

The

20th Anniversary

September 2016

CURRY RIVEL NEWS



CURRY RIVEL FLOWER SHOW



Parish Council Shorts

Flooding

The Parish Council is working with FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) to reduce incidents of flooding in our parish.

We have been identifying areas where flooding has occurred in the past and we have been tracing the path of flood waters which follow periods of heavy rain.

Several residents have already had discussions with the PC and from their observations we have been able to develop details of flood water courses in the Water Street area. Further information and observations will be welcome from residents in Water Street and any other areas within our parish where flooding has been a problem.

The type of information required:

Location and description of flood hotspots
Location and direction of surface flows
Photographs of flooding and surface flows

Your observations on why flooding occurs in your area e.g. blocked drains or culverts

Reports and feedback should be addressed to:

Paul Deacon tel: 01458 251898 email: pldeac@aol.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Michael Beacham

There have been thefts from the village Allotments recently, with only small items taken. Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) would like to remind everyone in the village to ensure all property is always secure and locked away.

Any crime large or small should always be reported to the Police (telephone 101) no matter how small. If you have difficulty getting through to that number please let your NHW Representative know and he or she will give you the local telephone number so they can be aware as soon as possible. The Police say: "Our Government thinks crime is low because few persons are reporting crimes and therefore: No Crime, No Police Officers, resulting in more cutbacks" !!



'Bag that poo, any rubbish bin will do'

...says Cllr Madelaine King-Oakley

New rubbish bins have been placed around the village – have you seen the one on the green? Or in the village car park? Or beside the Townsend bus shelter? In Dyers Road? Please use the new bins for your dog poo bags and rubbish.

Speedwatch July Results

Date July	Location	Start (All Sessions 1 hour)	Percentage of good drivers	Number of Speeders
4th	16 Heale Lane	7.00am	98%	1
7th	Churchway	6.30am	91%	19
13th	Townsend	5.00pm	98%	9
16th	East of Shell garage	11.00am	99%	5
18th	Abbey Close.	4.00pm	94%	4
22nd	Wiltown Elmsmead/URC	8.00am	100%	0
27th	Townsend	6.30am	93%	19
29th	Churchway	11.00am	99%	5
Big thank you to all drivers down Wiltown on 22 July				
Robert Crowley 01458 259434				



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Curry Rivel in Bloom

Sylvia Goodenough

Looking back to 1667 and ahead to 2017

After the success of our frontage competition this year we are hoping for great things next year, when we make our first entry into the Britain in Bloom South West competition. Did you know that the Burton Pynsent monument was built exactly 250 years ago next year? Pitt the Elder (before he was Prime Minister) was influential in stopping a tax on cider which would have badly affected Sir William Pynsent's business, and Pynsent was so grateful that he bequeathed his entire estate to Pitt. Pitt was grateful in his turn and built the monument to Pynsent. Pitt's servants all wore his livery of purple and gold, and there would have been many of them around Curry Rivel in 1667. So it seems appropriate to have purple and gold as our colour scheme for next year. Please think about how you can incorporate these colours into your plans for your front garden, hanging baskets etc. We also plan to incorporate the Monument into our entry somehow - please pass on any ideas you have!

War Memorial garden competition - enter now!

Our first big project is to improve the War Memorial garden which is very overgrown. The site is approx. 60 foot in length, round a curve, and 11foot in depth. We will clear the site soon after Remembrance Sunday on November 11th and then need to prepare the soil. After years of no cultivation the soil is compacted and depleted. We will renovate the soil as much as possible so it seems sensible that for year one we have temporary planting so that the soil can be further renovated in the winter of 2017/8. In that winter the soil should be in a state to support permanent planting so your design can be either a high impact planting for year one or a longer term permanent planting. The best design in each category will be chosen, and one or two entries may be submitted. Include a planting plan and a brief description of why you have

chosen the colours/plants in it. A scale drawing of the site for you to use is available, either via the community website or by contacting Sylvia on smgoodenough@aol.com or ringing 01458250091. If yours is the winning plan you can then be as much or as little involved in the planting as you like though of course we would hope you will want to see your plan to fruition!

The colour scheme is up to you, but should reflect what the memorial represents in some way. We recommend you running your planting plan by an expert at one of our local Garden Centres if in doubt about suitability. Any queries/ Entries should be emailed to Sylvia by 30th September or sent by post to her at The Woods, Curry Rivel, TA10 0PW.

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District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

South Somerset District Council is still unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply with the current identified shortfall of housing put at 998 homes. This will have implications for Curry Rivel as the local plan is deemed out of date making it more difficult to rebut any planning applications submitted. The starting point for decision making will now shift to one where a planning application should be granted permission unless it can be shown the adverse impacts of development significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the proposed housing. This, coupled

with the introduction of Government guidelines which prevent local authorities requiring S106 contributions from schemes of 10 dwellings or fewer, means that not only is our village open to more planning but we can no longer seek contributions towards local community and leisure projects. Thankfully, we still have S106 money available from the builds at Westfield and Heale Lane from which, I am pleased to report, that as of September the village hall will now have an upgraded toilet for the disabled and also a hearing loop.

Free Fun at Children's Event

1.00 – 5.00 pm Saturday 17 September

For the first time since taking over the organisation of the Kids Fun Event in 2010 Kaye Morgan reports that all activities will be free, with the exception of the tombola and refreshments laid on by the Friends of the School, which help raise funds for the event.

The event is primarily for tots to teens from the village and surrounding areas and is held on the primary school field with the school's permission.

All the children's favourites will be there including the 24ft climbing wall, exotic snakes and smaller creepy crawlies sponsored by the Parish Council and *Curry Rivel News* respectively. And new for this year - a balloon modeller. Kaye also wishes to extend her gratitude to the other sponsors; South Somerset District Council Community Fund and Playday Grant, Parish Clerk Jenny Ludgate, District Councillor Derek Yeomans, Bow Dental Clinic and Simon Champion.



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Flower Show Success

Jenny Ludgate and Peter Goodenough

There was a treat in store for those entering the Village Hall on a lovely summer's afternoon in August; the traditional village Flower Show was everything one would expect, with flowers, fruit and vegetables, cakes and preserves, paintings and photographs in abundance, and delicious teas on offer to keep the visitors going as they admired the exhibits. Once again Anne Hembrow and her committee had done a great job. The standard of all the exhibits was very high this year and the prizes and cups, presented by Show President, Tim Schroeder, were all very well deserved.

Neville Monk Perpetual Cup for the vegetable section - Rodney Williams
George Woodrow Perpetual Plate for the flower section - Neta Chorley
Orchid Cup - Carolyn Heal

Mike Fussell Perpetual Cup for highest points in the fruit section - Naomi Powell
Derek Annett Perpetual Cup for the highest points in the decorative section - L. Lang
Pemberton Perpetual Cup for the highest points in the cookery section - Elizabeth Hartland
Men Only Cup - Robert Atkins
Anne Hembrow Perpetual Cup for the painting section - Jane Chapman
David Macey Perpetual Cup for the highest points in the under 8 section - Sienna Evans and Isla Uniacke
Curry Rivel News Perpetual Cup for the photography section - Jenny Ludgate
Sugar Icing Cup - Elizabeth Hartland
Top Tray - Louisa Wild
Top Vase - Annette Stein




Come for Coffee

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Friday 30th September at 10.00 a.m.
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Usual events: tombola, raffle, book & cake stalls.

We would be grateful for any donations suitable for the raffle or tombola but it would be helpful if you could let us have them before the day as we are very busy on the morning! We are happy to collect items if given advance notice.

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Curry Rivel Music

The new season of concerts begins on Saturday 17 September in St Andrew's Church at 7pm with a recital to be given by Joseph Shiner - clarinet and Somi Kim - piano. These two musicians are young, international prize winners who come from Somerset and South Korea (via New Zealand) with an already strikingly impressive history and they will play music by Weber, Lutostawski, Paul Patterson and others.

There will be an interval for refreshments of wine, tea or coffee. Tickets will be on sale at the door, priced £12. Students are admitted free. Mrs Anne Michell, Secretary. Email anne.michell@btinternet.com



Movies in the Village Hall

mvhcurry.wix.com/films

Eye in the Sky (15)

Friday 16 September

Helen Mirren stars as Colonel Katherine Powell, a UK-based military officer in command of a top secret drone operation to capture terrorists in Kenya. Using remote surveillance and on-the-ground intelligence, Powell uncovers that the targets are planning a suicide bombing and the mission escalates from one of "capture" to "kill." But as the American pilot is about to engage, a nine-year old girl enters the critical zone triggering an international dispute, reaching the highest levels of US and British government, over the legal, ethical and political dilemmas presented by modern warfare.

Stars: Helen Mirren, Aaron Paul, Alan Rickman and Barkhad Abdi.

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 21 October: The Jungle Book (PG)



READERS' RECIPES

from Sue Ayres

The Levels Scout Group CAR BOOT SALE

We regret that the Car Boot Sale
planned to take place on
Sat 17th Sept
will not now take place



Apple and Cinnamon Bake

a tasty way to deal with the apple harvest

Ingredients
175g s.r.flour
175g semolina
175g butter
100g caster sugar
For the filling
500g apples peeled and chopped
60g sultanas
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Sugar to taste

Method

1. Cook and cool filling ingredients.
2. Melt butter and mix with other dry ingredients.
3. Put half the mixture in the base of a 18x28cm tin and cover with the apple filling. Sprinkle the rest of the mixture on top of the apple.
4. Bake for approximately 30 minutes until golden oven temp 200° C or 180° C fan, gas 6. Cool in tray



Growing Your Own

Peter and Sylvia Goodenough

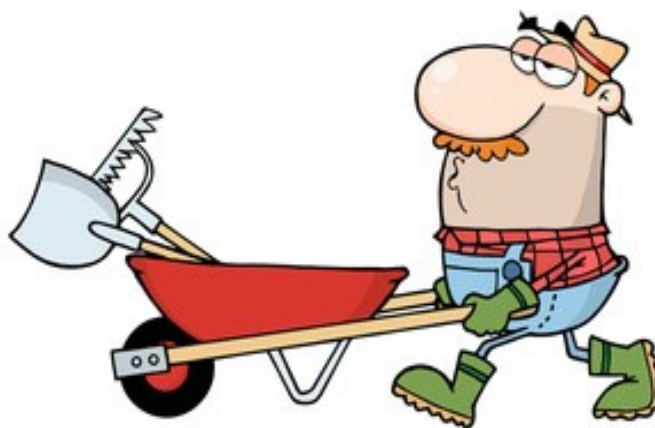
Having enjoyed the traditional village Flower Show in August, full of summer flowers and produce, our thoughts are now turning to the autumn. September 1st marks the first day of meteorological autumn, although these days it still often seems a month of high summer, and if we keep up deadheading and cutting back summer flowering plants they should continue to provide us with colour for some while yet. Lightly prune shrubs such as Phlomis and Senecio after flowering. There's lots of produce for the kitchen and do make full use of the blackberry harvest in the hedgerows! Some varieties of apples are ripe for picking now and any excess can be stored carefully - we find wrapping each fruit separately in newspaper and then keeping them in well ventilated crates usually works well and is worth the time it takes. However, last autumn was so warm that we found most of them had rotted by the turn of the year and we ended up having to throw them away, which was disappointing. At least the ones we had frozen as sliced or stewed apple (we always add some mixed spice to give a bit of extra flavour) were still OK so we didn't miss out on the crumbles and pies! Autumn raspberries, loganberries, apples, plum etc. can also be harvested now, and there are plenty of vegetables still in season - sweet corn, tomatoes, courgettes, carrots, marrows and runner beans

being favourites.

However, as well as reaping the rewards of this year's work, we also have to start looking ahead to next year. Daffodils are one of the early signs of Spring, and they need to be planted later this month - wait until the soil has cooled a little to lessen the risk of rotting. Evergreen shrubs can be planted towards the end of the month so long as there has been recent rain and ground can be prepared for planting shrubs and trees in October. Many hardy annuals for next year's displays can be sown directly into their flowering position; these include alyssum, marigolds, cornflowers, convolvulus, delphiniums, eschscholzia, candytuft, love-in-the-mist and poppies. For spring lettuce to overwinter

without protection sow 'Arctic King' or 'Winter Density' in trays, ready to set out in early October.

Finally don't forget to prepare a few bowls of hyacinths and amaryllis (or more correctly, Hippeastrum) at the end of the month, ready to provide you with flowers and scent at Christmas and in the New Year!



If you have read to here and gardening is something you enjoy, how about joining Sedgemoor Gardens Club to meet up with like-minded people once a month? There's always a chance to chat and exchange tips, we usually have an interesting speaker, and there are monthly competitions to take part in. Check us out on our website sedgemoorgardens.simplesite.com and/or come along to All Saints Hall in Langport on September 13th at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

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The Curry Rivel News.... the first 20 years

Laurina Deacon

This edition of the Curry Rivel News celebrates a significant anniversary for our village newspaper which has been delivered FREE to every household for the past 20 years.

How was village news communicated before the CRN? Some older members of the community will remember the St Andrew's Newsletter, a church publication for which there was a small charge, which ceased in 1996. The previous year the Parish Council had undertaken a parish appraisal survey and received a positive response to its question on the value of a parish newspaper. The chairman of the Council, Derek Seward, sought funding from the Parish and District Councils and local advertisers and reported in the first edition of the CRN that 'there is sufficient money available to publish the Curry Rivel News until March 1997'. The Rector, Philip Lambert, wrote in the first edition that he welcomed the new Curry Rivel News and hoped that, 'in the future we can put our church newsletter in this paper, so that we have one news journal for us all'. This hope came to pass and with support from the community, advertisers and the delivery team the CRN continues to be delivered to your door free of charge. The production team continues to strive to meet the original objectives as they appeared in the first edition:

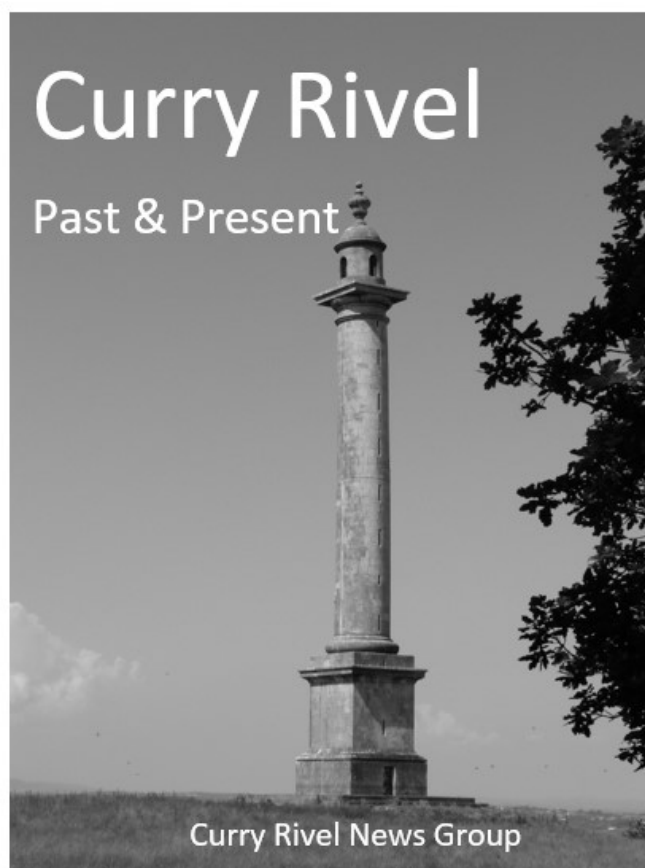
- a publication reaching all parishioners, creating an interest in the community and bringing people closer together.
- a publication that will generate interest and support for the whole range of clubs and societies that are available and so increase the enjoyment of living in Curry Rivel.
- a publication which you will use to tell us your views and opinions.

During the past twenty years there have been many developments and changes not least the advances in digital technology which means that instead of delivering a hard copy by hand to a local printer the digital file is sent via the internet to a printer in London. Digital photography has substantially changed the way the *News* looks – in the beginning printed images were attached to the hard copy and resulted in some pretty poor reproductions. Originally the *News* consisted of eight pages in black and white – we now regularly print two

pages in colour in what has become a sixteen page publication and for those who prefer to read their news in a digital format the paper can be read online at the community website curryrivel.org.uk.

But perhaps the biggest change has come with the way the CRN is funded. Under the editorship of Tony Potter the *News* became self-sufficient, no longer reliant on the Parish Council but funding itself through advertising. The production teams, past and present, have put great emphasis on delivering a paper that has a good balance between copy and adverts. Finances have also been supplemented by the sale of Curry Rivel News publications; **Curry Rivel a century in photographs** in 2000, the Curry Rivel Calendar in 2009, **Curry Rivel Past and Present** in 2014. The success of these publications and the careful management of our finances have resulted in much of the profit being donated to various village groups and organisations. Some of those to benefit include, the Guides, the Village Hall, the Annual Children's Play Event, the URC, the Old School Room, Youth Club, Twinning Association, Music Club and the Primary School.

What does the future hold? Whilst there is still a demand for the physical newspaper and a group of volunteers willing to produce it then the CRN will continue; how it will look in 20 years is anyone's guess.....



Can You Help?

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How Can I Get Involved?

The eight volunteers responsible for editing, publishing, advertising, finance, distribution, photography and admin welcome any offers of further help with the work of getting the *Curry Rivel News* out every month. If you have ideas which you think might improve our village newspaper and can spare some time to get involved please get in touch.

Happy Anniversary

Jane Hamlin

Hang out the flags and the bunting! We are celebrating this month because our village newspaper has been sharing the events and happenings in our community for the last twenty years. I have been living in Curry Rivel for more than twenty years and so over that time have probably read every single edition, but I have only recently become involved in its production and come to realise how many people contribute to ensuring that you get your copy every month. It does not put itself together.

We are very grateful to all the regular contributors – such as the churches, the History Society, the Music Society, the W.I. and Growing Your Own - who write such interesting and informative articles, the advertisers who provide the finances to make it possible, and the other volunteers on the team who ensure that the accounts are in good order and that we have clear photographs of events in the area. There is also a large team of distributors who, through rain or shine ensure that copies are delivered to every home in the village.

Over the years there have been many highlights and there is

unlikely to be enough space to mention them all. We have commemorated royal events, such as weddings and jubilees, twinning ceremonies and Parish Council elections. There have been planning issues that have caused concern for some people in our community and, perhaps, hope for others. We have followed the saga of the post office and whether or not it would close, the fortunes of the pubs, the Old School Room and the Robert Sewers Hall. In addition to news of recent experiences, there have been many stories of the village's past and we have recorded the arrivals and departures of headteachers, rectors, landlords and landladies.

Some regular events mark out the progress of each year. We have the Wassailing, the Panto, the April Fool story that occasionally causes villagers to choke on their corn flakes, Curry Rivel Live, Open Gardens, the Church Fête, the Flower Show, the children's event in September and the Christmas Fair; as well as letters to the Editor and news of Parish Council meetings.

So, "Thank You!" dear Reader if you have contributed to, or participated in, any of these happenings, for without out them we would not have a Curry Rivel News for you to read.

Curry Rivel Past & Present

Our 2014 publication which brings together 155 photographs taken from the mid nineteenth century to the present day. Starting and finishing with the grand houses at each end of the village the book includes images of the streets, houses, shops, churches and people going about their everyday lives between. The book charts the differences between 'now' and 'then', some major and others imperceptible.

To buy a copy at the specially discounted 'village' price of £7.95 contact The Curry Rivel News Group (tel. nos on back page) or email curryrivelnews@gmail.com. Or obtain a copy by post at the cover price of £10.95 (including postage and packing) from The Curry Rivel News Group, Fairview Lodge, Townsend, Curry Rivel TA10 0HP

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Where's Ed to?

Laurina Deacon

Ed Pratt, intrepid unicyclist, has arrived in China! After five days Ed reported on his First impressions of this huge country. 'Roads are gorgeous – everywhere, gradients are gradual but road signs are all in Chinese which makes navigation interesting. Motorists are more considerate. Everyone is more vocal, lots of cheering and waving, even from older women. Tea is served cooler than in Kyrgyzstan. There's no Facebook, Google or YouTube in China. The food is incredibly spicy and chopsticks are hard to use'. Ed says 'I still have to pinch myself every morning to remind myself that I am in fact in China and that I unicycled here. I'm loving it so far and looking forward to the next 2500 miles'.

Well done Ed and as they say in China '

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The Big Summer Concert

Jane Hamlin

Music lovers in our area look forward to the annual Big Summer Concert in St Andrew's Church because it is always such an enjoyable occasion, and this year was no exception. On the 30th July there was a host of local musical talent on show. The St Andrew's Choir and Benefice Singers, conducted by Patrick Rendell, got the evening off to a smooth start with Bach's *Sleepers Awake*, before the St Andrew's Strings (leader Rowan Patterson with Alison Sowter, Naomi Powell, Roz Harwood, Mike Hollis and Barbara Hamlin) played a spirited and sparkling, yet regal, couple of movements from Handel's *Royal Fireworks*. The Choir and Singers, this time accompanied by Patrick Rendell on the organ, sang a stirring and enthusiastic version of Green's *Thou Visiteth the Earth* followed by a beautiful rendering of Handel's *Organ Concerto* from the organ and Strings. Bach's *Christians Shout With Joy and Gladness* was undoubtedly sung with great joy and gladness setting a fine example to the whole audience which was then invited to join in the hymn *O Worship the King*.

Ten year old Benjamin Warner-Deards (accompanied by his teacher Julia Gauler) played an exciting version of John

Golland's *Ragtime* on the descant recorder. There was a collective "Wow" from all round the church when he finished because he had played with such vivacity it was a wonder that his fingers did not fly off his hands. This was a hard act to follow but Vikki Evans sang the moving Handel's *Lascia ch'io Planga* with great expression and feeling. ("Lovely", was the audience response.) The Choir and Singers returned with a delightful version of *If Ye Love Me* by Thomas Tallis before the final solo piece - Elgar's *Chanson de Matin* - played by 15 year old flautist Grace Dean. It was an enchanting and accomplished performance. The penultimate item was a captivating interpretation of Elgar's two latin motets sung with elegance and character by the Choir and Singers accompanied by the Strings and organ (conducted by Alison Sowter). To bring this fabulous evening to a suitable conclusion the Choir, Singers and audience sang *You'll Never Walk Alone* with great gusto to the vibrant accompaniment of the Strings. Admission to this wonderful concert was free, but there was a raffle and collection with the proceeds going to the Taunton Association for the Homeless.



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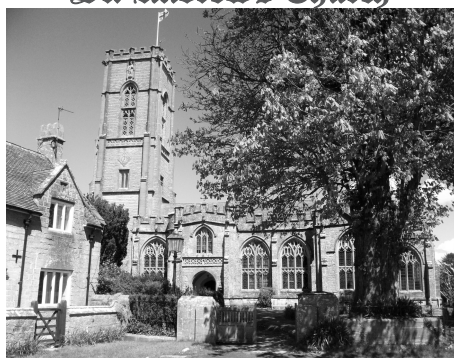
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St. Andrew's Church



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

September

Thursday 1st

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 4th

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

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Thursday 8th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 11th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Holy Communion CW

& Sunday Club

6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

Tuesday 13th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

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 Worship

11.15 **CR** - Short Communion CW

Monday 19th

3.30-5.30 pm CR School Messy Church

Tuesday 20th

7.00 pm Parsonage Place Meeting Rm
Pilgrim course 1

Thursday 22nd

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 25th - NOTE CHANGES !

9.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW

& Sunday Club

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evening Prayer/
Evensong BCP

Tuesday 27th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Drop-In

7.00 pm Parsonage Place Meeting Rm
Pilgrim course 2

Wednesday 28th

2.45pm **Immacolata House**

- Residents' Communion

Thursday 29th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Service pattern change

Please note the (trial) change to the Service pattern, **starting this month** and affecting **ONLY the 4th Sundays**.

See the diary in the left column.

Scott's spot

The Lord's Prayer

Have you noticed that we're surrounded by familiar things that we don't fully understand? For example few of us could explain in any sort of coherent way how a TV or computer works. Or we might learn from a doctor that our blood pressure is 120 over 80, but not really have clue what that means in practice.

Well, I think something similar is true when it comes to that most famous of prayers 'The Lord's Prayer'. Many of us know the words very well indeed. We were taught them by our parents or we learnt them at school. We say this prayer together at church virtually every time we gather – from family services to funerals, from weddings to Remembrance Sunday. But as we recite the prayer that Christ Jesus taught us, do we understand the words we say and what we're asking for?

For example: *Our Father who art in heaven* – how is it that we dare to call God Almighty 'our Father' and what do we understand by heaven? *Hallowed be thy name* - what does it mean for God's name to be 'hallowed'? *Give us this day our daily bread* – merely the food on our tables, or something else? As we work through each line of the prayer we may well find many other questions we could ask ourselves.



If you've found yourself having similar thoughts, or longing to understand this most central of Christian prayers rather better, then I'd like to offer you an invitation. Beginning this month on **Tuesday 20th September**, I shall be hosting a six session course exploring just this subject. Starting on the 20th, we shall gather each week in the 'Meeting Room' at Parsonage Place (**please call 251375 for confirmation of venue**) at 7.00 pm for about an hour and a half. Together, using the Church of England's recently released *Pilgrim* material, we'll explore this greatest of prayers and what it reveals about the Christian faith.

Ultimately, whether or not we understand how a TV or computer works doesn't really matter. But to know and understand what we're praying when reciting the words brought to us by the Son of God is surely worth investigation. You would be most welcome.

With every blessing for you and your family in all that September brings,

Revd. Scott Patterson

Ride & stride - 10 September

The Somerset Churches Trust has organised another 'Ride & Stride' day whereby sponsored participants visit as many Churches in one day as they are able, by car, by cycle, on horseback or on foot. 50% of the money raised may be returned to the participants' Churches. Riders and walkers visit churches and chapels and register their visit; they can often have a look inside the premises and receive simple refreshments.



If you would like to tour local churches and chapels or sponsor a walker/cyclist, please contact Nicky Barker (252429) or pick up a form in St. Andrew's Church.

October

Sunday 2nd

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

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00pm **CR** - Evensong

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

From St. Andrew's Registers Weddings

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

30th July - Jennie Willis
and Nicholas Williams

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.
Noah James Gambrill

Shoe box appeal

This year will see the annual Shoe Box Appeal again, but it will take a slightly different path to other years.

It has been decided, in the local area, to collect the boxes for **Blythwood Care**, a Christian charity based in Scotland; it distributed 115,576 boxes in 2015.

For those who enjoy filling a shoe box with 'goodies' for needy children, 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 difference is that it is possible to fill a box with an adult or older teenager in mind; this might make it easier for some.

Ginny Smith will be coordinating the appeal at our Primary School and Jackie de Ronde will be doing the same at St. Andrew's church.

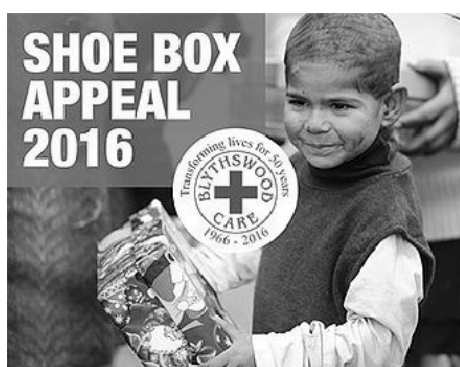
Due to the closure of the 'old' Post Office we now do not have that venue for the distribution of leaflets; they will, however, be available in St. Andrew's church and from Ginny and Jackie.

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

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

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

EMPTY shoeboxes very welcome.



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September

(Services start at 10.30 am)

Sunday 4th - Mr Mike Mason

(incl. Holy Communion)

Sunday 11th - Rev Tim Richards

(incl. Sunday School for over 3s)

Sunday 18th - to be arranged

Sunday 25th - Rev Ruth Whitehead,

Moderator URC Southwest Synod

(incl. Holy Communion)

followed by celebratory luncheon

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 propositional 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

Our BBQ summer social at the very end of July went with a swing (and dry weather!). Thank you to all who came, those who cooked, provided food and liquid sustenance, helped set up & clear up: much appreciated!

St. Andrew's - Rotas September

Brass - Julia Gauler

Flowers

3rd - Wedding

10th, 17th & 24th - Adrienne

Holmes

Cleaning

3rd - Tina Geary

10th - Wendy Graves

17th - Nancy & Olive Martell

24th - Liz Rendell



We spent a weekend looking after Granny: she had had an operation on her foot which for a period of time meant she could not put any weight on it. Cooking Sunday lunch while Mum sat with her foot cushioned and raised up a sudden cry comes from the garden. Practicing gymnastics Leah has gone over on her ankle and is howling in pain; "it cracked! It made a loud cracking noise like a thick twig breaking!"

Granny's crutches were put to use to get her indoors, no frozen peas so a bag of frozen chips had to suffice whilst we decided what to do - A&E or wait it out. In the end it was A&E for an x-ray to discover there was no break but a bad sprain which needed a little TLC and some rest.

So not everything that cracks is broken; I discovered some months ago a Japanese form of art called KINTSUKUROI which means 'to repair with gold'. It is the art of repairing pottery with gold (or silver) lacquer in understanding that the piece is *more beautiful for having been broken*.

Extended beyond pottery to life in general this is a stunning, mind-changing concept - Leonard Cohen wrote 'there's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in'. Breaking is just another way we become - it gives us the chance to shed light on and grow in places we didn't know existed within us. We all know 'brokenness' in some shape or form - I meet it in my work at the Hospice, I have known it for myself, but it has not been the end: time, patience, loving acceptance, endurance, and the light of life we call God, seek to mend us - not to return to being unbroken but to grow the more beautiful, *repaired with gold*. Watch an egg crack: it needs to crack for the new life, the chick within, to emerge.

Breaking is another way we grow into the fullness of all, in the Light of God, we can be.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Harvest Festival at the URC will be celebrated during the weekend of the **29th & 30th October**.

Table Tennis in the Village Hall



Table tennis is one of the most accessible sports around—it can be played at any level from the Olympics to an impromptu game in your dining room and on Tuesdays in the village hall!

Our sessions in the village hall are fun and full of laughter. We play every Tuesday from 10-11am for the cost of £2. We start again on 6 September. Come and join us.

Ring me if you have any questions; otherwise, see you there on the 6th at 10am.

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In September

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

Tues 6	10.00	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Sat 17	1.00	Children's Free Fun Event	Primary School
Sat 17	7.00	Concert	St Andrews
Fri 30	7.30	Quiz Night	Village Hall

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Youth Drama	251773

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