

September 2019



Out and About Group

Helen Saich

The Duchess of Cocklemoor, 22 friendly folk, 2 trips, a beautiful morning, fabulous scenery and a wonderful skipper... perfect! In July Curry's Out and About Group took to the water; with its solar powered electric motor The Duchess glided, silently and seemingly effortlessly along The River Parrett, causing little disturbance to wildlife and enabling views hidden to walkers.

On board, relaxing at one with the Somerset levels it was all about being and not about doing.

Huge thanks to our skipper Ian Macnab who did all the doing and expertly navigated us through duckweed and shallow water – his kindness and flexibility was so appreciated.

Details of how to book a trip can be found on line, simply search The Duchess of Cocklemoor for some interesting reading and contact details.

Curry Rivel Out and About group meets monthly, often visiting local places. If you would like to find out more about this informal, social group which aims to help women of all ages develop friendships whilst having fun, use the contact number on the back page or email me helen@saich.co.uk



Curry Rivel Flower Show Award winners

The 2019 show was held on Saturday 3rd August, a warm and pleasant afternoon at the Village Hall

Neville Monk Perpetual Cup for Vegetables — Richard Tilley
George Woodrow Perpetual Plate for Flowers — Carolyn Heal
Orchid Cup — Bill Warren
Mike Fussell Cup for Fruit — Lynn Lang
Derek Annett's Perpetual Cup for Decorative Entries — Jo Washington
Pemberton Cup for Homemade Produce — Jo Washington
Men Only Cup — Robert Atkins
Anne Hembrow Cup for Painting — Lynn Elliott & Laraine Hayes
David Macey Perpetual Cup — Special award to Brownies & Rainbows
Curry Rivel News Cup for Photography — Teresa Johns
Top Vase — Annette Stein
Top Tray — Kevin Loe



More pictures on pages 8 and 9



Prize winners receiving their cups and plaques from Mr. Tim Schroeder.

Sedgemoor Gardens Club AGM

Peter Goodenough

Sedgemoor Gardens Club is holding its AGM on 10th September in All Saints Hall, Langport.

We meet between 7-7.30pm. Most of our members come from Curry Rivel and we are very much hoping to welcome some new members at the start of our winter season. There will be a talk about apples after the AGM, so people should bring along any apples they would like to be identified by an expert.

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Heale Lane Allotments Barbecue

Jenny Potts (Secretary, Heale Lane Allotments)

On July 13th fifty 'allotmenters' and friends gathered at the site for the annual barbecue. The weather was kind to us (unlike last year when we all had to shelter in the marquee!). The site itself was looking particularly good, and the plot-holders were able to sit back and enjoy the results of all their hard work.

It was very pleasing to see so many children at the event, and with the involvement of the Brownies on the community plot

we hope we are encouraging the gardeners of the future! We always have a charity in mind at our annual event, and this year the allotmenters raised a splendid £74.70 for 'The Wallace and Gromit Grand Appeal' for Bristol Children's Hospital.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success.

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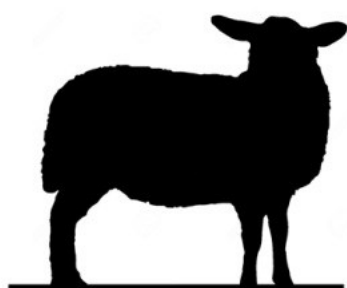
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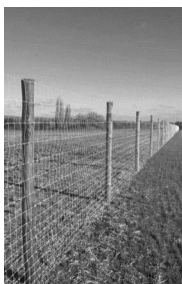
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CRiB News

Gina Beauchamp

Judging Days

Our judging days were Monday 22nd & Monday 29th July. We were blessed with good weather for both days and the judges didn't mind the recycling and bin collection going on all around the village! They even took a photograph of the recycling. The judges were especially impressed by the involvement of young people in the village; the school growing vegetables, the young Gardener of the year, Zac Powell and especially the Brownies and Rainbows at the CRiB allotment. The meadow at Eastfield was teeming with butterflies and wild flowers for the first judging but had been mown by the second, but was still appreciated by the judges as this is part of the cycle of a wild flower meadow. The panels on Sandpits gates were up in time for the second judging and looked very bright and cheerful, thanks to all our young painters and to Sandpits for allowing us to put them up. Thanks too to Laraine and Nicky for organising the painters and to Derek Yeomans for cutting the wood for the panels.

The village looked lovely on both days so thank you to the villagers who weeded and swept their frontages, put out pots for display and helped to make the village look so good. It was a shame however that on both judging days there was fresh dog poo found on the corner of Church street and the High Street. Exactly where the judges would be walking. Luckily our advance party and CRiB members found it and disposed of it in time. Knowing there is a hefty fine for this I am surprised that this is still happening.

We won't know the results until the awards later in the year on October 11th in Newquay for South West in Bloom and on October 25th in London for the Britain in Bloom awards. Thank you to CRiB members who worked flat out weeding, watering and mulching before the days and to everyone in the village who helped to make it look so beautiful, let's hope the judges were impressed. Thank you to the WI who prepared a lovely buffet lunch in the village hall which we all enjoyed after the judging.



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Future Events

Pumpkin Party Sunday 27th October

An afternoon party with a tea for the children and accompanying adults of course, with Halloween fun and stalls, come dressed up for fancy dress and carved pumpkin competitions. This was a great success last time; tickets will be available at the BP Nisa Shop from the beginning of October. More detail in the October CRN.

CRiB Quiz Saturday 16th November 7pm

Back by popular demand! Our last quiz was great fun 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! £7.50. (It's not all about gardening ...promise).

CRiB Chair

After two years of doing this job, the time has come to let someone else have a go! After our AGM, after the awards, I will be stepping down and would like to give people plenty of time to think about taking on the role. You need to be an organiser and delegator. It doesn't matter about gardening skills but it helps. You will have a good committee to support you. If you would like any more info about the job contact me on cribsomersset@gmail.com or on 01458 762296

Date for our AGM is Monday 4th November at 7.30 pm in the Chatham room.



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Late Night (15)



Friday 20 September

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Although she struggles at first, Molly is determined to prove she is not just a diversity hire and sets out to revitalise Katherine's show and career.

This comedy-drama received positive comment from critics with praise for Emma Thompson's performance.

Also stars: Mindy Kaling, John Lithgow and Hugh Dancy.

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.

Coming soon:

Rocketman (15): A film featuring many of Elton John's best-loved hits and telling the story of the singer-songwriter's early career.

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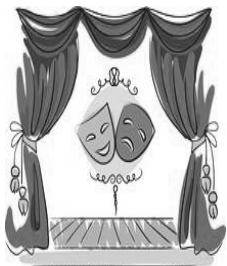
Barbara Lancey

A little late in reporting, but rest assured the Tuesday Group has continued to be busy over the last few months!

In **June** we had a change to the original program, and welcomed Francis Burroughs who gave a talk and presentation entitled "Don't put your daughter on the stage!" and it was an intriguing insight to the theatrical arena!

Having begun his presentation by 'singing' 'Don't Put Your Daughter on the Stage Mrs. Worthington...', Francis explained how his involvement in the theatre developed. He has produced or conducted over two hundred Amateur Operatic productions, and as his talk progressed it became very

apparent that not all the drama happens on stage! Amongst other events, he recounted



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hilarious tales involving such as an orange wig, a donkey and a fire siren!

Historically, he explained, amateur productions used hay ricks from farms and a rick cloth on an earth floor for the stage, so dry weather was always preferable! A huge tarpaulin used to be hung between men and women performers for changing costumes, which were hired either from London Wardrobe or St Mary's in Bath. Francis played a 1927 recording of The English Rose, quite exceptional quality considering it was made by standing in front of a big horn. He played a later recording of Richard Tauber singing Vivo, which used an electric microphone, the improved quality evident.

With a final hilarious anecdote, Francis concluded his presentation, and I think everyone enjoyed the evening.

July brought us all together for our annual Garden Party, this year beautifully hosted by Gay Pocock. The evening was a great success, with well over 40

members and guests present enjoying a lovely warm evening, delicious food, copious amounts of 'liquid' and great company! There was definitely a buzz about it!

I hope everyone is enjoying the August break, and I look forward to seeing you all on 17 September, when Miranda Pender, the Late Flowering Lyricist, will be entertaining us!

The Tuesday Group is a ladies social group drawing from Drayton, Curry Rivel, Muchelney, Fivehead, Langport and beyond, and meets on the third Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Drayton Village Hall. Annual membership is only £10, or come and try for a guest fee of just £2.50 per meeting. For further information please contact either Barbara Lancey on 01458 252657, email barbaralancey@hotmail.com, or Jean Padfield on 01458 253948, email jeanpadfield2002@yahoo.co.uk.



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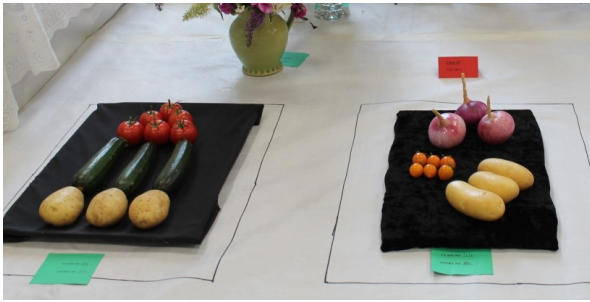
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Flower Show





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Gina Beauchamp



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- Take any plastic that our bin men won't take to the special Mixed Plastics bin in Tesco Langport supermarket carpark.
- Use a reusable water bottle.
- Order milk from the milkman such as 'Milk and More' – google their website for more information.

A useful website to avoid buying plastic bottles is 'splosh.com' although you need plastic bottles to start with, you can order refills for shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, cleaning products etc. and the refill pouch can be returned and refilled again and again. You can even receive dishwasher tablets through the post in cardboard boxes that fit through your letter box!

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SOMERTON U3A

Denise Clark

The next meeting of the Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 27 September when Terry Smith will tell us the MGM Musical story. Terry, who is a music and film buff, especially of the 40s and 50s, has visited us before to enthral us with Ration Books to Rock 'N' Roll and Big Band Dance Music. We look forward to hearing what he has to say this time.

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 latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £2 each.

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Kaye Morgan



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Like previous years all activities are **free** so it's no strain on the purse strings. The only items on sale are from the ice cream kiosk or you may fancy a cuppa and cake courtesy of the PTA who are running the refreshment area.

As always the event caters for tiny tots to 11 year olds from the village and surrounding area and there isn't a computer in sight. Kaye Morgan, chair of Active Somerset, who has spent the last ten years raising money to pay for the event said 'Too many youngsters spend too much time glued to their computers. Fresh air is not only good for you but it's free so we organise this annual event to encourage them to enjoy it'.

All activities are carefully selected to encourage face-to-face interaction, team building, physical exercise and education while promoting focus, confidence and community spirit. "Active Somerset are grateful to Curry Rivel Primary School who allow us to use the school playing field where last year we had a footfall of around 450" commented Kaye.

Active Somerset offer youngsters a variety of attractions, the favourites amongst the kids being a 25ft climbing wall supported by Curry Rivel Parish Council. For kids who either fancy looking as pretty as a picture or something out of the house of horrors we have the ever popular face painter, Emma, regularly sponsored by the Curry Rivel News. Making a welcome return, courtesy of Mrs Wendy Devereux, are the reptiles and other creepy crawlies along with the obstacle course and slide, beat the buzzer and soft play area sponsored by Western Power.

On popular demand there will be two new attractions - a nerf gun target game and a balloon modeller, the latter sponsored by South Somerset District Council.

Other attractions include the Scouts outdoor cooking experience, Tiny Tots activities and Champion Music.

This event is the biggest and most popular in the village for children in this age bracket so make it a date. I guarantee you will see happy faces, excitement and boundless energy the likes of which you will never see from your youngsters when glued to their computers.



Children's Page



Just For KIDS

Woodpeckers

There are two types of woodpecker that you might see in Curry Rivel - the Great Spotted woodpecker and the Green woodpecker.

The Great Spotted lives in wooded areas where they tap on tree trunks in order to find insects living in the bark and to make nest holes. They will also visit your garden if they see something to eat there. You might see them clinging to a tree trunk with their short legs and strong claws.

The Green woodpecker spends most of its time on the ground eating ants, ants and more ants!

Woodpecker Facts

- **Green** woodpeckers use their very long and sticky tongues to collect ants.
- You are most likely to hear the quite loud call KAK-KAK-KAK of the Green woodpecker this is known as a **Yaffle**.
- The Great Spotted makes a drumming sound by tapping a tree with its specially reinforced **beak**.
- The white shiny eggs take about 12 days to **hatch**
- An adult **Great Spotted** weighs about 75 grams – a bit less than an apple.
- An adult Green woodpecker weighs about 180 grams.



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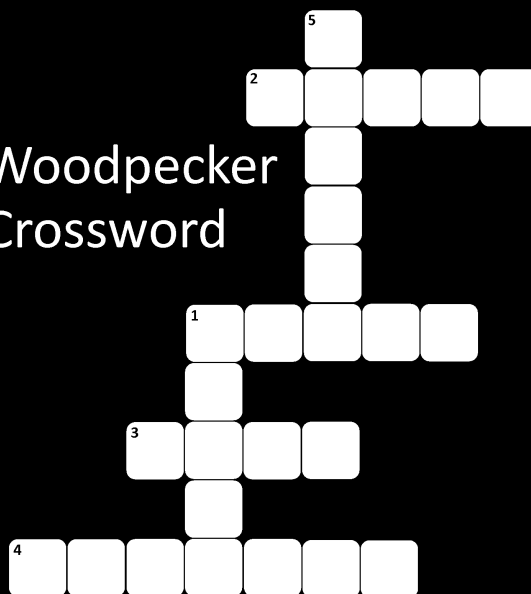
- Leave some wood logs in the garden where beetles, ants and spiders live which woodpeckers can find to eat.
- Great Spotted woodpeckers really like peanuts so to see them in your garden, hang up a peanut feeder.
- Don't forget they need a drink too, so a shallow bowl of water will help them.



Add some colour to this picture



Woodpecker Crossword



Help can be found in Woodpecker facts

Across

- 1 Type of woodpecker named after its colour (5)
- 2 What happens to their eggs after 12 days (5)
- 3 What a woodpecker uses to drum (4)
- 4 see 1 down

Down

- 1 and 4 (across) Type of woodpecker (5,7)
- 5 Call that a Green woodpecker makes (6)

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Thursday 5th

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Sunday 8th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP
11.00 **CR** - Holy Communion CW
& Sunday Club
6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

Monday 9th

3.30 pm **CR** School - Messy Church

Tuesday 10th

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

Sunday 15th

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP
9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW
11.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW
& Sunday Club

Thursday 19th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 22nd

9.15 **CR** - Holy Communion CW
& Sunday Club
11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW
6.00 pm **SW** - Harvest Evensong BCP

Sunday 29th

10.00 **SW** - United Benefice
Holy Communion CW

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A church member writes about their faith and the difference it makes.

A personal account of what a difference becoming a Christian made to my life.

The day after I made a personal commitment to follow Jesus and asked him to forgive my sins, I was given an enormous love for my husband Ross, which surprised him exceedingly as our marriage at the time was rather careworn after 19 years and 3 teenage children! Despite this, he tried everything he could to change my mind because he was afraid that I was being taken away from him. After two weeks of verbal battering from him, he also became a Christian in a rather spectacular way, which he can tell you about himself if you ask him. We then went through a process of being acted upon by the Holy Spirit. Events from our past came out, and we actually got to know each other much more thoroughly than ever before, and in my case painful childhood events were revealed. We devoured the New Testament. Our children, during this time, were sadly neglected.

View from the Pew ctd . . .

Since then God has been at work in our lives. He has brought us through loss of his job for Ross, after which I went back to full time work and had to be retrained after a 20-year career gap. Ross then had a major heart attack at the age of 48. The Lord upheld us through this time of change and upheaval. Ross became a very good cook and house husband. When I retired, we moved to Fivehead and a year later Ross became ill and nearly died with Grade 4 Lymphoma of the spleen with secondaries in gut and liver. He is now in remission. That time would have been so much worse for us both, without our faith, and the prayers and support of the local churches and ones further afield.

For me, to know that I am held in the arms of a loving God, to know where I am going when I die, and to know that my sins are forgiven, is of inestimable worth in this life. When I prayed that prayer of committal that night giving my life to Jesus, I felt I was stepping into a black void. I didn't realise I was stepping into the light.

Sheila Scarratt

From St. Andrew's Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.
21st July - Grayson James Treasure

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.
1st August - at St. Mary's, Hewish
Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of
Mr Christopher Graham Osborne
(† 6th July)

St. Andrew's Rotas September

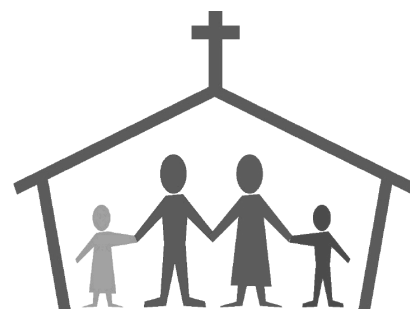
Brass - Julia Gauler

Flowers

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th - t.b.a.

Cleaning

7th - Liz Rendell
14th - Jackie & John de Ronde
21st - Nicky Barker
28th - Lynne Comley



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Saturday 21st September
at 10.00 a.m.

Lots of lovely scones & cakes to enjoy with
your cup of tea or coffee in exchange for a
donation to this very worthy cause.

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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United Reformed Church



September

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 1st - Mr Steve Beney

Sunday 8th - Unite at Langport URC,
Bow Street - Rev Tim Richards

Sunday 15 - Mrs Alison Reed Richards

Sunday 22nd - Mrs Glenys Allinson

Harvest Thanksgiving and also

12.00 - 2.00 pm Harvest Charity Lunch

Sunday 29th - Rev Tim Richards
(including a Baptism)

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

Also, on Sunday 22nd
September

12.00 - 2.00pm CHARITY LUNCH
URC Hall (behind the Chapel)

We experimented last Harvest with
having our charity lunch on the Sunday
(rather than the Saturday as in previous
years) after our thanksgiving service –
we have decided to do so again this
year too. We have chosen to support
causes close to home this year.
Residents of Curry Rivel may have
heard or read in the Curry Rivel News
that the village primary school is in
need of funds to replace outdoor play
equipment which has become unsafe.
We invite anyone wishing to help us
raise funds towards replacement
equipment to lunch with us on SUNDAY
22nd September – if you wish to donate
but are unable to attend you can send
your donation to our Treasurers c/o
Stoney Cottage, Stoney Lane, Curry
Rivel. **All are welcome.**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

@ THE URC

All are Welcome.

Sunday 22nd September

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10:30.

Donated produce at this service will be
taken to our local **Foodbank** at
Langport - toiletries, packets & tins
gratefully received. In our expression
of our love for God we believe we are
called to advocate for equal sharing of
resources, for supporting the
vulnerable, caring for those struggling
with difficulties which weigh them
down and those on the margins of
society.

At this harvest time of year, when we
give thanks for the ripe fruit and the
grain, are grateful for those who work
to put food on our tables, we are all too
aware of those for whom there is **not**
plenty, who struggle to make ends
meet for whatever reason and we are
compelled to share what we have – in
Luke 3:11 we read “If you have two
shirts, give one to the poor. If you have
food, share it with those who are
hungry.” In the well-known story of the
feeding of the five thousand Jesus takes
what little food there is (only 5 loaves
and 2 fishes), blesses it and *shares it*
among everyone.... If you would like to
share of your little or your plenty bring
items for Langport Foodbank along to
the service. Or pass them on to a
member of the congregation and we
will make sure they get to the
foodbank. **Thank you.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - with a
Dickensian feel.

Saturday 9th November 11.00 – 3.00pm
Robert Sewers (= Village) Hall



