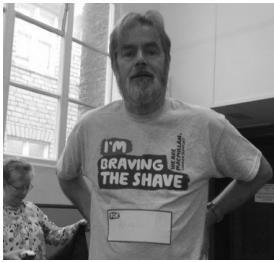
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# Letters to the Editor



## Brave the Shave

I am delighted to say that with the generous support of the folk in Curry (and beyond) together we raised, £1000 for the Macmillan Brave the Shave.

Tim Richards



## Cider Tax

I enjoyed the fascinating article in the October issue by Malcolm Bonnington in which he explained the meaning of the Latin inscription on the Burton Pynsent Monument. Unfortunately, though, he repeated the charming, but incorrect, story that Sir William Pynsent left his estate to William Pitt because of Pitt's opposition to the Cider Tax. This is a much better story than the true one but, sadly, it is a myth. Pynsent signed his will in Pitt's favour long before the Cider Tax was proposed and sadly Pitt had no objection to a tax on cider. His objection was to a clause in the Cider Tax Bill that gave the Revenue Men the right to enter anyone's premises (including their homes) to check that there was no untaxed cider there. Pitt believed that an Englishman's home - no matter how humble - was his castle, and that no-one - not even the King of England - should be able to enter uninvited.

(Dr) Jane Hamlin

## Curry Rivel in Bloom

I'm so pleased and pleasantly surprised that our village received such an accolade in the above South Western competition. This was only possible because of the efficient organisation and particularly hard and mental effort of Peter and Sylvia Goodenough, aided by a small 'committee', businesses, local farmers and village volunteers. What a transformation one sees in the War Memorial area. I was very impressed by the sheer hard work that was necessary and done. From Mr Pitt, the Elder's point of view, the two Primary School students acted their respective parts very well; the three of us enjoyed our small contribution to proceedings. Thanks, also, to Head Peter Staddon for his cooperation and assistance. It was good that so many villagers made a great effort, very successfully, to florally decorate their front gardens - a wonderful sight. Let's hope for a greater show next year!

We owe the Goodenoughs our deep gratitude and following the meeting in the Village Hall in October, the fresh group, which will be organising the village entry for 2018, will, I'm sure, receive good advice!

Yours sincerely,

Robert Crowley

# Village Hall News

Roger Hampton

## Santa at the BIG Breakfast

Come and have Breakfast with Santa on Sunday 17th December for the Christmas BIG Breakfast at the Village Hall. Bring the whole family along to this great Community Christmas Event, from 8.30am till 12.30pm. Enjoy a freshly cooked breakfast, with Bacon, Sausages, and Eggs kindly supplied by Scrivens the Butchers.

## Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Monday 20th November at 7.30pm.



## Cider in Curry

Look at an old map of Somerset and you will see much of the landscape was covered by orchard. Cider was made in farmhouses and until the late 19th century cider often made up part of a farm labourer's wages. There were many orchards in and around our village and the local auctioneers, FL Hunt & Sons held apple sales until the late 1970s. William Weaver landlord of the King William in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century persuaded the locals to help him make cider from his own orchards in exchange for free drinks. His cider became so popular that the Lang's Hambridge Brewery experienced a drop in beer sales. In 1998 June Small of Charlton Orchards wrote a guide to Somerset Apple varieties. The list of 156 includes cider apples with some amazing names including 'Slack Me Girdle' a medium sweet cider variety which originated in South Somerset. Curry Rivel had its own variety of culinary apple called the Curry Codlin. Do any of our readers know if this tree is still grown in the village?

*In this early photograph taken around 1900, landlord of the King William, James Weaver, stands on the left watching the apple harvest in his orchard.*



*Jack Eames, local farmer, with his helpers loading the apple harvest on to his horse drawn cart in the field opposite Wiltown Garage in the 1960s.*



## Villagers enjoy the charity Harvest Lunch which raised £425 for Shelterbox



## What to See in November

Chris Chappell

Most of the wildlife interest in November revolves around birdlife. As winter approaches many birds of different species will flock together. You may see a party of long-tailed-tits moving through the trees, calling as they move, with a little high-pitched trill, and a regular 'tsk-tsk', often accompanied by blue and great tits. Finches will gather in the tree tops in large noisy groups, chaffinch, goldfinch, greenfinch and siskin together. Look out for the very pretty brambling, chaffinch sized, but with orange breast and pale underbelly. Feeding in numbers offers protection for the flock, as any predator, such as the sparrowhawk, is more likely to be spotted. Large numbers of birds also make it more difficult for a raptor to focus on individual prey. You may notice that pied wagtails will appear in towns and villages, calling from the rooftops, as they search for spiders and flies. They often roost in large numbers, even in the heart of busy city centres. Mixed crows will be found feeding in the fields, carrion crows and jackdaws together, combing the ground for insects and worms. Reptiles and hedgehogs will now be going into

hibernation. Please bear this in mind when lighting bonfires, or clearing up the garden, as piles of logs, stones or vegetation provide attractive wintering sites for many creatures.

This is the time of year to give your bird feeders a good clean before refilling them, as there is some evidence that diseases can be spread by mouldy or stale bird seeds and nuts. A surprising range of birds will use feeders and tables, great spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches, long-tailed-tits, and increasingly birds such as reed buntings and over-wintering blackcaps. You must expect the occasional visit from a sparrowhawk, which will attempt to take prey. In addition to hanging feeders, a table feeder with a roof will encourage more species, as many birds struggle to cling on to a wire feeder. The roof will add some security from predators. Any surplus apples spread on the ground will encourage blackbirds, redwing and fieldfare. If the badgers don't get there first!



## St. Andrew's Church



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

### November

#### Wednesday 1st

2.45 Immacolata House  
Residents' Holy Communion

#### Thursday 2nd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 5th - 4th before Advent

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 **CR** - All Souls Service

#### Thursday 9th

9.00 **CR** - School Collective Worship

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 12th - 3rd before Advent , Remembrance Sunday

9.15 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

10.30 **FH** - Remembrance Day  
Service, joint with Baptists

Tuesday 14th 10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

#### Thursday 16th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 15th - 2nd before Advent

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

10.00 **CR** - All Age Family Worship

11.15 **CR** - Short Communion CW

#### Monday 20th

3.30-5.30 **CR** School Messy Church

#### Thursday 23rd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 26th - 1st before Advent, Christ the King

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 **SW** - Harvest Evensong BCP

Tuesday 28th 10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

#### Thursday 30th

9.00 **CR** - School Collective Worship

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

## Scott's spot

### Christian civilisation

In my 8 years as both curate and now vicar, I have noticed, with sadness, that the number of veterans, and civilians who were playing an active role during World War II, are a quickly dwindling band. As I write, it was just over a year ago that I took the Service of Remembrance and Farewell for Commander John Hoover, a resident of Swell, and friend, who was one of those veterans. It was an immense privilege to hear from John about his wartime experiences in the US Navy (most strikingly his eyewitness accounts of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour) and I count the times shared with John (and Mary his dear wife) as a valuable part of my shaping. Having known John will continue to remind me of all we owe his generation as they take their leave of us.

On Remembrance Sunday we shall come together again to remember all who fought to preserve our freedoms and way of life, and I warmly invite you to St. Andrew's Church for 10.50 and our Remembrance Sunday service. It is the least we can do.

But as we prepare to remember once again, I think that we not only have a duty to remember, but also a duty to uphold what they fought for. In 1940 at the time of the Battle of Britain, Winston Churchill, in one of his greatest speeches, said of the struggle: *'Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation'*. Well I shall leave it to others to judge what Sir Winston would make of the state of Christian civilisation in Britain today, but we should, I think, take a moment to consider the need to guard the Christian principles which have shaped our country for many centuries. It seems to me that too often there is a complacency of which we can all be guilty.



**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

If we are not careful, the Christian foundations of our society will crumble, with consequences that will be far reaching and deeply damaging. I don't believe such an outcome would be honouring to those who sacrificed so much during the 1939-1945 conflict, and yet, bit by bit, it does seem to be happening.

So I ask the question, what do you feel about *'the survival of our Christian civilisation'*? Perhaps you feel such a phrase is out of date. Perhaps you have never thought about it and would rather not start now – after all *The X factor* will be on in a minute! Or...perhaps we might just take a moment to think about what previous generations thought of such a phrase and the concepts behind it. As we do that, we would do well to remember what those Christian concepts prompted that generation to achieve on our behalf, in the defeat of a great evil.

Jesus is presented in the Bible as the *'Prince of Peace'*. He came *'to turn swords into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks'*. He taught us to *'love our neighbours as we love ourselves'*, indeed *'to love our enemies'*, and through the Bible taught of the sanctity of all human life, from conception to the grave.

It is these principles, when properly applied, that need to be upheld for the good of all, even sometimes with force, as in WWII - and no, I haven't missed the paradox of that statement.

Thank God however that there continues to be evidence of Christian civilisation in Great Britain. We still have much to give thanks for as we enjoy the freedoms and security of a legal framework built upon Christian morals and ethics. But we need to remember that these blessings have been hard won, and we take them for granted at our peril. Let us therefore work together to ensure their survival and resist the clamouring voices of secularism that persistently seek to erode our *Christian civilisation*.

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."*

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

Revd. Scott.

### **'Carols, bangers and mash' in the Village Hall**

Following the success of previous years, St. Andrew's church is again hosting an evening of entertainment in the Village Hall on

**Friday 1st December from 7.00pm**

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.

Due to previous high demand, tickets will ONLY be on sale in Sandpit's, the BP petrol station/Post Office, the School Office, the Barbers at Coopers Cross or from members of St. Andrew's congregation (NOT at the door on the evening).

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the church.

### **St. Andrew's Flower Guild Annual meeting**

will be held on **Thursday**

**16th November 2.00 pm**

in the **Village Hall Chatham Room**.

### **St. Andrew's Rotas November**

**Brass** - Lynne Comley

**Flowers**

6th - 17th - Poppies

18th & 25th - Sue Randell

**Church cleaning**

4th - Julia Gauler 11th - Tina Geary

18th - Wendy Graves 25th - Liz Rendell

### **Dickensian CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3pm**  
**Robert Sewers (Village) Hall.**

Refreshments throughout the day; a lovely variety of quality handcrafted items for sale including Crafters new to the Fair; 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. Free entry. This is not a fundraiser – rather an event hosted by the United Reformed Church for Curry Rivel and surrounding villages.

**P.S.** There will not be a fair in 2018: be prepared to purchase for next Christmas too!!!

## **United Reformed Church**



### **November**

*(Services start at 10.30)*

**Sunday 5th** - Rev Tim Richards

*(incl. Holy Communion)*

**Sunday 12th** - United Remembrance

Service at St. Andrew's

**Sunday 19th** - Rev Tim Richards,

Uniting with Lanport URC, Bow Street

**Sunday 26th** - Rev Rowena Francis

We are a small, 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. We respect the traditions of our past, engage with the present and look forward to the future, believing that Christian truth is not contained in static prepositional statements but is ever changing and constantly evolving. 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

**BIG THANKS** go to everyone who attended or supported in any way our Harvest Charity lunch: to date **£ 425** has been raised for **SHELTERBOX** towards the provision of help and shelter for those severely affected by natural disasters. The congregation are very grateful to those who gifted and prepared the delicious food and helped decorate the building in celebration of the earth's Harvest.

The donations of goods on the Sunday (including packed, processed and fresh foods; toiletries & sundries) were boxed up and taken into **Open Door** in Taunton where they will be used towards providing meals, washing & personal hygiene facilities for the homeless on our doorstep.

**Thank you for supporting us in our charitable work.**

We experienced something a little different during a



Chapel Service in September. When our resident minister (Rev. Tim) is visiting one of the other 5 churches in his care, our services are usually led by lay preachers and retired ministers who come to us from far and wide. E very now and again there is a service which cannot be filled so we organise it amongst ourselves. Last month we tried something we haven't tried before – we called a member of our congregation to The Witness Box asking them to take the stand and 'be interviewed' about their life & faith journey.

Mike Mason was our brave soul and though we might have thought we knew him well we learnt even more as he shared about his early years (his earliest memory aged 2 was returning from the air raid shelter with his mum to find their home bombed and everything around burning); his coming to faith (a simple invitation to a sausage and mash supper at the URC in Somerton, after some difficult years, introducing him to a group of people who became 'family'); how encouraging the Beatitudes were to him when he was teased and goaded at his workplace for his Christian beliefs; and his hopes for the future of the Church – his belief that we need to be socially involved, out there in the community, rather than staying cooped up within the building's four walls, for the church to have relevance in the future. Interesting, enlightening and challenging in equal measure we left knowing one of our number a little more, feeling more connected and in some way more supportive.

We all have a story to tell; I hope over the coming months and years we have the opportunity to hear many more. This is what evangelism is – story telling; sharing how it has been with and for us. Simple.

### **From St. Andrew's Registers Funerals**

*May God grant them eternal rest.*

11th October - Service to celebrate the life of Mr. John Jeanes († 2nd October)



## In November

### Regular Events

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

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

#### FRIDAY

9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall.30
	Cinema Night (not August)	Village Hall (3rd only)

#### Special Events

Tues	07	7.30	CRiBloom 2018	VH
Thurs	09	7.30	Saving the King Willy	VH
Sat	11	11-3	Xmas Craft Fair	VH
Sun	12	12.30	Remembrance Lunch	VH
Fri	20	7.30	Village Hall AGM	VH
Wed	25	7.00	Line Dancing Social Evening	VH



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Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

##### Social

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Out & About	252146
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Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
PROBUS	252545
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	253953
Get Together Club	251773
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 741606
Inner Wheel	252648

##### Arts

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

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