



600 Little People Playing

Kaye Morgan

Where did they all come from? Unless you see Curry Rivel's primary school kids escorted by their parents to and from school they are rarely seen in the streets. Yet on 7th September there was a never-ending stream of tots to 11 year olds all heading in the same direction – the primary school's sports ground - along with many other children from surrounding villages.

It was the 10th anniversary of the annual kids play event, organised as usual by Kaye Morgan, chair of Active Somerset where around 600 little people with parents found they were spoilt for choice when it came to the activities and, as usual, they were all free.

A continuous flow headed straight for the obstacle course then bounced their way down the adjoining slide to land on terra firma. Others took on the challenge of scaling the 25ft climbing wall before joining the endless queue to have their faces painted. The balloon modeller was also kept busy amazing the children with her craft, twisting balloons into a variety of shapes amongst them animals and swords.

Next on the youngsters' hit list were the reptiles and a host of smaller creepy crawlies like tarantulas. Then it was time for an outdoor cooking experience courtesy of the Scouts who showed them how to make popcorn and toasted marsh mellows.



Introduced for the first time this year were nerf guns that went down a storm with the girls and boys. Beat the buzzer was purely for the steady handed. Tiny tots also had a lot of fun with a variety of toys in the soft play area.

Ice cream and candy floss also went down a treat and there was a continuous flow of hot and cold drinks, yummy cakes, fruit and very popular lunch packs laid on by the PTA.

Delighted with the success of the event Kaye Morgan said: 'I am very grateful to teenagers Hannah and Olivia Buckle and their mother Tracy from Somerton who stepped up to run a successful tombola, Mike Mason and Jenny Ludgate who took photographs, also my committee members Wendy Devereux (who helped to make things run smoothly) and Simon Champion (who regularly helps set up the event, makes announcements, provides the music and clears the site).' Supporters of this year's event were Curry Rivel News, Curry Rivel Parish Council, South Somerset District Council, Cllr. Derek Yeomans and Western Power.

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District Councillors' Report

Tiffany Osborne and Clare Paul

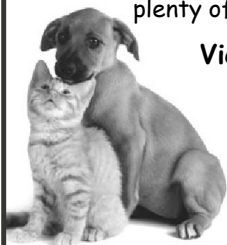
South Somerset District Council has set up a new business called Elleston. It is a landscaping and horticultural business and can be used by residents as well as housing developers. It has been started in response to requests for high quality maintenance work and includes sports field management, arborist work, fencing and street cleaning. Often when new estates are built the developers choose to retain ownership of the public areas and charge residents for the upkeep costs. This is one such area in which Elleston can be used. Obviously SSDC cannot use public money to maintain private land hence why a separate trading company has been set up. Elleston will not be used on any publicly owned land/road that SSDC already maintains. It has been set up to step in for both business' and residents' needs in private land situations. All profits will be returned to the Council.

After 21 years Angela Watson, our Lead Specialist and Monitoring Officer, is leaving SSDC at the end of December. This is an important loss for the Council as Angela leaves a vast experience and knowledge gap at a time when the Council can spend up to £10 million pounds on each individual investment without full council consent as part of their income generation project.

Our Parish and Town Councils have been having their say on crucial plans for the future development of the district. SSDC is in the process of reviewing the Local Plan which was adopted in 2015. The Local Plan is there to set out a vision and framework for the future development of the area and includes economic growth, where homes could be built, steps to safeguard the environment and create vital infrastructure.

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The Top Job: Delving into Prime Ministerial History



Langport & District Historical Association

There was an enforced change of topic for the Society's first meeting after our summer break, as our speaker on Roman Life had to cancel due to a family bereavement. Instead, at short notice, Society members Janet Seaton and Barry Winetrobe presented their updated talk on Prime Ministers, which couldn't have been more topical.

Drawing on years of experience as House of Commons research staff, Janet and Barry gave us an overview of the 55 Prime Ministers we have had (at the time of writing!), starting with Sir Robert Walpole in 1721, to Boris Johnson's first 40 days in office, including the introduction of Dilyn the dog joining Larry the cat in No.10 Downing Street..

Their analysis covered both political events and personal insights into the people who have risen to the top of British politics' greasy pole. They brought out little known facts, quirky anecdotes, quotes and images relating to both well-known and lesser-known figures.

Some myths were dispelled, such as the

mistaken belief that modern Prime Ministers routinely come to power by winning a general election, as events in 2016 and July 2019 demonstrate. They recounted their witnessing of momentous parliamentary events such as Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech in 1990, which led to the fall of Margaret Thatcher.

Family backgrounds, both humble and grand, were explored, as well as pets and hobbies – Sir Alec Douglas-Home enjoying flower arranging, and Boris Johnson making model buses, for example. Places of birth and death were discussed – many having been visited by the speakers. Interesting details were revealed about Boris Johnson's birth in a New York hospital.

They ended with examples of the much more organised commemoration of Prime Ministers in other countries such as Canada and Australia, and the impressive Presidential Library tradition in the USA. They suggested that by comparison, UK Prime Ministers were often consigned to history without the recognition that they were owed through having held – successfully or

otherwise - 'The Top Job'.

The Society's next meeting will be at the Sixth Form Auditorium, Huish Episcopi Academy, Wincanton Road, Langport TA10 9SS on Monday 7 October at 7.30pm, when Janet Seaton will present a talk about the history of town criers. This will be followed by the Society's AGM. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria from 6.45pm. Non-members are very welcome, £4 per person. Anyone interested in joining the History Society should contact Sue Standen (01458 273471, suzannestanden471@btinternet.com). Follow the History Society at @langporthistory, and: <https://sites.google.com/site/langporthheritage/home>.

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A flowering community

Laraine Hayes

Judging for SWiB and BiB

Although our judging days were on 22 & 29 July results are not given out for SW in Bloom until 11 October and the Britain in Bloom UK Finalists Awards in London on 25 October. Read our CRiB website, Facebook page and November issue of the CR News for the results!

CRiB Volunteers

Our amazing team of unpaid, dedicated CRiB volunteers continue to give their time to Curry Rivel. They plan for the future, do the administration work, organise events, deadhead, cut back, tie up, plant, feed, water, mow grass, strim, tidy, maintain and nurture the numerous planted areas; at the War Memorial Garden, Granny's Garden (including Madelaine's Rose Garden), all the railing troughs, the two bus stops, the large troughs at the 3 main entrances to the village, the Allotment, the School and other "bloomin" spots. Come along, lend a hand, meet new people, it will change your life. Fresh air and sunshine, learn new things, share your skills, have some fun, all very good for your physical and mental health well-being. Everyone is welcome.

Jobs for October

Replant the hanging baskets and various other planters for an autumn, winter and spring display of bulbs and flowers. Preserve the willow fence at the War Memorial. Harvest and store crops. In the greenhouse sow sweet peas and winter salads. Put the kitchen garden to bed: take down bean supports, scrub and hose down cold frames, cloches and the greenhouse. Make leaf-mulch from fallen leaves. Turn the compost.

Future CRiB Events in Sewers Hall:

Pumpkin Party

Sunday 27 October 3pm to 5pm

CRiB are repeating the family Pumpkin Party, with a tea for the children and accompanying adults of course, in the Village Hall, with a Halloween theme of fun and games, come in outrageous fancy dress and bring along your carved scary pumpkins for the competitions. Tickets available at the BP Nisa Shop from early October.

CRiB Quiz Saturday 16 November 7pm

Our last quiz was a great success and so many people have asked us to hold another one. This will be in the Village Hall with a **7pm** start. Tickets will be on sale at the BP Nisa shop from mid-October. Please book ahead so we can cater for the delicious Ploughman's Supper included in the price of £7.50! (It's not all about gardening, promise).

CRiB Annual General Meeting Monday 4 November 7.30pm in the Chatham Room

After our AGM on Monday 4 November in the Village Hall, Gina will be stepping down as CRiB Chair, having held the role for 2 years. Laraine will also be retiring as Deputy Chair. Both of us will be continuing as volunteers so we are not deserting the cause!

Please come along to the meeting, everyone is welcome, put your own name forward or bring your nominations to elect the new CRiB Chair and Deputy. In these roles you need to be a good organiser, communicator and have IT skills, it doesn't matter as much about gardening skills, but it helps. You will have an amazing group of volunteers and a good committee to support you. For more information contact Gina on cricsomerset@gmail.com or on 01458 762296.

Curry Rivel Residents Care For The Environment

Laraine Hayes

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- New campaign to help us recycle.
- Free eco-education at your children's school. Schools Against Waste.
- Get ready for Recycle More.
- Trial twin skips at all recycling sites, ask staff which to use.



For more details see 'Your Somerset' newspaper. Website: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk, www.facebook.com/somersetwaste, twitter.com/SomersetWaste.

Sedgemoor Gardens Club's New Season

Peter Goodenough

Sedgemoor Gardens Club started off the new season (2019/20) with the AGM, distribution of early tulip and daffodil bulbs (some free, some at wholesale cost) followed by a very interesting talk and demonstration. Our guest speaker, Mervyn Wilson, and member David Geach, described and demonstrated the different ways of grafting apple trees. Mervyn is an expert of many years' standing and David a keen learner; together they provided an entertaining follow-up to the business start of the meeting. During the AGM Chairman Peter Goodenough thanked Elaine Douglas for her hard work as Treasurer for over a decade and welcomed David Geach as her replacement. After thanking retiring committee member Margaret Wheeler for her time as website manager, he was also delighted to welcome Joan and John Tipping as new committee members. Delicious cakes and a chat were appreciated by all after the formal part of the meeting while Mervyn judged the monthly competitions.

Next month our meeting is on October 8th, as usual in All Saints Hall, Langport. We arrive between 7-7.30 to start the meeting at 7.30. Our speaker then will be Francis Burroughs,

and the topic is

"The Victorian Head Gardener". Francis's father was apprenticed as a garden boy at the age of 11, before WW1, when the duties had changed very little from Victorian times. He started work on a large estate, walking two and a half miles at dawn for a 6.30 start, returning at dusk. From his earnings of four shillings a week (20p!!) he had to pay the Head Gardener for his apprenticeship. By moving to different areas around the country he later rose to that exalted position himself. Francis will share with us his memories of his father and this life now long gone. November's speaker, Jeremy Wilson, will be talking about "the scented garden" at a time of the year when we need reminding of the wonderful scents we can organise in our gardens through the year.

We always welcome new members, or you could come along as a guest to see what you think of us! Visit our website - sedgemoorgardens.simplesite.com - or ring 01458259025 or 01458250091 for more information.



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Rocketman (15)

Friday 18 October

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Reginald takes piano lessons and gains a place at the Royal Academy of Music. He starts to play in pubs, joins a band and begins to write his own songs and, in order to become a famous artist, changes his name to Elton John. Over time he is introduced to lyricist Bernie Taupin, with whom he forms a successful songwriting partnership, and then meets John Reid, a music manager, whose influence casts a shadow over Elton's private life.

Taron Egerton gives a brilliant performance as Elton John and the well-known catalogue of songs helps tell the story.

Also stars: Jamie Bell, Richard Madden, Bryce Dallas Howard and Gemma Jones.

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.

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- Julian Orbach 'Low Ham Church and its anomalies'
- Rob Wilson-North 'An exploration of the Great Gardens at Low Ham'
- Roger Leech 'The Villa as excavated in 1946-8; subsequent discoveries and the publication project'
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Wonderful Oboe and Piano Concert

Carol Haines



On 14th September Curry Rivel Music opened its 2019-2020 programme, with a concert given by Katherine Bryer (oboe) and Irena Radić (piano). Our Chairman reminded us that Leon Goossens came to play at Curry Rivel some forty years ago. Now we were welcoming the younger generation; and young they certainly were, and highly accomplished!

The programme was varied, containing solo items for both instruments and others combined. There was also a considerable coverage of musical time, from Georg Philipp Telemann, b. 1681, to Thea Musgrave, Scottish composer, b. 1928.

Grovez's Sarabande and Allegro, French composer of the late nineteenth early twentieth century, gave us a "comfortable" opening, followed by "Abendlied", an evening song by Schumann, as beautiful as might be expected. We heard again from Schumann in his Romance in F sharp; also from Clara Schumann in "Notturmo"; one of her Soirées Musicales.

In the second half was Gerald Finzi's "Interlude", arranged for piano and oboe. Finzi was the youngest of four brothers, and the only one to survive the 1914-1918 war. This piece has a strong vocal quality, unsurprising in that the composer wrote a good deal of vocal music. Our conclusion was by Francis Poulenc (1899-1963), his Oboe Sonata, written in celebration of Sergei Prokofiev, who had died in Moscow in 1953, and it reflects much of his good friend's creative musicality.

Altogether, a remarkably enjoyable evening. Our second concert takes place on Saturday 12th October at 7.00 pm with the Aquarelle Guitar Quartet. 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

See you there!

Probus Club of Langport and Curry Rivel

Dorothy Wadeson



The club had our annual Summer Lunch at Hornsbury Mill near Chard again this year. It is an opportunity for members to bring spouses, family and friends to enjoy the day with us and it is always good to meet those guests we don't see during the year.

This year we held a raffle, the proceeds of which will be for the club to use for something specific for the enjoyment of the members and will not go into the general fund.

Sadly our trip to Bucklers Hard has had to be cancelled but we will put it to the club again next year as one of the suggested outings.

So far this year we have had a good mix of speakers and topics and we have some excellent talks lined up for the rest of the year when my time as the first lady Chairman will cease and I will pass on the reins to John Keep.

Our next meeting is September and I will report on that in due course. In October the talk is titled "The work of Marie Curie Nurses" by Judy Glossop, the Marie Curie Legacy Advisor.

Our September and October meetings will be at the usual venue – The Old Pound Inn at Aller, on the 11th September and 9th October (being the second Wednesday in every month) at

11.30am for 12noon start. This gives members and guests time to choose and pay for their drink and meal. There is no weekly subscription but at the current year we have kept the annual subscription at £12.00 with members paying for their own meals etc. We have found this works well as members can choose how large or small a meal they wish to have.

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Mary Mullineux



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The first weekend in June saw RNLI Lifeboat crew volunteers called out to 149 incidents in one of the hottest weekends of the year. RNLI beach lifeguards were also busy patrolling 243 beaches around the UK.

Please help us support these brave voluntary lifeboat men & women and the beach rescue teams by supporting one of our fund-raising events during the autumn.

5th October. Coffee morning at Kingsdon Community Shop 10-30 until 12 noon

22nd October. Coffee morning at Hurds Hill, Langport, 10-30 until 12 noon

14th November. Coffee morning at 1, The Green, Long Sutton 10-30 until 12 noon

27th November. "William Hogarth; The Shakespeare of Painting" art lecture by Richard Kay of Lawrences. Wine & canapés Long Sutton Village Hall 6-30 for 7-15pm. Tickets in advance (251057)

If anyone would like to join us with our fund-raising efforts and for details of our events please get in touch with:

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Invitation to All in Curry Rivel

Lyndsey Ainsworth

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Anne Groves

By Hook or by Crook was the topic for our September meeting. Members enjoyed a lively interactive meeting when Brian Phelps took us through an exploration of the origins of many well-known sayings. Ably assisted by two willing WI volunteers Sally and Vicky, the audience were given three explanations of well-known sayings and invited to guess the true origin. Members joined in the fun, hands up everywhere and delights of laughter when yet again many of us had guessed incorrectly.

Over the summer members gathered on a number of occasions. A very successful visit to Cothay Manor was much enjoyed. Sally and Vicky organised an excellent Treasure Hunt and Quiz around Somerton followed by coffee and cakes in The Buttercross tea rooms. We joined members from other local WI groups for the Open Evening arranged by Long Sutton WI on the topic of the Suffragettes. The Curry Rivel Team came second in the County Quiz held at Hatch Beauchamp and members were delighted to support CRIB by providing lunch for the judging of both the National and Regional competitions. A letter was received from the Twinning Association thanking members for the teas we organised during the twinning visit from Chevilly

Our biannual Bring and Share lunch held in The Old School Room in August was again well attended with several visitors attending for the first time. You are invited to join us for our next Bring and Share lunch at a date just after Christmas. More details will be published nearer the time.

We have a busy time ahead with new activities planned for the coming months. September started when two members joined others from across

the county visiting the exciting art gallery 'Hauser and Wirth' in Bruton, followed by lunch provided by members of Evercreech WI and an afternoon visit to Westcombe Dairy including cheese tasting and meeting 'Tina the Turner' in the cheese cellar!! Our ever-popular monthly Needles and Natter group resumes after the summer break with much to discuss regarding our planning for the Autumn Fayre to be held in the village in November. The walking group also resumes this month with a visit to Cricket St. Thomas.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th October in the Village Hall when Gavin Haig will talk about 'The Trials and Tribulations of a Surgeon'. We meet in the Village Hall at 9.45am for a 10am start. If you would like a lift or more information about the WI please call Anne Geach on 01458 253078 or email ajgeach@yahoo.co.uk

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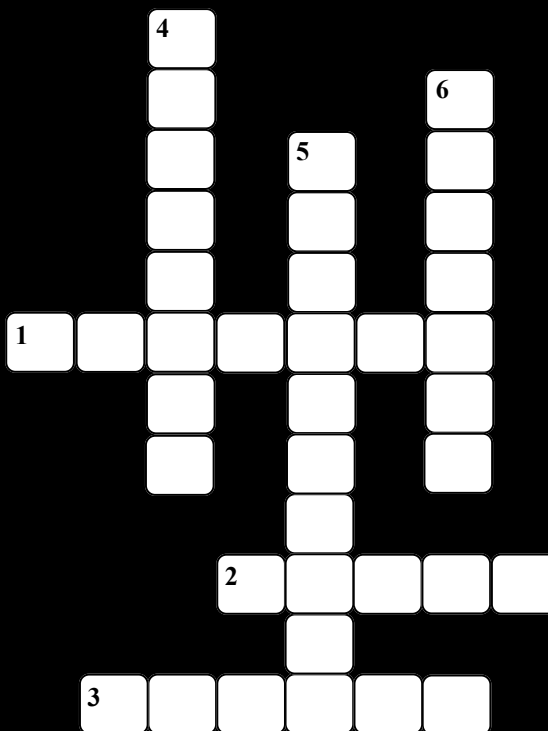
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Mini marsh-mallows
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Slivered almonds

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1. Break each biscuit in half carefully
2. Spread a thin layer of red icing on each half biscuit
3. Place mini marsh mallows around the edges of half the biscuits
4. Place the remaining biscuit halves on top
5. Stick a slice of slivered almond on each side to create fangs



Halloween Crossword



Across

- 1 A bad man who casts spells
- 2 A bad woman who casts spells
- 3 Haunting laugh made by a witch

Down

- 4 large pot used to mix spells
- 5 Used by witches to help them fly
- 6 A vegetable that is carved to ward off evil spirits

Halloween Howlers!!

What do Italian ghosts have for dinner?...

Spook-hetti!!

What do witches ask for at hotels?

Broom service!!

What did the mummy ghost say to the noisy young ghost who kept interrupting?

Spook when you're spoken to!!

Knock knock
Who's there?

Ice cream
Ice cream who?
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SOMERTON U3A

Denise Clark

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A, which is on Friday 25th October, is a talk by Kathleen McNally. Kathleen formerly worked for the Government Secret Service and now tells a tale entitled *Not For King and Country* about King Edward VIII and his mistress Wallis Simpson. It has romance, intrigue and espionage. After eighty years the truth is emerging, piece by piece about the events that shook an empire.

Monthly meetings normally take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (50p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon at the latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £2 each

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

October

Thursday 3rd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 6th

10.15 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

11.15 **FH** - Family Harvest Service

6.00 pm **CR** - Harvest Songs of Praise

Tuesday 8th

9.30 **CR** - School Harvest Service

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

Sunday 13th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

Monday 14th

3.30 pm **CR** School - Messy Church

Thursday 17th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 20th

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

10.00 **CR** - Family & Friends Service

11.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW

Sunday 27th

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Thursday 31st

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion
BCP

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

CR OSR = St. Andrew's Old School
Room

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

Scott's Spot

Bargaining with God

It seems to me that many today think that Christianity boils down to some sort of bargain between God and people. The idea being that if we pass some sort of test, if our lives are 'good enough' then God will accept us. But the main thing Christians learn from any serious attempt to be 'good enough', is that we fail. We recognise the truth of this in our more candid moments as we consider the depth of the 10 Commandments (yes all of them – Exodus 20) or Jesus' challenging summary of God's ways (Mk 12:28-31) that involve putting Him first and loving neighbour as ourselves – easy to say. But 'test passing' is not what Christianity is about. If there is any idea that God has set us a sort of exam, and that we might get good marks by our actions, that idea has to be wiped away. If there is any idea of a sort of bargain to be struck – any idea that we could perform our side of the contract and then, sort of, put God in our debt – that also has to be wiped away.

I suspect that almost everyone who has some sort of belief in God, until they become Christians, have the idea of an exam or a bargain in mind. One of the first results of understanding real Christianity is to recognise that way of thinking as being an invention of people, and not from God. The God of the Bible is about 'grace', not exams; undeserved mercy and love, not 'you do your bit and I'll do mine'. God is about blessing, with everything, those who know they have nothing to offer. God is about faith in the perfect actions of Jesus His Son (His life, death and resurrection), bringing riches of forgiveness, peace and eternal life we could never earn.



Scott's Spot ctd . . .

Perhaps one of the most significant moments in a journey of faith is understanding this. God has been waiting for the moment you discover that there is no question of earning a pass mark in an exam, or putting Him in your debt by your actions. To recognise this is to have turned a page; finally beginning to see things God's way.

But as this penny drops, it leads to another significant discovery. If God created us (knit us together in our mother's womb - Psalm 139:13), then **every** ability and talent we have, our power of thinking or of moving our limbs moment by moment, is given us by God. Therefore, if you gave every moment of your life totally to the service of God, you could not give Him anything that wasn't already, in a sense, His.

The Christian author C.S. Lewis (of the Chronicles of Narnia fame) explains our relationship with God like this: *'It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me a pound to buy you a present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is a pound to the good on the transaction.'* Are you still trying to bargain with God?

May you know the blessings of peace and hope in Christ Jesus,

Revd Scott

From the Registers - ctd

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.

24th July - Interment of ashes of
Michael John Jenkins († 11th July)

29th August - at Taunton Crematorium
Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate
the Life of Michael Keith (Mike) Patten
(† 6th August)

10th September - Service of
Thanksgiving for the Life of
James Harry Laird (Jim) Leckie
(† 27th August)

Notice of death -
Anthony Talbot-Williams † 11th August

From the Registers

Weddings

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

24th August - Denise Curtis and
Trevor Male

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.
1st September - Brody Francis
and Thomas Trott

Shoe Box Appeal 2019

This year will again see the annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Boxes will be collected for **Blythwood Care**, a Christian charity based in Scotland. In 2018 the charity distributed **101.707** boxes to children and adults in various countries of Eastern Europe.

For those who enjoy filling a shoe box for needy children, an older teenager or adult, details can be found in the leaflets from Blythwood Care, which will be available in St. Andrew's church later in September, or from Jackie de Ronde (251355) or Ginny Smith (250997). If you would like to know more, go to www.shooboxappeal.org or contact Jackie or Ginny.

Completed boxes can be delivered to St. Andrew's Church during any Sunday service in October or call Jackie de Ronde for collection.

St. Andrew's Harvest

Songs of Praise

Sunday 6th October 6.00 pm

Items –preferably of non-perishable nature- can be brought to this service. They will be donated to the Trussel Trust foodbank in Langport.

St. Andrew's Rotas October

Brass - Sue Blackwell

Flowers

5th - Harvest flowers
12th - Barbara Osborne
19th & 26th - Adrienne Holmes

Cleaning

5th - Julia Gauler
12th - Tina Geary
19th - Wendy Graves
26th - Liz Rendell



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United Reformed Church



October

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 6th - Rev Evelyn Ridout

Sunday 13th - Rev Rowena Francis

Sunday 20th - Mrs Alison Reed

Richards

Sunday 27th - URC Mid-Somerset

Group united Service at Street URC

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

URC Minister: Rev Tim Richards 01458 252799

A BIG HARVEST THANK YOU to all who supported our charitable giving at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Ploughman's lunch with dessert in September. Produce donations have been delivered to our local foodbank: Monetary donations have been forwarded to Curry Rivel Primary School for the express purpose of helping towards the cost of replacing their outdoor play equipment.

Thank you for your support.

Remember, remember

the 9th of November

URC sponsored Dickensian Christmas Craft Fair 11.00 - 3.00 pm Village Hall.

Details of stalls & crafters in the November CR News.



Autumn Meditation: Letting Go

Not everyone likes the drawing in of the evenings, the shortening of daylight hours that comes with the season of autumn. The bright, warm days of summer over autumn is the harbinger of colder, darker days of winter.

I wonder however if in autumn we learn more about ourselves than in any other season? Having provided the harvest, Nature now makes everything bare; Nature lets go of its abundant creation of the past year in a grand final display. Autumn marks the end of the growing season – a turning inward, a falling away of outer-directed energy. Leaves turn colour and drop. The old leaves go back to the earth, enriching it to promote the coming of new leaves, a new harvest.

Nature instructs us about our own cycles of creating and letting go: trees in autumn don't stubbornly hold onto their leaves because they might need them next year. Yet how many of us defy the cycle and hold onto what we've produced or collected – those decayed leaves, that old negativity? How can we hope for a harvest next year unless we let go of the old and start afresh?

The energy of this season, more than any other, supports our letting go of the waste, the old and stale in our lives, leaving us receptive to the pure and new, granting us a vision of who we are in our essence. Autumn returns us to our essence, moves us to eliminate what we no longer need, reveals again what is most precious in our lives.

Blessed are you, autumn,
calling to the poet in our hearts,
"return to the earth, become good soil;
wait for new seeds."

Blessed are you, autumn,
drawing us away from summer's hot
breath,

the air becoming frosty and cool,
leading us to inner reflection

Blessed are you, autumn,
season of so much bounty,
inviting us to imitate your generosity
to give freely from the goodness of our
lives,

holding nothing back.

Blessed are you, autumn,
season of surrender,
teaching us the wisdom of letting go,
drawing us into new ways of living.

Burrowbridge W.I. *Jo Washington*

It seems like a long time since the ladies of Burrowbridge WI last met back in July, but our lovely, friendly group met once again, on 16th September, to listen to a most interesting talk by local photographer Scott Fisher (Needle Mind Photography). Scott shared his photography story with us and gave lots of hints and tips along the way to help us get the most out of our cameras. He also brought an array of his photographs and books covering local interest (Burrow Mump and wildlife) and some more far flung places (such as Venice and South Africa).

It was a fun, informal evening followed by a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Next month we are going to enjoy a Halloween themed evening with soup and crusty bread, and some spooky tales

on Monday the 21st of October. On the 18th November we have a talk from local author Barbara Spencer Jones on 'Things ain't what they used to be' at Coronation Village Hall, Burrowbridge at 19:30. We would love to see some new faces so why not pop along and meet us, all ladies welcome!

See picture on rear cover....

For your diary

This year's **Carols, bangers and mash** evening in the Village Hall, hosted by St. Andrew's Church, will be on **Friday 6th December**.

More in next month's CR News.

Charity Theatre Trips to Bristol Hippodrome News for October 2019 *Chris Cox*

The big news is that the record-breaking musical **Les Miserables** makes a welcome return next April/May. Booking opens on 25th September so no details when we went to press, but if you get in touch when you read this you will be sure of a ticket and they will be scarce.

We Will Rock You (The Queen Musical) on Wednesday 18 March, £45/£58 is full but a second coach is a possibility with just a few more bookings.

Also book now for:

Matthew Bourne's **The Red Shoes**. The date for this trip has changed and it is now on Thursday 5th March 2020 at £61 and £39.

Carmen, Welsh National Opera's new production on Friday 13th March at £55.

The King & I London touring production. We plan an evening trip on Thursday 26th March and a matinee on Wednesday 1st April.

Mamma Mia, Monday 8th June, £49 and £61

All of these have a payment date in the New Year, but the sooner you

reserve the better seats you will receive. There is no charge for cancellation until I have paid for the tickets.

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

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In October**Regular Events****MONDAY**

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

TUESDAY

10-12	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room
10.30	Line Dancing Classes	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
5.45 - 8	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Guides	URC Hall
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridgway Hall
7.00 - 9.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall, L'port
7.30	Tuesday Group (3rd only)	Drayton Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10.00	WI	(2nd only) Village Hall
2.00 - 4.00	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

Some Useful Telephone Numbers**Youth Organisations**

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts	01460 281184
Rainbows	01823 698940
Brownies	251953
Guides	252901
Pynsent Youth Football Club	251084
Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club	251201
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

Social

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	252146
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Twinning Association	251432
Women's Institute	259688
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
PROBUS	252545
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	253953
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	251524

Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 741606
Inner Wheel	252648
Tuesday Group	252657/252022

Arts

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Art Club	253126

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