



Curry Rivel W.I.

With no meeting in August, it was good to be all together again in September. We've had plenty to do, including two visits to local businesses. Donna Vale, of For Every Cloud, enthralled a group of us with demonstrations of different printing techniques – we hope to set up our own workshop with her in the New Year. We've also visited Aller Vineyard where the owners, Guy Smith and Laura Evans, told us all about their small but very productive vineyard. We then had a chance to sample their award winning white wines. Another highlight was our annual Golf Croquet afternoon at Heale House - a big thank you, as always, to Mr and Mrs O'Malley for their wonderful hospitality. The sun shone, the garden looked lovely and a good time was had by all.

At the September meeting, we held our very own Antiques Roadshow. Our members brought along a huge variety of treasured objects and Peter Rixon from Greenslade Taylor Hunt managed to find something to say about them all. His breadth of knowledge is amazing and he also passed on a few



tips for buying collectibles. He said that there are no rules for buying antiques but that we should look for something we like and which is of its period. Value doesn't necessarily increase with age, for example Roman coins can be picked up very cheaply, and items from the 1950s and even the 1970s are becoming very desirable. Although things go in and out of fashion, gold and silver items always hold their value, especially in times of uncertainty.

We have our last garden visit of the summer coming up, in the winter we switch to pub lunches. Also in September, we are starting up our Sewing group again, celebrating Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday and we have a walk along the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal – surely something for everyone!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th October in the Village Hall and our speaker will be Sara German who will be talking about a local horse charity. If that's something that interests you, then 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



Langport & District History Society

Barry Winetrobe

17th Century Crime & Punishment

The first post-summer meeting of the History Society, in Langport Library, saw the return of the popular, award-winning 'History Interpreter' Janet Few, who spoke on Ducking Stools, Dissenters, Debtors and Drunks: crime and punishment in the seventeenth century.

Like now, there was a public perception in 17th century England that crime was increasing. Then, crime was mainly due to factors such as population increase, poverty, religious and political turmoil, inequality, and high taxation. Though many punishments seem severe to modern eyes, they weren't as draconian as they became in the 18th century.

Many offences related to what would now be called 'anti-social behaviour', such as begging and vagabondage, and music and betting in taverns and alehouses, and some others, like smuggling, may have seemed to many almost acceptable because of high taxes and duties. There was a huge range of religious crimes, from what would seem relatively minor like non-attendance at church up to heresy and blasphemy. Those not of the official Anglican Church were persecuted by a wide range of statutes designed to suppress their activities.

Much social control was enforced domestically, especially by men over their wives and other female family members, for which there was a staggering range of inhuman means of

punishment, designed to magnify the public humiliation of 'offenders', from the cutting-off of hair to the 'scold's bridle'. Other public punishments for local offenders of both sexes included the pillory and the stocks. The most severe punishments for the worst crimes were transportation (then to the Americas), beheading and being hung, drawn and quartered.

Prisons were generally not designed as a means of punishment as such, more a place of detention pending trial. The main exception to this was imprisonment for debt, which was generally a middle-class offence. Law was enforced by a range of people, from the local, voluntary parish constables, watchmen and sergeants up to the militia. Justice was dispensed by tiers of courts from the local petty sessions up to the serious crimes being heard at assize courts.

Janet concluded by displaying various gruesome instruments of torture used especially against accused witches, as witchcraft panics were at their height in the 17th century.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Monday 3 October will begin with its AGM, followed by Neil Eddiford speaking on The History of the Long Bow. It is free to members (annual membership is £12); non-members are welcome; admission £2, including refreshments. Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact Sue Standen 01458 273471, suzannestanden471@btinternet.com

Speedwatch August Results

Date August	Location	Start (All Sessions 1 hour)	Total Vehicles	Good drivers	Number of Speeders
1	Abbey Close.	8 am	58	91.4%	5
2	Churchway	11 am	359	98.9%	4
11	Townsend	5 pm	440	99.5%	2
17	16 Heale Lane	5 pm	41	97.6%	1
22	Hi St /Spirales	7 pm	243	97.9%	5
26	Townsend	6.30am	263	95.4%	12
31	Churchway	5 pm	524	98.3%	9
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Curry Rivel in Bloom

Sylvia Goodenough

website: curryrivelinbloom.simplesite.com

Plans for our entry into the Britain in Bloom South West competition next year are moving forward. At the time of writing we have had some entries in the War Memorial design competition, and hope to get more before the end of September. Work will begin on removing the existing undergrowth after Remembrance Sunday and then the new planting will begin. Opposite the War Memorial you may have noticed the ground has been rotavated where the group is working with the local Rotary Club to plant purple crocuses on the land beside the Garage and the Twinning tree. The Rotary Club is publicising the success of its 'Purple4Polio' campaign and the colour fits in beautifully with our theme colours of purple and gold for next year's entry. Many thanks to Neil Coombes for bringing his rotavator and spending 2 hours working on the plot.

The name signs at the entrances to the village will be upgraded soon, and we will be planting below them - in the soil for next year, as it takes a long time to work through the bureaucratic procedures to get permission for planters! Exactly what we will plant has yet to be decided on - so suggestions are welcomed. Then, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of some of the residents, part of the High Street will



be ablaze with colourful planters next July, again picking out our theme colours. We are hoping all Curry Rivel residents will help by making their front garden and the public spaces round their homes look as attractive as possible for the judging in July. We shall also be taking photos around the village throughout the year, as we have to submit a portfolio to the judges to show them the development of the entry and community participation - things they can't necessarily see during their judging tour. Please let us know if there is anything you think should be included in the portfolio.

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District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

South Somerset District Council finally has a new Chief Executive a year after the former CEO, Mark Williams, left his post. Alex Parmley, who is currently a Corporate Director at Eastleigh Borough Council, was chosen from a strong field of candidates. He has experience of leading a major Council transformation programme, which SSDC itself is presently in the process of implementing, as well as involvement in regeneration and regional schemes to support business growth. He will start his role on 3rd October and will have to be prepared to hit the ground running as not only is SSDC in the process of transformation but is also involved in talks regarding devolution, the Medium Term Financial Plan, income generation and the structure of the Council's Senior Management Team. Alex has expressed his honour at being chosen by the Council and is keen to engage the whole

organisation in helping steer the changes that lie ahead for the benefit of the South Somerset residents.

SSDC has published their Rural Housing Action Plan which sets out its approach to the provision of affordable housing in rural locations, of which Curry Rivel is one. The need for affordable housing in rural settlements is seen as acute and with the sale of former Council stock through the Right to Buy and the Preserved Right to Buy schemes along with the voluntary disposal of vacant properties by Yarlington Housing Group has exacerbated the need. Curry Rivel has an identified need of 14 new homes. The Stanchester Way development should provide 10 dwellings but when building commences has yet to be determined.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2016

Evelyn Leckie

Honorary Poppy Organiser for Curry Rivel Drayton & Fivehead

The Royal British Legion was formed in the aftermath of the First World War by the merger of a number of local Old Comrades Associations, of which the Curry Rivel and Drayton Association (later including Fivehead) was one, so we are one of the oldest branches in the Legion. Most of you probably know that the Legion raises most of its funds, used for the help and relief of ex-servicemen and their families and dependants, through the annual Poppy Appeal in November. Here in Curry Rivel, as part of the overall Branch effort, we usually raise over £2000, and this comes largely from the House to House collection. To achieve this we have had a great team of

enthusiastic volunteer collectors, but inevitably as time goes by some people have to give up, whether by reason of age, infirmity, relocation or, sadly, the grim reaper. This year, and in order to prepare for the coming centenary of the end of the First World War in 2018, we really do need some replacements, so if there is anyone reading this who could help by giving up a little time in November I would be most grateful to hear from them. Just get in touch with me on 01458 251261 or by email at ealeckie@aol.com.

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CURRY RIVEL MUSIC

Malcolm Cotterill

Local Bravura and Asiatic Restraint

Joseph Shiner and Somi Kim were born a world apart – he in Somerset, she in South Korea. On 17th September both demonstrated how extraordinary talent can be nurtured and flourish in far-removed places, his at Wells Cathedral School and Cambridge and hers in New Zealand before both arrived in London to demonstrate to all what astonishing things can be done with a clarinet and a piano.

Having collected awards and accolades galore on their way to Curry Rivel, this young duo stormed their way into the hearts and emotions of their audience in St Andrew's Church in Curry Rivel Music's first concert of the 2016-17 season.

Few in the audience knew that they liked Lutoslawski: now they do. Most know the Rachmaninov Vocalise as a piano piece – albeit written for the voice but, played on the clarinet, it soared and charmed as seldom before. Stravinsky's three pieces for solo clarinet were again a novelty but Weber's Concertino, brilliantly performed, never fails to delight.

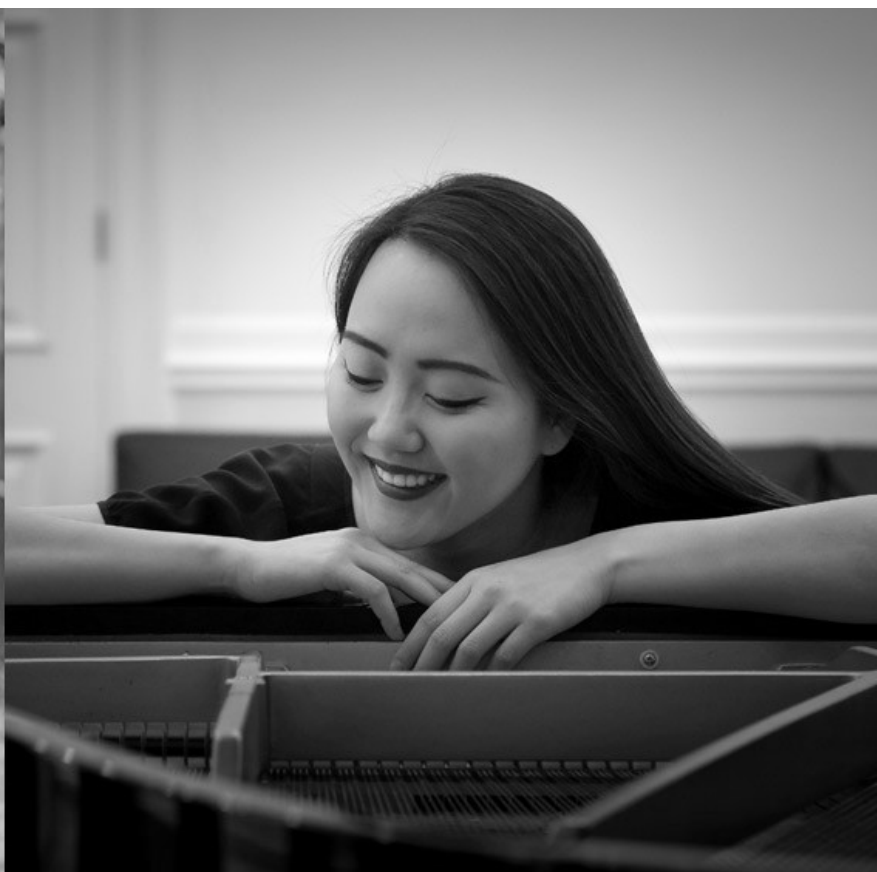
After an interval, Divertimento K439b showed the timelessness of Mozart's music while the beguiling strains of

the Brahms Klavierstücke op. 119 under the fingers of Somi Kim ensured she

was not eclipsed by the brilliance of Joe's virtuosity. Her sensitive accompaniment throughout and in particular in modern works by Bozza and Ravel showed what two superb talents in complete sympathy can achieve.

As for a finale, no one present will forget Bela Kovacs' After You Mr Gershwin! It seemed that the clarinet was every instrument in the orchestra – including the harp. Sheer brilliance to conclude a world-class entertainment!

The next concert is on Saturday 15th October at 7.00 pm when you have the chance to hear the Rachmaninov again – this time on trumpet and organ! More information from Mrs Anne Michell: Tel 01458 250863, email anne.michell@btinternet.com or visit the website www.curryrivelmusic.org



Movies in the Village Hall

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The Jungle Book (PG)

Friday 21 October



This highly-acclaimed and updated live action/computer generated movie tells the story of Mowgli, an orphaned boy who sets out on a journey of adventure and self-discovery. Accompanied by his animal guardians including black panther Bagheera and the bear Baloo, young Mowgli experiences several encounters, all the time trying to avoid the threatening Bengal Tiger, Shere Khan.

The film is voiced by some of Britain's and America's best known actors such as Ben Kingsley and Scarlett Johansson – a must for both the young and young-at-heart. Just the ticket to mark the start of the half term holiday!

Stars: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Idris Elba and Scarlett Johansson.

Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Refreshments are on sale. Tickets £6 are available at the door.

Showing on 18 November: Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)

READERS' RECIPES?

Recipe from Mary Berry

Roasted Butternut Squash Soup

This easy butternut squash soup recipe has added red pepper and ginger, and is deliciously smooth.

Serves 8

Ingredients

1.5kg peeled and deseeded butternut squash, cut into 3cm cubes
 1 large onion, roughly chopped
 2 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
 1 red pepper, deseeded and cut into cubes
 4 tbsp olive oil
 1 tbsp clear honey
 5cm piece fresh root ginger, peeled and chopped
 1.5 litres vegetable stock
 salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
2. Tip the prepared squash into a large, resealable freezer bag with the onion, carrots and red pepper. Add half the oil and salt and pepper and toss everything together until the vegetables are evenly coated. Tip into a large roasting tin and spread out to form a single layer.
3. Roast in the oven for 40–45 minutes, or until tender and tinged brown. Drizzle over the honey 5 minutes before the end of cooking.
4. Place the large, deep-sided saucepan over a medium heat, add the remaining oil and, when it is hot, add the ginger and fry for a minute. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil, then stir in the roasted vegetables and add salt and pepper.
5. Remove the saucepan from the heat and, using a hand blender, blend the mixture until smooth. Return to the heat to warm through and serve hot with crusty bread.



Growing Your Own

Peter and Sylvia Goodenough

Gardeners think of October as the start of the gardening year as this is when we clear away the remains of summer bedding plants, prepare for the winter ahead, and most excitingly start planning for next year. On rainy days or darker evenings we love working through the seed catalogues, deciding what to order. It is not too late to buy spring bulbs and these days, when the soil stays warm all through September, early October is the best time to plant crocuses, daffodils and tulips as the soil is cooler and the danger of fungal infection becomes less. Other jobs include repairing lawns and laying turf, preparing asparagus beds for spring planting, pruning climbing roses and fruit canes and digging over and improving unused vegetable plots. Non-hardy plants need to be protected from frosts and keep an eye on dead leaves in ponds - cover your pond with netting to keep them out if possible.

Lots of harvesting to do - pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, carrots, beetroot, onions, possibly some remaining beans, tomatoes (remove leaves to expose unripe fruit). Many herbs can be picked and stored this month. Pick fruit as it ripens, lift and divide rhubarb crowns and protect very small figs from frost by covering with netting bags filled with straw - the ones round supermarket oranges work well. We pot up strawberry runners in October, ready for planting out in the spring.

Perhaps the most vital preparation for next year is the adding of organic matter to the soil to improve its texture. Our clay soil in Curry Rivel really needs this to be done very regularly. Soil may not be sexy but it's very important. Clay soil doesn't have enough air in it so needs to be dug early, by the late autumn, so it gets broken down by frost and/or rain over winter. If you have a supply of well-rotted horse or cow manure that is ideal stuff to dig in, but we can also recycle grass cuttings and all the plant matter generated by the cutting and pruning that has been going on to make our own compost, and this works very well too - however, don't include



pernicious weeds in the mix or they will come back to haunt you! In the autumn a mature tree will provide at least five pounds of leaf litter/square yard of ground under it - that's nature's way of conditioning and feeding the soil - use it as mulch if you can.

Finally, October is a good time to plant sweet peas in pots to overwinter in a greenhouse or cold frame and have a head start next year. To hear all about "Gold medal Sweet Peas from experts Phil and Joyce Kirton come along to Sedgemoor Gardens Club's meeting on 11th October, in All Saints Hall, Langport, starting at 7.30.

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BIG Charity Barn Dance

Roger Hampton

Make a date in your diary, and buy a ticket for this year's 'BIG Charity Barn Dance', to be held on Saturday 15 October at Curry Rivel Village Hall, to help raise funds for 'BIBIC', formerly known as the British Institute for Brain Injured Children.

The Barn dance starts at 7.30pm, and will feature caller Dick Carlyle with live music.

There will be hot food served, with Chilli and Rice, Pizza, Hot Dogs, and also Ice Creams. There will also be a licensed bar, all at very reasonable prices.

Tickets cost just £5, and these can be purchased by calling Roger

on the ticket 'hot line' on 01458 741606, or any members of the Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton.

Last year's Barn Dance raised over £1,000 for the 'Forget Me Not' Memory Cafe, and this year all profits will support the good work of 'bibic'. Please come along to the Barn dance, have a great time, and support 'bibic' the national charity based in Langport, that is 'changing children's lives'

The Barn Dance is proudly organised by the Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton, who are 'really making a difference locally and internationally'

Get Together Group Programme

Fridays in the Village Hall
9.30 – 2.00pm

October

- 7 Games and Def Plus
- 14 Bright & High Singing duo
- 21 Malcolm Gregory and his keyboard
- 29 Games

November

- 4 Airs & Graces - Music & Singing
- 11 Game
- 18 Kate Gibbins - Flower Arranging
- 26 Games

December

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- 9 Christmas Party and Adelide
- 16 Closed
- 23 Games



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Letters to the Editor

Happy 20th Birthday CRN

Happy Birthday and heartiest congratulations on achieving 20 years of wonderful local news in print for everyone in our fair village of Curry Rivel.

The anniversary edition was yet another all colour edition with the village flower show taking pride of place on the front and back covers.

We came to live in Curry Rivel in October 1970 and I can remember reading my first copy of the St Andrew's Church Newsletter which was published each month price 25 pence. About 20 pages of local news and adverts – the advert for Frances Kitchin and her monthly Pudding Club always intrigued me!

So I would like to award the team that produces our wonderful local monthly news magazine the CDM and Bars. Richly deserved!



With my sincere good wishes for continued success,

Ray Orme

Editor's note :

Thank you Ray, the chocolate went down a treat!

Pathetic Turn Out for Car Treasure Hunt

This was the second year the event has been held to raise funds for the annual Kids Fun Event. Yet although Curry Rivel has a population of over 2,000 only three teams took part, one less than last year.

Robert Crowley and Steve Beney really put a lot of time and effort in organising and publicizing this event yet, like last year, the turnout was extremely disappointing. I would have thought it presented a great opportunity for people to enjoy the countryside and test their local knowledge. This event would have been ideal for parents to get their children out in the fresh air to encourage their interest in the area.

It costs around £1,500 to stage the Kids Fun Event and it gets harder every year to raise enough money to give them a free afternoon of activities on the primary school's sports field.

Whilst I am extremely grateful to the people who took part in the Car Treasure Hunt we only raised £15 which won't even cover the cost of the marshmallows needed for the children to toast during their outdoor cooking experience. Love them or hate you can't get away from the fact that you were one once a child and it was a lot safer out there to play. Children are our future so how

about showing a bit of interest in their development. You've definitely knocked the unity out of community with our Car Treasure Hunt but you could join Active Somerset's committee and come up with some fresh ideas for future fund-raising or just help out for an hour on this year's busy tombola. The Kid's event, now in its seventh successful year, attracted around 700 tots to teens, mums, dads and grandparents last year so how about getting involved in our success story by giving a helping hand.

Kaye Morgan

The winning team in the car treasure hunt receiving their prize from Kaye Morgan - from L to R Peter Barker, Glenys Allinson, Steve Allinson and Nicky Barker



Where's Ed to?

Laurina Deacon

Ed Pratt, ex photographer for the Curry Rivel News, set off in March last year on his 18,000 mile World Unicycle Tour; if successful Ed will be the first person ever to officially circumnavigate the globe on one wheel. He is also raising money and awareness for the local charity School in a Bag.

Ed has been battling with strong winds in China much as he was in Kazakhstan. He posted this photo with the caption 'Make the Wind Stop'! Wind sock signs might be useful warning signs for motorists but for those on unicycles they're not really necessary. Ed says, 'these wind sock signs make me grin as I slowly crawl past them, wobbling to keep my balance, legs burning, pushing through the relentless force of nature'. The good news is that he has left this flat windy plain and will soon be reaching more mountainous terrain. 'This first 900 miles in China has been far too flat for my liking and I can't wait to tackle some gradients'.

Follow Ed on facebook or visit the website worldunicycletour.com where details of School in a Bag can be found.



Elvers and Eels

Huw Parsons

Think of a little elver 'Thin as a worm
and clear as glass.
And think of his moonlit elders
Who slither to ponds through
soaking grass.
Think of a yellow eel,
Think of the slimy way he must feel.
Think of him there on Curry Moor
Or think of him in the sea before.

Think of a Somerset eel,
Think of 'im smoked at 'Bowden's
Farm'
Becoming a tasty treat.
Or think of 'im like a jewel 'Golden
against the peat.
Think of a big silver eel
With undersides like burnished steel.
And think of him there in the brown
autumn flood
When he heads for the blue that's
there in his blood".

Think of a little elver
'Thin as a worm and clear as glass.
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Inner Wheel

Dorothy Wadeson

The Langport and Somerton Club, which includes members from Curry Rivel, meet twice monthly. Each year the incoming President chooses our Charity of the Year and Angie has chosen the Freewheelers, the blood carrying bikes we all see on our roads. We had had a very enlightening talk by one of the bikers, Rod Sinclair. We also held a sumptuous garden party hosted by Margaret and Chris Osborne of Curry Rivel in aid of the charity.

The Inner Wheel is an international organisation which began in a small way in 1924 by relatives of Rotarians, knitting garments for hospitals. Today it is open to all women who share the ideals of service,

friendship and international understanding. Our emblem denotes our connections to Rotary. Today we are involved in world welfare supporting many charities at home and abroad in financial and practical ways and our lunch meetings often have interesting speakers like Freewheelers.

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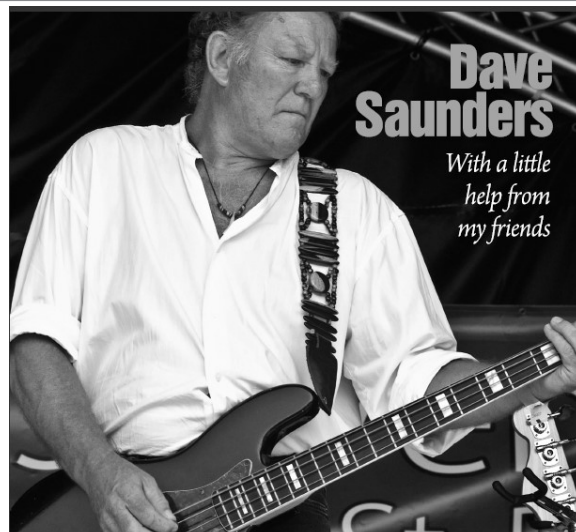
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Local Musician Releases CD

Curry Rivel resident Dave Saunders has released a CD of many of his musical collaborations with other artists. Dave is best known for his work with the major UK blues band The Producers who have performed all over the world as well as in our village hall. Dave has been through tough times recently, but loves living in Curry Rivel. "I love the village and the folks who live here. Everyone has been so supportive – why would I want to live anywhere else?"

The Producers are currently playing all over the UK on their '25th Anniversary Tour', but Dave hopes to bring the band to the Curry Rivel area again sometime next year. "I love playing on my own doorstep," he said. To order the CD or for more information go to www.mojopromo.co.uk or email Dave at dave.saunders50@yahoo.com



Yoga, Stretch and Flex for everyone

Age UK Somerset, which promotes the well-being of older people in the Somerset area, has space for newcomers to join their Yoga, Stretch and Flex class in Langport. A participant from a previous session said, "The stretch, breathe and relax sessions help keep my hip joints and my lower back flexible in a safe and gentle way." The class leader says that the session stretches and tones your body, helping to make you stronger and more flexible whilst improving your breathing. It will help participants to relax and sleep better. "It is not strenuous, it's about breathing and relaxing and stretching. It is about making a commitment to yourself."

No previous experience is necessary, so if you would like to try it for yourself go along to Great Bow Wharf on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am. The sessions cost £3.50 each. For further details of this and other classes in the area contact Di Ramsay on 01823 345626 or email her at dianne.ramsay@ageuksomerset.org.uk or visit their website www.ageuksomerset.org.uk



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RSPB News

Michael Wilson
Somerset Visitor Experience Officer



Autumn has well and truly arrived and it is an exciting time of the year on the Somerset Levels and Moors. As birds like swallows, house martins and reed warblers have returned to their winter sites in Africa we are starting to see lots of ducks and waders returning. At RSPB Greylake hundreds of ducks will begin to gather in front of the hide so be sure to visit during the winter months.

There is a lot of activity at Swell Wood at the moment as work has begun on a new heronry hide. This will replace the existing one and has been designed to give much better views of the herons in the trees. It is being built using sustainable materials and will be partially constructed using cob which will involve the children of Curry Mallet Primary School who also helped with the design of the hide.

The old hide will be shut from 19 September and we are hoping to open the new one in November. The car park and all other woodland trails will remain open as normal so you can still enjoy the autumn colours and amazing views across the Somerset Levels.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with some of the

work during October including laying the stone floor and path and helping with the green roof. If you are interested in helping out please contact us at swell.wood@rspb.org.uk or phone the office on 01458 252805.

RSPB Spooky Halloween Trail at Swell Wood Friday 28 October

Follow our Spooky Pumpkin trail at RSPB Swell Wood, find the creepy creatures hiding in the woodland, but beware what's lurking around the corner.

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am and 5
pm £2 per trail
includes a
small prize.



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7.00pm – 8.00pm (Intermediate)

Private sessions 1 to 1 also available

Contact *Mo* for details on: **07815748518**

mospilates@yahoo.com

St. Andrew's Church



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

October

Sunday 2nd

9.30 **SW** - Short Communion CW

11.00 **FH** - Harvest Celebration

6.00pm **CR** - Evening Worship

Tuesday 4th

7.00 pm Parsonage Place Meeting Rm

Pilgrim course 3 The Lord's Prayer

Thursday 6th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 9th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

Monday 10th

3.30-5.30 pm CR School Messy Church

Tuesday 11th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

7.00 pm Parsonage Place Meeting Rm

Pilgrim course 4 The Lord's Prayer

Thursday 13th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 16th

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

11.00 **CR** - Harvest Celebration,
followed by bring & share
lunch in the OSR

Tuesday 18th

7.00 pm Parsonage Place Meeting Rm

Pilgrim course 5 The Lord's Prayer

Thursday 20th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 23rd

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Harvest Evensong BCP

Tuesday 25th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

7.00 pm Parsonage Place Meeting Rm

Pilgrim course 6 The Lord's Prayer

*Message from the
Bishop of Taunton,
Rt Revd Ruth Worsley*



Prayer

'The night has passed and the day lies open before us. Let us pray with one heart and mind'. Words with which we begin morning prayer.

September can often be one of the busiest months of our church calendar. I suppose it's partly because holidays have come to an end, children have returned to school, and we feel the need to get back into the swing of all those meetings! Somehow we feel we must have a PCC meeting due to the summer break (never mind that the legal requirement is just 4 meetings a year); or we want to fit in a confirmation course before Advent; or there's all those appointment interviews to be had if we want someone to start in the new year.

Busy, busy, busy! Last month Bishop Peter spoke about our first diocesan strategic priority as putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do, 'living and telling the story of Jesus' love for us'. And if we are going to be able to fulfil that charge then we must underpin our 'living and telling' with prayer. Otherwise it will just be about giving busy people more things to do. As we enter into that conversation with Jesus so we will be able to discern what is important, where we should focus our efforts and what we may need to stop in order to do so.

Earlier in the summer we heard the Sunday gospel of the story of Mary and Martha, welcoming Jesus into their family home.

He evidently found their home to be a place of welcome and hospitality, somewhere where he could relax and be himself.

We were once invited to dinner with a couple who we had got to know through church. It was an amazing evening, a 7 course dinner, in effect Christmas with all the trimmings although it was summer. There were even silver candelabra! I found out later that Rose had never had folk round for supper before. She'd purchased the candlesticks specially. Over the next few years we got to know them well to the point where we all could relax over a coffee rather than be worrying about dropping peas on the carpet.

Prayer needs to become part of our daily bread and butter where we don't find ourselves self-conscious but entering into the welcome of family. Where sitting and listening with Mary or sharing our worries and concerns as Martha did becomes a natural way of living. And where we can hear the voice of Jesus encouraging and challenging us in our living and telling of his story of love.

+ Ruth Taunton

St. Andrew's - Rotas October

Brass - Sue Blackwell

Flowers

1st & 8th - Sandra Hill

15th - Harvest

22nd & 29th - Angela Cole

Cleaning

1st - Jackie & John de Ronde

8th & 15th - Nicky Barker

22nd - Lynne Comley

29th - Lyn Cotterill



From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

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

3rd September - Holly Ann Booker
and John Robert Wood

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.

10th September - Darcey J. Connolly

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.

29th July - Service of Thanksgiving
and Farewell of Mary Chalk Hoover
(† 18th July)

31st August - Service to Celebrate and
Remember the life of
Nora Margaret Price († 15th August)

October . . . ctd

Wednesday 26th

2.45 pm **Immacolata House**

- Residents' Communion

Thursday 27th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 30th - All Saints

10.00 **CR** - United Benefice

All Age Holy Communion CW

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

CR OSR = St. Andrew's Old School

Room

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

Harvest at St. Andrew's

This year's Harvest celebration at St. Andrew's will be a **bring and share lunch** in the Old School Room on **Sunday 16th October** after the 11.00 am Family Service.

No tickets required - just come and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you. Donations of non-perishable produce brought to the 11.00 am Service will be donated to The Lord's Larder in Langport, a charity that distributes food to those in need.

shoe box appeal

A reminder that this year the boxes will be collected for **Blythwood Care**, a Christian charity based in Scotland.

For those who enjoy filling a shoe box nothing very much needs to change: the leaflets from Blythwood Care are clear and just need to be read carefully to note the few changes, one of which is that it is possible to fill a box with an older teenager or adult in mind.

If you would like to know more, please go to www.shooboxappeal.org or ring Ginny Smith on 250997 or Jackie de Ronde on 251355

Leaflets are available in St. Andrew's church, the Barbers (at Coopers Cross) and from Ginny and Jackie.

Completed boxes can be delivered to the Old School Room during 'Drop-In' (2nd & 4th Tuesday from 10.30 - 12.00), during a Sunday service at St. Andrew's or at the Barbers.

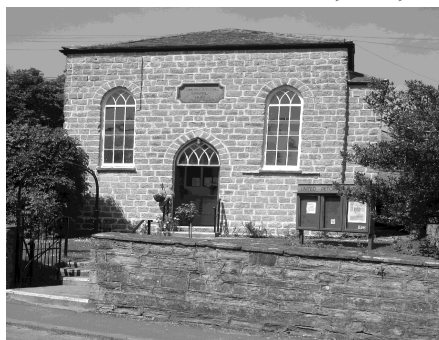
Please have your box ready by the **last week in October**, but earlier delivery is very welcome.

Harvest weekend at the URC

Saturday 29th October 12 – 2 pm. Charity Lunch. No need to book; simply come along to the URC Hall between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm. Meet with friends for a seasonal lunch with dessert for a suggested donation of £ 5 per meal which will be given to a charity.

Sunday 30th October: Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Led by Mrs Jane Fry; donations of produce and goods received will be given to Open Door in Taunton for their work with homeless and rough sleepers.

United Reformed Church



October

(Services start at 10.30 am)

Sunday 2nd ** - Rev Ruth Whitehead
URC Moderator South West Synod
(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 9th - Rev Evelyn Ridout
(incl. Sunday School for over 3s)

Sunday 16th - Rev Tim Richards

Sunday 23rd - Mr Barry Bryer
Service at URC Langport

Sunday 30th - Mrs Jane Fry
Harvest Thanksgiving

**** Sunday 2nd October's service** will be followed by a celebratory luncheon as our way of thanking those who have donated or helped toward various projects within the Chapel – for example the pew cushions. We are pleased to have our South West Synod moderator present for this occasion

We are an inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all; 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

Advance Notice: date for your diary — **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** to be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19th November 11 - 3 pm.** Various stalls, refreshments, tombola, raffle and musical accompaniment. More details in next month's CRN.



As I write this we are a week into the new beginning after

the big goodbye: secondary school!

I am not sure who was most nervous on the first day as we checked and double checked the contents of the school rucksack, braided and re-braided hair, discussed which familiar faces would be at the bus stop, where to go on arrival, whether she wanted company walking to join the others waiting ('No' was the reply).

We had met up with a few friends towards the end of the summer holidays, getting re-acquainted; giving them the chance to chat amongst themselves about the new beginning on the horizon. Then the first morning arrived. Walking down the drive way (I was allowed to accompany her that far at least!) we looked toward the bus stop; a gaggle of children in school uniform had already gathered but I could see by their height they were the older ones, I couldn't spot a familiar face amongst them. And I hazarded a guess Leah was noticing the same thing. And then the moment came: '*this is scary*' and she took a deep breath and walked toward the scariness.

We climbed Glastonbury Tor to keep our mind off wondering how she was doing: worked a bit but I kept revisiting the moment she voiced her scaredness but walked towards it anyway. Courage and determination? 'I've got to do it so I might as well get on with it' kind of attitude? Got me thinking about how anxieties around 'what ifs', fear around *possible* outcomes, prevent me sometimes from just getting on with it, prevent me from simply stepping out – from simple things like picking up the phone to speak with someone to the bigger things like a job application. Here I am often writing about God's presence with us yet held back by niggly 'what ifs': time to take (another) leaf out of my daughter's book and walk towards whatever is causing me concern/ anxiety/fear/worry. Because -
- how has the first week been?
'Do you know, Mum, it hasn't been at all as scary as I thought it might be'
'How has it been then?'
'Good. And sometimes; Fun!'



In October

Regular Events

MONDAY

9.45	Art Club	Village Hall
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
5.45-8	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

2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
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)	

FRIDAY

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

Special Events

16	after 11am service	
	St Andrews Bring and Share Harvest Lunch	OSR
29	12noon to 2pm	
	URC Charity Lunch	URC

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Art Club	253126
Youth Drama	251773

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Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
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United Reformed Church Minister	252799

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