



Gold for Curry Rivel at the South West in Bloom 'Oscars' Linda Dodimead

A stunned group of representatives from Curry Rivel in Bloom (CRiB) brought home a veritable haul of awards from the Southwest in Bloom (SWiB) 2018 ceremony at Westlands in Yeovil. Gina Beauchamp (Chair), Laraine Hayes (Deputy Chair), Annette Stein (Treasurer), Madelaine King-Oakley (Parish Council representative) and Linda Dodimead were there to represent the village. In only their second year in the competition, CRiB won a Gold Medal in the Cox Cup category for a large village and the Cox Cup itself for overall winner in the category. The Cox Cup was said by SWiB judge and MC, Jon Wheatley to be "one of the toughest ones to win".

Laraine and Annette made a total of four trips up to the stage to receive the awards from the Mayor of Yeovil, David Recardo and representatives from SWiB. The other awards received by CRiB were the Michael McGahey Trophy, for exceptional community effort, and the Sargent Trophy, for outstanding effort and dedication from a main entry (joint winners with Falmouth).

Before leaving the venue, the team met with their judges, Tom Sharples and Richard Taylor, for feedback. Tom remarking that Curry Rivel was 'the best new entrant I've seen'!

The Britain in Bloom annual competition, the "biggest horticultural campaign in Europe" of which Southwest in Bloom is one of 18 regional groups, is not just about flowers. "The aim of the communities that take part each year is to improve and regenerate our local environments, through the imaginative planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping, conservation and recycling projects, and to sweep

away the eyesores that blight our streets, such as litter, graffiti and vandalism."

There are three core areas for which points are awarded with a maximum of 200 points available.

Horticultural Achievement (50% of possible marks) - Impact, Horticultural practice, Residential and community gardening, Business areas and premises and Green spaces.

Environmental responsibility (25% of marks) - Conservation and biodiversity, Resource management, Local heritage, Local environmental quality and Pride of place.

Community participation (25% of marks) – Development and continuity, Communication and education, Community involvement, Year-round involvement and Funding and Support.

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District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

The Future of our Libraries

Following the recent consultation, it appears that Langport library will remain open. Somerset County Council has recommended 19 existing libraries be retained of which Langport is one along with Martock and Ilminster. The remaining 15 library buildings are to become community library partnerships (CLP), which would see local groups supporting the buildings in partnership with County Hall.

A final decision on these recommendations is expected in early November.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation as it helped to reinforce just how essential the library is to the surrounding communities.

Gold for Curry Rivel

Congratulations to Curry Rivel in Bloom who scooped three awards this year winning the Gold award for their category as well as the Michael McGahey trophy for Exceptional community effort and also the joint winners of the Outstanding effort competition. A lot of hard work and dedication went into making the village look exceptional and even as we head into winter the war memorial area is still looking lovely. Well done to everyone at CRiB.

Speed Limit Change Proposal

There is a proposed 40 mph Speed Limit on the A378 between Curry Rivel and Portway.

Should you have any comments you would like to make please send them in writing, quoting reference number AC25072018, to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, B2 West, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY as soon as possible.

Unicycling Ed receives Chair's Award for Service to the Community

Rob Atkins

The Chair of Somerset County Council has recognised Ed's achievements with an Award for Service to the Community.

The Citation read....

'Edward, at the age of 22 has achieved two extraordinary ambitions, the like of which most people are unlikely to match in a lifetime. He will be remembered as the first person to unicycle around the world without support. Everything he needed to eat, sleep, wash and clothe himself had to be carried in panniers on his unicycle. This endeavour took him just over 3 years to unicycle 22,000 miles through 25 countries and through this journey he has raised over £300,000 for the Somerset based charity "School in a Bag".

Edward has demonstrated an outstanding determination to succeed despite what must have been at times, very harsh conditions. He has put the local charity "School in a Bag" into the spotlight as well as the County of Somerset. His achievements as a fundraiser for a very worthwhile charity and as a "world's first" Unicyclist are examples

of his determination, endurance and courage that should be an inspiration to all young people'.

Ed was unable to receive the award but sent us the following message from America, 'I'm honoured to receive this award. I'm really pleased that this will bring more awareness of School in a Bag and the help they are providing to children all over the world'. He added, 'it has certainly been enjoyable to hang up my unicycle and spend time with friends and family. My days recently have been spent editing the endless hours of footage I captured on my trip, turning it into high quality documentary videos. These can be found at [youtube.com/MrEdPratt](https://www.youtube.com/MrEdPratt). I have also been sharing my experiences on stage and am available for booking as a speaker'.

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.....continued..... **Gold for Curry Rivel**

Gina Beauchamp said, 'Congratulations to all the members of the CRiB team for their hard work during the past year. Congratulations and thanks to everyone in the village who helped in any way, planting, watering, litter-picking, dead-heading, digging, composting, cutting grass, putting out displays and hanging baskets, entering the front garden competition, sponsoring plants, supporting us, joining in and much more. We should all be very proud of our achievements. Remember that the Gold award is not just for Horticultural Excellence, but also for Community Involvement and Environmental Responsibility.

That community effort was demonstrated by the number of people who were involved from the Parish Council, Curry Rivel Primary School, the Brownies, the Royal British Legion, Sarah Le Breton who designed and made the Dove of Peace at the War Memorial, the Allotment society, Langport & Somerton Rotary Club & dementia patients, the WI, the Village Hall, the Old School Room, the Church and the Flower Guild, the Flower Show, Front Garden Competition entrants. Villagers involved with planting along the High Street and businesses joining in with floral displays including the BP garage, Nisa Shop, Wiltown Garage, the Firehouse and Living Pretty, Sandpits for sponsoring posts and soil. Travis Perkins, Marion Dale for helping with the War Memorial design and planting, Bradley Lewis for putting up posts. We thank you all and apologies to anyone we've missed'.

Get Out & Get Together

Every Friday 9:30 – 1:30pm in the Village Hall

- Do you know someone or maybe you would like to:
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- Have a chat with new friends over coffee and a biscuit?
- Be entertained each week?
- Take a break from caring, by dropping off the person you support, for a few hours with a volunteer group who include three retired nurses?
- Enjoy a two course freshly cooked lunch?

This picture shows Andy using the cooking facilities in the village hall kitchen.



Andy, who learnt his skills in the Army is preparing (fresh on the premises) a lunch of chicken, mushroom and ham pie, potatoes, peas and carrots followed by baked rice pudding with jam.

There is an amazing group of volunteers who would love the chance to give you/them a great morning. So, if you are interested or **do** know someone, give Madelaine a ring on 01458 253976 for further details and to arrange a visit.

See below for the programme in November and December

November

02 Games
09 Country & Western entertainment with 'Brenney'
16 Games
23 Arts & Crafts with Jenny Wood
30 Games

December

07 Musical entertainment with 'Take Note'
14 Christmas Lunch
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Results of the Parish Survey

Tony Greenaway

The Parish Survey undertaken during the past six months is now closed and the Parish Council is grateful to the 132 people who took the time to consider the two questions. The number of responses represents approximately 10% of all households and roughly 5% of the population of Curry Rivel. However, many people provided more than one comment which is why the figures in the tables below add up to more than 200 in both cases.

A breakdown of the responses to the two questions is shown below. It is good to see that people cite the facilities that the Village offers as among the key attractions of the village along with our rural setting, the friendly people, the many

local events and groups, the easy access to the countryside and the supportive and community spirit that exists here.

In terms of concerns and improvements, it is no surprise that car parking, traffic flow, building development and litter/dog fouling are high on the list. Improving the facilities for our youngsters is an area that the Council is currently considering and there will be updates on this in due course. For now, the Parish Council is aware of the main concerns raised and is considering how best to tackle these.

Summary of Findings — What People Like about Curry Rivel

Peace, quiet, rural scenic, access to countryside	43
Facilities	42
Friendly people	30
Local groups, events activities	26
Walks footpaths, cycling open fields	25
Good transport links	24
Supportive community spirit	20
Clean well kept, safe	12
Others	13

Summary of Findings 'Concerns or what needs improvement'

Car parking	45
Traffic flow and calming through/around village	32
Restrict development	19
Improve Youth Facilities	17
Reduce litter/dog fouling	16
Improve bus service	14
More shops/services	13
More community activities	12
Safer pavements	9
New village hall	7
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Local Artist Exhibits at Muchelney Pottery

Jane Hamlin

Jamie Condon, who lives with his family in Curry Rivel, is to have an exhibition of his acrylic paintings at the John Leach Pottery in Muchelney from 3rd November until the 5th February.

Although he was born in Surrey, he loves living in this part of Somerset and feels that he has always belonged here. Despite receiving offers to study at both Kingston and Wimbledon Schools of Art, he rejected a formal art education and is entirely self taught.

He favours acrylics for their vivid colours and fast drying properties, layering paint with brushes and palette knives. He loves to move through styles of painting - one minute painting a realist portrait, the next an impressionistic piece. He likes playing with light in his work using high contrast shadows, depths of light and shade and highlighting the effects of light bleeding through objects. He is very inspired by music and often gives the paintings musically inspired titles!

Jamie's subject matter is many and varied, though nature and human figures often feature in his work. He sometimes likes to incorporate local, Somerset inspired images into his work, reflecting his love of the county he now calls home. This can range from local buildings and landmarks to the flowers, butterflies and people of the Somerset Levels. The picture featured is called *Dancer no.7*. If you would like to see Jamie's work in colour go to www.jamiesart.co.uk

Along with Jamie's work there will be many other interesting items on display. Joanne Horrobin will be exhibiting copper bowls with enamel interiors, and visitors will also be able to see Holly Webb's handmade silver jewellery as well as, of course, works by John Leach and other fine artists.

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Primary School Raises Funds for Macmillan

Tina Geary

What a great Macmillan Coffee Morning the children and teacher of Blenheim Class organised at the end of September, raising funds for this cancer support charity.

I was expecting to be standing around in the school hall drinking coffee, eating cakes and talking to friends. However, tables and chairs had been set out for us and the children took our drink orders and bought them back to our table, quickly followed by lots of delicious cakes and biscuits decorated by the children. Activities including word searches for the adults and colouring for the little ones were provided too.

The children could not have been more attentive and charming. The boys and girls serving at my table were very friendly and we had quite a discussion about how the school and village had changed over the years.

The highlight of the morning for me was when the children sang a beautiful song called 'Believe'. I wasn't the only person with a tear in my eye! So much emotion and wonderful words, so meaningful for the children to aspire to.

Thank you and well done to Blenheim class and their teacher Miss Tucker for organising this event which raised £164.10. The school must be very proud of you all.

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Defibrillator to be Located Outside the Village Hall

Roger Hampton

Thanks to voluntary donations and a grant from the Parish Council, I am pleased to confirm that a new defibrillator will shortly be installed outside the Village Hall. This site has been chosen for its proximity to not only the Village Hall, but also the School, Church and the Firehouse. Should anyone need the use of the defibrillator then time is critical, for every minute delay in using the equipment, will reduce a person's survival by 10%. Minutes really do save lives.

Village signage for the defibrillator's location will be installed and training on the use of the equipment is planned.

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Gina Beauchamp

CRiB AGM

We held our first AGM in October. We celebrated with Prosecco and a wonderful celebratory cake made by Annette our Treasurer. We discussed our success but also how we could maintain our Gold status in the future and make 'continual improvement' as the judges call it.

Poppies for Remembrance Day - Knitted and home made

By now our Poppy trail from the church to the War memorial should be in place ready for the ceremony on 11th November, we are hoping to have hand knitted poppies and poppies

made from plastic bottles, painted on stones and wooden spoons. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make them, Curry Rivel School, ladies from the WI, CRiB members, Sue W & Marion P and anyone else who has donated poppies, Thank You!

If you have knitted or made poppies you would like to be included in our poppy trail please contact Gina cribsomerset@gmail.com Tel 01458 762296, it's not too late.

Return of the Village Open Gardens 2019

The well attended Open Gardens meeting took place in September when it was agreed to go ahead with the event on Sunday 9 June. If you would like to join in, help in anyway or open your garden, contact Gina on 01458 762296 or email cropengardens@gmail.com.

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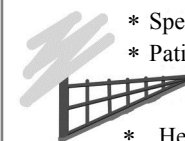
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Stars: Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, Mary Steenburgen, Richard Dreyfuss and Don Johnson

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. Don't forget we have our annual ticket for only £50 – saving you £20.

Please note - there will be no Movies in the Village Hall in December but we'll be back in the New Year with a new programme of fabulous films.

Letters to the Editor



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Clive and I would like to thank everyone who came to our Coffee Morning in September. We raised the amazing sum of £650 for Macmillan. Thank you all.

Regards

Angela Davage

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"A Penny for the Guy!"

by Geraldine Hawley

TUESDAY GROUP.....catch up!

Barbara Lancey



It's quite a while since my last update, but the ladies of the Tuesday Group have continued to meet monthly. Sadly, during the August break, our dear friend, Angie Sutton, passed away. She had been a member of the Tuesday Group for many years and served on the committee until quite recently. Angie's tireless support for the group helped to make it what it is today.

Members and visitors to our September meeting were treated to a magnificent presentation by 'Mistress Agnes' (aka Janet Few, History Interpreter) in full costume entitled '*Ducking Stools, Dissenters, Debtors and Drunks!*' - she certainly gave a very frank and detailed account of crime and punishment and law enforcement of the 17th century with the help of slides and some very realistic props!

Mistress Agnes graphically explained that during this period 85% of criminals caught were men, and only 15% were women, usually for lesser crimes. The rising population, increased poverty and political turmoil were some of the factors responsible for rising crime during that period, which ranged from murder and treason to assault, poaching, and even calling people names! Smuggling was almost seen as a 'respectable' crime, romantic, exciting even, especially when someone such as the Lord of the Manor was in on the act! Crimes against the Church, such as not attending, blasphemy, or heresy, could be punishable by a fine or even death. There were Acts of Parliament to make life difficult for those not of the Church of England persuasion! Brothel keeping was frowned upon, and suicide was a crime. Men would control the behaviour of their wives or daughters, who could be punished for nagging, moaning or gossiping! One such punishment was to wear a 'scold' - a metal frame around the head so fitted to prevent a woman talking - and she would be paraded and ridiculed in the street.

Mistress Agnes continued by explaining the many and varied offences and the punishments meted out, such as the pillory (a type of stocks) for being drunk in the street, fines for profanity, ducking stool for gossiping, whipping through the

street for vagrancy. Prison was rarely a punishment, usually just a holding place while awaiting trial. The exception to this was the debtors' prison. Capital punishment for such as murder or treason usually meant men being hung drawn and quartered, while women would be hung, but if they 'pleaded the belly' (were pregnant), this would be postponed until after the baby was born! Some criminals could be shipped overseas, usually well looked after en route so they could be sold once they reached their destination. Other law enforcers were the Parish Constable, official thief takers (like bailiffs today), watchmen and sergeants and the militia. There were Manorial, Ecclesiastical and Secular courts, depending on the crime. There was, of course, a strong belief in witchcraft in the 17th century, usually borne out of looking for someone to blame for something. Suspected witches were never 'ducked', however, or burnt, but were put in the water with their wrists and ankles tied together, and if they floated they were a witch and would then be hanged!

At our November meeting the ladies will do 'battle' against the men of the Drayton Group in our annual Skittles event, which unusually this year will be held on a Thursday, 29 November, at the Drayton Crown! You would be welcome whether or not you are yet a member, but places are limited and booking is essential. If interested, do get in touch to see if places are still available.

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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We are organising lunch on 25th 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 18 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! **Jo Stradling: 01458 252388 or jostrads@yahoo.com**

Girls and Boys Come out to Play

Kaye Morgan

Although the children's play event was in competition with Langport's Festival a huge number of tots to teens turned up for this annual event at the village primary school.

Emma, our popular face-painter, applied her fantastic facial designs to 40 children. And for the more energetic the 25ft climbing wall tested their physical and mental strengths, while shrills of delight came from the kids as they bounced down the slide after mastering the obstacle course.

With so much to do the children were spoilt for choice. For those who wanted to take a breather from energetic activities, toasted marshmallows went down a treat courtesy of the Scouts who organised their usual outdoor cooking experience.



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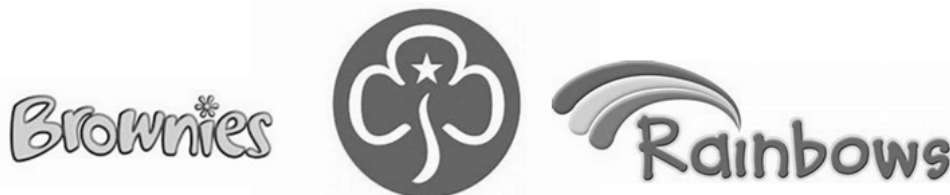
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Brownies and Rainbows Need Your Help

Lyndsey Ainsworth (Tortoise) and Karen Petheram (Butterfly)

Whether you're new to Girl Guiding or were a brownie or guide when younger, the Curry Rivel and Drayton Brownie and Rainbow groups need assistant leaders and unit helpers in order to stay open.

It's a very rewarding role, helping to grow and develop young people for our future. It is brilliant fun, a great social circle and looks good on your CV, opening doors to lots of opportunities.

If you can't commit regularly but have a particular skill, we are always keen to hear from anyone willing to share interesting activities or subjects with the girls.

No real skills or experience needed to volunteer with Girl Guiding but we will need to carry out a DBS check if you want to become involved on a regular basis.

Please e-mail if you are interested in helping us to keep our units open. crbrownies@outlook.com or look on www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus and register your interest there.

Vibrant Contemporary Art Exhibition a Success

A debut exhibition of Nicki Hughes's work shown at Langford Fivehead last month was a great success, with over 60 people attending the preview night.

Some of you will know Nicki Hughes from Wayside House Natural Health in the village and know that this is a natural progression from the healing work she already does. Energy art holds a vibration and colour to heal, calm and relax, and colour is the key.

There were lots of questions and fascination with the process she uses to paint on handmade rag paper from a water mill on Exmoor. Energy is painted into each piece using different techniques from feathers, bamboo straws, sound and crystals.

Nicki can be found at The Barn at Langford by appointment, as it is also her working studio. If you are visiting the main house between now and Christmas, there are pieces of her work on show in the main hall.

"Freedom, we died for you"

A concert to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1.

St. Andrew's Church 10 November 7.30 pm.

This is a special concert by the Mid Wessex Singers, honouring those very special and extraordinary people who gave their lives for us during the First World War. The programme includes works by Vivaldi, Stanford, Parry and Rutter, WW1 Songs Medley

including It's a Long Way to Tipperary and Pack Up Your Troubles. The Mid Wessex Singers from Somerton are a group of people who enjoy singing a wide variety of music, the Musical Director is Graham Coatman.

Tickets: adults £10; under 18's £ 5;

British Legion members £ 5 plus membership card.

Available: tel 01458 252372 / 274139, at Cobbs Wholefoods Somerton or on the evening at the door.

Refreshments during the interval.



At the October meeting members found themselves singing, clapping and dancing in the aisles!! Our speaker, Johnny Mars took members on 'A Musical Journey' tracing his life story from his birth in the early

1940's American South through the development of his musical career to his latest project 'Dare To Dream - One World'. Receiving a harmonica as a present at the age of nine inspired his own personal musical journey developing his skills as an electric blues harmonica player, singer and songwriter which found him working with many famous people including B.B.King and Jimi Hendrix. Members joined Johnny in several numbers including 'Georgia on my Mind' and 'Let the Good Times Roll'. Johnny has established the Johnny Mars Foundation 'Dare To Dream-One World' to give young people an opportunity to develop their musical talent.

We were kept busy over the summer break. Sally and Vicky organised a treasure hunt around Curry Rivel which was great fun and our annual game of golf croquet, this time at

Bowden's Farm was very well attended. Not only did we have a lovely tea but were able to raise money for two charities. We helped out at the Taunton Flower Show by selling raffle tickets and came second in the County Quiz (again!). Following the success of our second Bring and Share lunch at the end of August another is planned for early January, so look out for the posters. A most enjoyable event, open to everyone, not just the WI and the range of food is quite surprising. The successful Golf Taster Day at Long Sutton Golf Course organised by Joan is to be repeated. Members are busy making poppies for the village poppy trail to mark Remembrance Day. Future events include a Games Morning, a programme of pub lunches, and a programme of walks the first of which is a joint walk with neighbouring Pitney WI.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8th November in the Village Hall when Bob Selway will speak on Wood Turning. If you would like to join us we meet at 9.45 for a 10.00am start. If you would like a lift or have any questions please contact Jackie German on 01458 259688 or email jackiegerman@hotmail.com.

CURRY RIVEL MUSIC

Carol Haines

The second concert of our 2018-19 season, in October, was provided by two young artists: Jonathan Radford on saxophone and Kaoli Ono on piano.

Contrary, perhaps, to expectation, the repertoire was largely classical with some more contemporary items in the second half. Composers ranged from Tomaso Vitali (1663-1745), through Grieg and Albeniz, to Astor Piazzolo (1921-92). Inevitably many items were "arranged" for the saxophone, though George Gershwin wrote his "Rhapsody in Blue" not only for saxophone, but for all three of them: soprano, alto and tenor!

Claude Debussy's "Rapsodie" was notable as an early composition for the saxophone; Rachmaninov's "Vocalise No 14" was equally familiar; both written for the melodious voice of the alto sax.

Tomaso Vitali's "Chaconne" originally written for the violin, was translated here for the soprano saxophone. It set the performer's fingers quite a challenge to render on keys what was composed for strings. Musically, it was typical of its time.

Similarly, Edvard Grieg's "Sonata No 1" in three movements was original to the violin, but here rendered on soprano sax. The performers chose his first Sonata, it being – they felt – somewhat under-performed. An early work, it represents Grieg as we seldom see him, except perhaps for the fast and considerable third movement.

Opening the second half was Isaac Albeniz's Suite Española. "Granada" (tenor sax) represented the sultry warmth of

Spanish sunshine; "Asturias" and "Sevilla" were both rendered by the soprano, strongly supported by vigorous piano accompaniments.

In other respects the second half yielded more "modern" contributions. Bernat Vivancos' "Moustik" was the alto saxophone's interpretation of the tiresome buzzing of a mosquito, finally vanquished! Astor Piazzolla's "Histoire du Tango" gave us four representations of the development of Tango-time from 1900 to the present day.

Our conclusion was George Gershwin's familiar "Rhapsody in Blue" a considerable work requiring all three saxophone "voices". The opening employed the deeper tone of the tenor sax, the alto and soprano doing duty at different times throughout, and all dependent to a considerable extent on a complex piano accompaniment, superbly rendered by Kaoli Ono.

Finally, Jonathan Radford paid gracious tribute to the financial support of the Countess of Munster's Musical Trust, which enables young artists to travel world-wide in the development of their musical talents.

We now take a break until 16th March 2019, which sees the welcome return of the Pelléas Ensemble. For further information please contact our Secretary, Mrs Anne Michell: telephone 01458 250863, email anne.michell@btinternet.com or visit our website www.curryrivelmusic.org



Church Events in December

Carols, Bangers and Mash



This year St. Andrew's church is again hosting an evening of entertainment in the Village Hall on Friday 7th December from 7.00pm

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

There will also 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, and the School Office, 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.

Charity Carol Service

The United Reformed Church is hosting a Charity Carol Service on Friday 14 December at 7 pm in support of Taunton Association for the Homeless (now called ARC) Shoebox Appeal.

You or Your Organisation are invited to join us for our Carol Service at which Shoeboxes filled with items for individuals supported by ARC will be collected, carols sung and refreshments (including mulled wine, canapes & mince pies) enjoyed.

We would love you to bring a filled shoe box, but a monetary gift, if you prefer, will be used to buy items.

What to include in your box

Hats, scarves, gloves, socks,
toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant,

shampoo, shower gel, sanitary products, sweets/
chocolate.

Extras, if you can: a torch, blanket, towels, thermals.

You could even include a Christmas card to wish the person receiving your gifts a happy Christmas.

If you choose to put your items in a shoebox and would like to wrap it, we ask that you please wrap the lid and the box separately, as every box must be checked before giving it out to our clients for health and wellbeing reasons.

Perhaps you could treat it as a reverse Advent calendar – as you open the windows on the countdown calendar (often revealing a sweet delight treat each day) why not place a gift in the shoebox each day to give to someone for whom 'treats' and 'delight' are rare experiences.

Help us support those less advantaged this Christmas time.

REUSE REPAIR RETURN RECYCLE – CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Gina Beauchamp

The latest news from Somerset Waste Partnership revealed that only 43% of the contents of our black wheelie bins is actual rubbish and the remaining 57% could have been recycled i.e. food waste and garden waste were in the wrong bin!

It is hoped that by 2020 there will be new recycling lorries and we will be able to recycle more plastics and there will be more doorstep recycling available for electrical items and batteries.

A new Resource Recovery Complex is being built in Avonmouth and most landfill rubbish will be burnt there to generate electricity.

See these websites for more information; somersetwaste.go.uk/recycle-more and www.recycle-more.co.uk/household-zone

Recycling Facts

In the UK we throw away 13 billion steel cans every year, stacked on top of each other, you could make 3 piles of cans that would reach to the moon! (source: www.scrib.org.uk)

The energy saved from recycling 1 glass bottle is enough to power a light bulb for four hours

Disposable nappies take 500 years to

decompose

Producing steel from recycled material saves 75% of the energy needed if steel were made from virgin material

If everyone in Britain purchased one item made from recycled wool a year it would save 371 million gallons of water, 480 tonnes of chemical dyes and 4571 million days of an average family's electricity needs (source: UK Gov)

Every tonne of paper recycled saves 17 trees



St. Andrew's Church



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

Thursday 10.30 Holy Communion BCP

Please note that this service takes place only on the **1st & 3rd** Thursdays, **and** on the **5th** Thursday (this month). The applicable dates are in the diary below.

November

Thursday 1st

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 4th - All Saints

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family & Friends Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - All Souls Service

Wednesday 7th

2.45 pm **Immacolata House**
Residents' Communion

Thursday 8th

9.00 **CR** - School Remembrance Service

Sunday 11th - Remembrance Sunday

9.00 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

10.53 **CR** - Remembrance Sunday Service

10.30 **FH** - Remembrance Sunday Service, with FH Baptists

Monday 12th

3.30 pm **CR School** - Messy Church

Tuesday 13th

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

Thursday 15th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 18th

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

Sunday 25th - 1st Before Advent Christ the King

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

11.00 **FH** - Parish Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Thursday 29th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Scott's spot



In this month marking the centenary year of the end of the First World War, a poem by Lucy Whitmell who died in 1917. Words with a surprisingly contemporary ring...

Christ in Flanders

We had forgotten You, or very nearly -
You did not seem to touch us very nearly —

Of course we thought about You now and then;

Especially in any time of trouble —

We knew that You were good in time of trouble —

But we are very ordinary men.

And there were always other things to think of —

There's lots of things a man has got to think of —

His work, his home, his pleasure, and his wife;

And so we only thought of You on Sunday —

Sometimes, perhaps, not even on a Sunday —

Because there's always lots to fill one's life.

And, all the while, in street or lane or byway —

In country lane, in city street, or byway —

You walked among us, and we did not see.

Your feet were bleeding as You walked our pavements —

How did we miss Your footprints on our pavements? —

Can there be other folk as blind as we?

Now we remember; over here in Flanders —

(It isn't strange to think of You in Flanders) —

This hideous warfare seems to make things clear.

We never thought about You much in England —

But now that we are far away from England,

We have no doubts, we know that You are here.

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

CR OSR = St. Andrew's Old School Room ('behind' the church)

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

Scott's spot ctd . . .

You helped us pass the jest along the trenches —

Where, in cold blood, we waited in the trenches —

You touched its ribaldry and made it fine.

You stood beside us in our pain and weakness —

We're glad to think You understand our weakness —

Somehow it seems to help us not to whine.

We think about You kneeling in the Garden —

Ah ! God ! the agony of that dread Garden —

We know You prayed for us upon the cross.

If anything could make us glad to bear it —

'Twould be the knowledge that You willed to bear it —

Pain — death — the uttermost of human loss.

Though we forgot You — You will not forget us —

We feel so sure that You will not forget us —

But stay with us until this dream is past.

And so we ask for courage, strength, and pardon —

Especially, I think, we ask for pardon —

And that You'll stand beside us to the last.

What is it about humankind, that so often comfort and safety bring a cool indifference towards God, but '*pain and weakness*', a warming acceptance of Divine need? As so eloquently expressed above, must it really take the likes of '*hideous warfare*' for you to take seriously the claims and comforts of Christ?

With blessings to you and those you love this November and always,

Revd. Scott.

St. Andrew's Flower Guild Annual meeting

will be held on

Wednesday

14th November 10.30 am
in the **Old School Room**.



St. Andrew's Church - ctd



St. Andrew's Craft & Coffee

Many thanks to all who came to the first **Craft & Coffee** morning on 9th October, making it such a successful event. We do hope that you will all join us again, on 13th November, from **10 am - 12 noon** in the **Old School Room**, bringing your own craft work to share your knowledge and expertise with others.

If craft is not your thing, then please come along for an informal chat with homemade cakes and refreshments.

St. Andrew's Rotas November

Brass - Lynne Comley

Flowers

3rd & 10th - Evelyn Leckie

17th & 24th - Sandra Hill

Cleaning

3rd - Jackie & John de Ronde

10th - Nicky Barker

17th - Lynne Comley

24th - Lyn Cotterill



From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

*We wish them God's blessing
at the start of married life*

29th September - Louise Comley and
Tom Waggett

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.

6th October - Otto Christopher
Harold Fox

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.

1st October - Memorial service for
Mrs Kathleen Agnes Mary Dakin

United Reformed Church



November

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

Sunday 4th - Mrs Jo Morling
(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 11th 10.53 – United
Remembrance Service at St. Andrew's

Sunday 18th - Mr Steve Beney

Sunday 25th - Uniting at Langport URC
Bow Street - Rev Rowena Francis

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: whilst Rev. Tim Richards is on sabbatical for Church business please call the Mid-Somerset Group Secretary on 01458 447020.

Harvest Charity Lunch News

BIG THANKS go to everyone who attended or supported in any way our Harvest Charity lunch: to date **£ 276.10** has been raised for the **Royal National Lifeboat Institution** with the RNLI volunteers taking another **£ 87.35** in sales on their stall.

The congregation are very grateful to all who gifted and prepared the delicious food and helped decorate the building in celebration of the earth's Harvest.

What would Jesus Do?

During our harvest thanksgiving this year we explored the harvest celebrations that Jesus as a Jew would have taken part in during his lifetime: there were 3 – the feast celebrating the Barley Harvest, another celebrating the Wheat Harvest and the feast of the Tabernacles (or Booths) or *Sukkot*. Appropriately the date of our own Harvest Thanksgiving coincided with the timing of *Sukkot*. In what way was this coincidence appropriate? *Sukkot* celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection God provided the people of Israel as they left Egypt escaping slavery and bondage only to find themselves wandering through foreign lands and deserts sheltering in tents and temporary structures living hand to mouth. Part of the festivities include building shelters, under the open sky if possible, with 3 walls and a roof of natural greenery to represent the temporary shelters used on the biblical journey of escape from Egypt.

The donations of goods on our Harvest Sunday were boxed up and taken into **Open Door** in Taunton to be used towards providing meals, washing & personal hygiene facilities for the homeless on our doorstep. The similarities between the experience of the escaping, wandering Israelites and the people that our chosen charity **Open Door** support was inescapable – present day individuals escaping their own demons, their own form of enslavement, or fleeing circumstances which have turned their worlds upside down, living in temporary accommodation, sofa surfing, in tents or under the stars; these are the people **Open Door** support with hot meals, facilities for washing, offering advice, hope and protection. Being for them the way God was for the escaping Israelites. For us as a congregation social justice is an important expression of our faith and desire to treat all humanity & the world as God would have us do: a practical expression of the Jesus' instruction to love our neighbours. It's one of the ways we can as a community do what Jesus would do in our world today.



In November**Regular Events**

MONDAY	9.45	Art Club	Village Hall
	6.00	Pilates	Primary School
	6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
TUESDAY	10-12.00 (2nd only)	Craft & Coffee	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
	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	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	
		(Term time only)	Primary School Hall
	10.00	WI	(2nd only) Village Hall
	1.30 - 3.30pm	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 7.30 Concert - Mid Wessex Singers St Andrew's

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