

September 2018



Where's Ed To?

Report by Angela Edwards
Photos by Mike Mason



Well actually, Ed Pratt, the superhuman unicyclist, is back here in sunny Somerset after his epic 3 years and 135 days world tour.

On Friday 27 July Ed's family, friends, supporters and the Press gathered at Home Farm, Chilthorne Domer (the School In A Bag Headquarters) from 9.30 am eagerly awaiting his arrival. Ed set off from this very spot back in March 2015. There was a real festive atmosphere and plenty to occupy the waiting time with the band 'K'uffle' playing on stage, delicious homemade cakes and refreshments for sale, an ice

cream van and a burger van. There was the opportunity to donate and fill a school bag, to look at some of the discarded and worn out kit from Ed's trip (tyre, saddle, pedals etc), a commemorative book (with many photos from Ed's trip) for people to write congratulatory messages to Ed and a most entertaining video with congratulations messages from friends, family and many of the people that Ed met on his travels around the world.

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Where's Ed To?

Even on his last night, Ed took the time to post a message on Facebook showing that he remained faithful to his true spirit of adventure by wild camping in a field! Ed travelled over 22,000 miles (4,000 more than the original plan) through 4 continents raising over £300,000 for the local charity School In A Bag. Ed's initial target of £18,000 (£1 per mile cycled) has been vastly exceeded thanks not only to the generous donations of Ed's loyal blog and social media followers, but also by a huge donation from an American guy called Brad, whom Ed had the pleasure of meeting in Texas. Brad unicycled across the USA 40 years ago when he was just 24. He originally said he would donate \$100,000 to SIAB but when he met Ed he was so inspired that he increased the donation to \$370,000! WOW!

Around 11 am the crowds started gathering at the entrance to Home Farm with cameras at the ready. We 'practised' making as much noise as possible prior to Ed's arrival, with cheering, horns and whistles. The excitement grew and when Ed finally arrived at 11.30, riding his unicycle of course, the noise made by the crowd was deafening. The look on his face as he saw the hundreds of people cheering to welcome him home was of genuine surprise and absolute delight. The first people to welcome him home were of course his Mum, Roxane, and his sister, Samantha. Dad Nick had already gone to meet Ed earlier along with several friends to ride the last few miles with him (on those strange two-wheeled things they call bicycles!)

After a few minutes of photo opportunities and Ed still having enough energy to run round the crowd (without the unicycle) and high-fiving everyone, he rode (yes again) round to the stage and was welcomed by 'K'fuffle' singing 'Bat out of Hell' which Ed had requested and joined in with, and of course a good bottle of Somerset cider was on hand to help with the celebrations.

Ed was interviewed by BBC Radio Somerset on stage and said he was overwhelmed by the response to his adventures and the amount of people here to welcome him home. There were inevitably highs and lows on the trip with one of the best bits being Kyrgyzstan as Ed stayed there for 7 months due to the weather making it too dangerous to travel. During that time he taught English in a school and he was able to see the same faces for a while instead of the transient life which he had previously encountered. Ed had a whole series of individual interviews lined up with various newspapers and TV stations and he announced that two questions were definitely banned - the first being 'How do you feel?' and secondly 'What are you going to do next?' All in good time... Before leaving the stage Ed thanked everyone for supporting his ride and said he felt supported even though he was on his own a lot of the time.



Brian Edwards, Mike Mason (Staff Photographer) and I, representing the Curry Rivel News, were given our own timeslot (just 5 brief minutes) to interview Ed. We asked him about his favourite country to ride through - China as it was so varied and he spent 6 months riding there. He really enjoyed the simplicity of riding through the desert as navigation was easy. Ed told us that the most dangerous country to ride through was the USA due to the amount of traffic and there was no hard shoulder. We asked was it a problem managing to always have food and water with him. Ed tried to carry as much as possible but he was taken aback by the generosity of people on the road who stopped to help him and give him provisions. I asked Ed what he was most looking forward to doing now he was home - 'having one or two glasses of cider with my mates'(!)

It was a lovely event with a fantastic atmosphere and so well organised by School In A Bag, Eventbrite and of course by Ed's family and friends. Brian, Mike and I felt privileged to be there to share in this wonderful moment of history, a world first.

An exceptional achievement by a truly exceptional young man. Chapeau Ed!

If you wish to discover more about the work of School In A Bag please go to www.schoolinabag.org



Parish Council Shorts

Reporting from the August Meeting

Andy Anderson - Chairman Curry Rivel Parish Council

Chairman.curryrivelparishcouncil@outlook.com

Next Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 6 September 7.30
Chatham Room Village Hall
All welcome

Binning it

Did you know that the community, through the Parish Council, spends a considerable amount of your money on the installation and maintenance of litter and dog waste bins for the benefit of all within the community? Despite this investment it appears that some dog owners do not know how to use these receptacles and; notwithstanding that they actually take the time and make the effort to pick up after their dog, they decide that the best place for the bag is within a hedge or hanging from a tree. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the fact that every council provided bin and dog bin is a suitable location to deposit your dog poop bag. Please be considerate of your neighbours and the wider community by bagging it and depositing it in the bins that are provided for this very purpose. Please note that the bins provided by the BP garage and the bin outside Onestop should not be used to deposit your bagged dog poop.

Planning Application

The recent planning application for 27 houses north of Stanchester Way: It is quite clear from the responses on the Planning Website, and the general feeling through conversation, that the local opposition to this development is undiminished; however, the Parish Council had no planning grounds to object to this planning application and consequently supported the application. Nevertheless, we have made a number of suggestions regarding the development and these are in keeping with our response to the local plan consultation which was submitted in Jan 18. It is very evident that the housing shortage may have an impact on our village and our local surrounding area in the medium to longer term and we therefore consider that our views should be consistent with our aims and determination not to become a dormitory village. I think we must fight hard to build a sustainable village and any new housing should be balanced with new employment opportunities. This would also satisfy the carbon footprint argument, building employment opportunities within the local community will ensure that people have a place to live and work thus reducing the dependence on the car for work. We cannot stand in the way of change, but change needs to be managed to retain the right balance. Our full response to the District Council is available to read on the village website – curryrivel.org.uk

Stand for Election

Finally, do you want to represent your local community? Do you want to stand for election as a Parish Councillor? Do you want to make a difference? Local elections take place in May 2019 and it is very important to get a cross representation of our community serving within the Parish Council as councillors especially the young. You must be at least 18 years of age to stand as a councillor and other eligibility criteria can be found on the Electoral Commission website

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District Councillor's Report

Tiffany Osborne

It's summertime and all is relatively quiet in the District.

As reported in the last newsletter Ric Pallister has resigned as leader of South Somerset District Council. I can now confirm he has been replaced by Val Keitch. Cllr Keitch is the Liberal Democrat representative for Ilminster Town and Area West chairman. She recognises the Council, in line with all local authorities, is facing very challenging times but added how privileged she feels to have been selected to lead the authority. The next District elections will be held in May 2019 so she has just under a year to make a difference.

The Adopt a Path scheme is open to anyone in Somerset whether you are a walker, horse rider or cyclist, and almost any public right of way can be adopted. Volunteers are simply asked to use their chosen path as often as they can and report any problems they come across. If they want to, they can also help with some light maintenance, with equipment provided. Paths can range from 50 metres to several miles long. We have some lovely footpaths available in Curry Rivel – for maps take a look at the Curry Rivel Website in the local info section. If you fancy getting involved go to the website link

www.somerset.gov.uk/get-involved/volunteering

The Scariest Pumpkin Competition!



**CRiB Event Sunday
28 October 3-5pm**

Bring your carved pumpkin along to the village hall, come in fancy dress! Adults too!

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Defibrillator Appeal update

More donations have been received in the last few weeks for Defibrillator Appeal.

St Andrew's Church donated £100 and the Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton £150. Other money has been received from private individuals and the Flower Show committee.

The Appeal has so far raised nearly £1000 towards the £1200 target.

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Revd. Scott Patterson and Rotary members presenting their cheques to Tony Greenaway.



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CURRY RIVEL MUSIC

Anne Michell

The first concert of the new season will take place on Saturday 15 September 2018 at 7pm in St Andrew's Church Curry Rivel when we will welcome The Kosmos Ensemble.

This ensemble of very talented young artists comprises Harriet MacKenzie, Violin, Meg Hamilton, Viola and Milos Milivojevic, Accordion. They are an internationally acclaimed group which have twice won the Selected Artists accolade from Making Music. They are all soloists in their own right.

Harriet MacKenzie is an international concerto soloist who has performed across five continents. Recordings include concertos with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestra Nova and the English Symphony Orchestra. She has performed as a soloist at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Wigmore Hall, Budapest Marble Hall, and the Purcell Room amongst others. She has performed for Curry Rivel Music in

the past as part of the Retorica Violin Duo which was very well received.

Meg Hamilton gained an Honours degree in Music at Edinburgh University in 2003 and a performance diploma at Trinity College of Music. Her music covers intensive study of music from Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Turkey, Greece, the Middle East and beyond and her performances have received five-star reviews from the Evening Standard.

Milos Milivojevic is a Serbian born accordionist and was the first prize winner of the International Accordion Competitions in Italy, Denmark, France and Germany. He has won many prizes in this country too and is a member of five different ensembles playing around the world.

The concert starts at 7.00pm. Tickets, costing £12 will be available on the door, students are admitted free and there will be the usual interval for wine, tea or coffee.



Blue Tokens provide Bags of Help

The Village Hall came first in the recent Tesco 'Bags for Help' blue token scheme.

The Village Hall Team received a cheque for £1,100 from Tesco, which will be used to replace lighting in the hall and toilets with low energy LED lighting with microwave sensors, which will significantly reduce the energy usage.

The Village Hall Management team would like to thank all Curry Rivel villagers who supported the Hall with their tokens. Thank you for supporting our community asset, we hope to see everyone at the next BIG BREAKFAST on Sunday 9th September.



Village Hall 200 Club

The following 200 Club members were successful in the Summer Draw on 7 July.

Mrs P Cilia £120
Mrs S North £75

Mr A Hoad £60
Mrs J Warren £40

Mrs C Anderson £25
Mr G Leigh £20

Mrs P Crook £20
Mrs I Hood £17.50

Mrs B Huntley £15
Mr B Massey £12.50

Mrs D Wadeson £10
Mr N Monk £10

The committee would like to thank all members for their continuing support.

Should anyone wish to purchase any Units which cost £10.00 each per year please contact Mrs Ashton on 01458 251877.





September 2018

Struggling through July and August in extreme heat it has been hard work to keep up with watering and dead heading. We have tried to keep our displays going for as long as possible.

Thank you to all our watering volunteers who water pots and troughs around the village every day sometimes twice a day. We could always use more offers of help no matter how much time you can spare.

Contact us on cribsomerset@gmail.com Tel 01458 762296

CRiB AGM

Our AGM will be held on Monday 10 September in the Chatham Room in the Village Hall. Starting at 7.30pm. everyone is welcome, come and hear about our efforts this year and our plans for next year, please come and share your ideas.

Poppies for Remembrance Day Knitted and home made

We are hoping to have hand knitted poppies and poppies made from plastic bottles on display around the village. To make a plastic poppy, cut any plastic bottle in half using scissors, then cut down to the base in four equal divisions, some bottles have a base with four dips in them so use those as a guide. Shape the petals, adjusting the length and flatten out your poppy, pressing the centre and petals into shape. Paint with red gloss paint, paint the middle black or glue on a black button. Use florist's or gardening wire to make a stem. Knitting Poppies. There is a good pattern at

www.harlow.gov.uk search for knitting pattern info sheet. You can search on line for other free patterns or ask Gina to provide a copy for you. If anyone has any suitable wool they would like to donate please let us know.

At Mrs McGregor's wool shop in Somerton they are selling a large red and black ball of wool for £3.50! Let's hope for a great display of poppies in the village leading to the war memorial.

More info in October's CRN



Next Year's colour scheme

Having had a colour scheme in the village for the last three years we thought it was time to have a riot of colour around the village, so for those of you who order plants and seeds early we hope this will be helpful.

Return of the Village Open Gardens 2019

CRiB would like to help to bring back the Village Open Gardens. This last took place in 2016 and we feel it should be kept going as it is a lovely, enjoyable village event that raises a lot of money for the village.

With this in mind we have arranged an Open Gardens meeting in the Chatham Room in the village hall on **Monday 24 September at 7.30 pm**. Please come and join in, you may have opened your garden to the public before or may be new to the village, you may just want to help on the day or sell tickets, plants or help with the cream teas! It was a very successful, well organised and well-run event so let's keep it going.

A provisional date for the event would be Saturday or Sunday June 8th or 9th 2019 but we would need to check this with the National Open gardens scheme to see what else is on in the area to avoid a clash.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

A Barbecue Summer?

At the end of July the Allotment Association held its Annual Barbecue on the Heale Lane Allotment site. We were all delighted to see rain back again after the long hot dry summer but felt that it might have held off for our BBQ weekend! Around 30 members and their friends defied the weather and fitted themselves into the marquee enjoying the get together.

A raffle was held which raised £40 for the Langport Food Bank.

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The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society (12A)

Friday 21 September



Based on the 2008 novel of the same name, this romantic comedy-drama about life and friendship is set in 1946. It tells of how a young London-based writer, Juliet Ashton (Lily James), begins exchanging letters with members of The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society about their experiences during World War II when their island was under Nazi occupation.

Juliet has the idea of writing a book based on the correspondence and decides to travel to Guernsey. There she meets members of the group who initially welcome her and treat her like a celebrity. As she conducts her research the story of the Society and its founder member begins to unfold.

Also stars: Michiel Huisman, Tom Courtney, Penelope Wilton, Jessica Brown Findlay, Katherine Parkinson & Matthew Goode.

Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Refreshments are on sale. Tickets £7 are available at the door. Don't forget we have our annual ticket for only £50 – saving you £20.

Coming Soon

The Happy Prince (15): The untold story of the last days in the tragic times of Oscar Wilde who observes his own failure and regards the difficulties that beset his life with detachment and humour.

We are also planning to have The Book Club, Swimming with Men and Mama Mia! Here We Go Again as future films.

U3A

Denise Clarke

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 28 September when Michael Malaghan will entertain us with "The Perils of Being a Writer".

SOMERTON U3A

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each.

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Fund Raising for the RNLI

Charity Lunch SUNDAY 23 September 12 noon – 2pm URC Hall (behind the Chapel)

Living in the middle of Somerset you may be forgiven for not paying too much attention to the RNLI - unless perhaps you visit the coast regularly or are a sailor yourself - however casting your minds back to the February-March floods of 2014 you may remember the involvement of the Burnham-on sea lifeboat locally ferrying folk to and from Muchelney. Established in 1824, the RNLI website puts their mission statement very simply: "with your support we save lives at sea". However it is not as simple as that. Alongside the provision of 24-hour volunteer lifeboat search and rescue the RNLI also provide beach lifeguards, are involved with water safety initiatives and flood rescue in the UK and Internationally.

Separate from the coast guard, independent of the Government, the RNLI relies on volunteers and supporters to function. In 2017 it cost £176.5 million to fund the 238 life boat stations, to train volunteer lifeboat men and women,

provide and keep shore facilities and equipment (from boots to boats) well-maintained, to train and provide lifeguards to patrol 249 beaches through the summer, plus responding to local and international flooding emergencies. Recognising the charitable status of the RNLI (and the part they played in the Somerset floods of February and March 2014) Curry Rivel URC have chosen to support "ordinary people doing these extraordinary things" by giving all monies donated at our Harvest Charity Lunch to the RNLI.

To that end we invite anyone wishing to help support and raise funds for the RNLI to lunch with us on **SUNDAY 23rd September** in the URC Hall between 12 noon - 2pm. 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.

Twinning News Quiz Night

The village twinning association kicks off the new season of fund raisers with one of their popular quiz nights. Winners of the last quiz, and holders of the coveted Chairman's Cup, will be setting the questions on **Saturday 29 September** at 7.30 in the village hall. Come with a team (maximum 6) or join with others on arrival. Cost of entry is £4 per person – bring your own refreshments.

2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between Curry Rivel and Chevilly here in Curry. We shall be welcoming a group of French friends in May to join us in celebrating the occasion. The Curry Rivel News will keep you up to date with the plans for that weekend and other social events in the coming months.

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Curry Rivel Past & Present

Last few copies on sale now at a reduced price!

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This fascinating book published by the Curry Rivel News Group in October 2014 draws 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 with images of the streets, houses, shops, churches and people going about their everyday lives between. Each 'old' photo is compared with a recent image of the same scene and charts the differences between 'now'

and 'then', some major and others imperceptible. Interesting captions add historical context.

Originally sold at a special village price of £7.95 this excellent book is now available at a sale price of only £5.

All proceeds from the sales will be made available in grant form to clubs, societies and institutions within the parish.

To get your copy contact the Curry Rivel News at curryrivelnews@gmail.com or pick up a copy in Living Pretty.



Inner Wheel Club

Dorothy Wadeson

By now many of you will have enjoyed your summer holiday either here or abroad. Many of our members go away at this time too but those of us still at home have not been idle.



In July, we invited Debbie from the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance to join us for lunch and tell us about this marvellous service. She was most interesting and informative and we all feel that should we or our friends or family ever need their help we could not be in better hands [or helicopter!].

The cost of funding this service is phenomenal and we are pleased that in having this as our President's charity for this our 70th year, we play a very small part in helping to keep the service in the air.

We did not have a meeting in August due to the holiday season but held a Cream and Strawberry Tea.

September heralds another good lunch and a talk by Trudie Henderson of the Nat West Bank telling us how to avoid being scammed.

For any ladies who might be interested in our club, we meet every 2nd Monday of the month for lunch at the Langport Arms, with a short meeting and usually another activity be it a speaker, a quiz or something else. If you ring Dorothy Wadeson on 01458 252648 she will give you more information.

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September

Sunday 2nd

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Short Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Worship

Wednesday 5th

2.45 pm **Immacolata House**
Residents' Communion

Thursday 6th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 9th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

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

6.00pm **FH** - Evening Prayer CW

Monday 10th

3.30 pm **CR School** - Messy
Church

Sunday 16th

8.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW

11.15 CR - All Age/Family Harvest
Holy Communion, followed by
bring & share lunch in the OSR

Thursday 20th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 23rd

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

11.00 **FH** - Holy Communion CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Harvest Evensong BCP

Sunday 30th

10.00 **SW** - United Benefice

Holy Communion CW

October

Thursday 4th

10.30 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Scott's spot

An imperfect church

'If you ever find a perfect church do not join it, because you would spoil it!'



Get the idea? I'm not sure who it was who said that originally but I rather like it. It was perhaps said first to those people who 'church hop' from one fellowship to another when they find something they don't like about the church they're in. Perhaps it's the form of service, the hymns or songs, the use (or non-use) of an organ or choir, the people there or the vicar or minister.

Well in reality a church can never be perfect because a church is a gathering of imperfect, sinful, human beings. However, this truth should not lead us into complacency, shrugging our shoulders and just accepting things as they are. No. Christians are people who are followers of Jesus, and to be followers means we must follow, turning to him for our needs. This means that with God's help, through the gift of his Holy Spirit living in us and by his word (the Bible) to guide us, we aim always to be growing as the people he wants us to be. So in our arsenal we can draw upon God's Word to guide us and his Spirit within. But there is something else too, the challenging recognition that Jesus wants us to be followers **together**, a part of his church.

Scott's spot ctd . . .

Has it been a while since you have been to church? It is absolutely true that you do not have to go to church to be a Christian, but on the other hand a Christian is a follower of Jesus, and Jesus expected his followers to follow, not on their own, but together as a church family. His intention was that his people could then encourage one another, teach one another, challenge one another, support one another, love one another, serve one another, and so on.

Perhaps this September, as a fresh school year begins, you are considering a return to church; perhaps you've been thinking about this for some time but have felt unsure, somehow 'not good enough'. If so, please be reassured and encouraged. If you know yourself to be less than perfect, then you can be sure of a warm welcome at our imperfect church.

With blessings and prayer for you, your family and our community,

Revd. Scott Patterson.

Craft & Coffee

From **9th October** and on the following 2nd Tuesdays of the month, a new event called '**Craft & Coffee**' will take place in the Old School Room, from 10 am until 12 noon. On the 9th there will be a craft workshop.

In the following months people are invited to bring their own craft work to share their knowledge and expertise with others.

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



Rotas September

Brass - Julia Gauler

Flowers

1st & 8th - Angela Cole

16th - Harvest

22nd & 29th - Adrienne Holmes

Cleaning

1st - Liz Rendell

8th - Jackie & John de Ronde

15th - Nicky Barker

22nd - Lynne Comley

29th - Lyn Cotterill



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 Baptisms

We welcome into God's church.

22nd July - Huson Kurle Reeks

29th July - Emma Obern,

Reggie and Thomas Obern

4th August - Henry Treasure

Harvest at St. Andrew's

This year's Harvest celebration at St. Andrew's will be a **bring and share lunch** in the Old School Room on

Sunday 16th September
after the 11.15 All Age/Family Service.



No tickets required - just come and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you.



"Don't write about me".



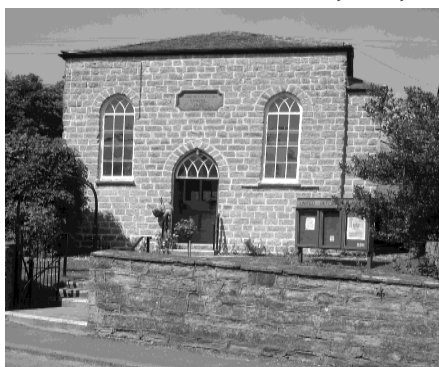
I had just shared my intention to go and write the **Pillowtalk** column. "But it's always been about or inspired by you."
"Well at least don't write anything embarrassing."

Anything embarrassing: with a teenager that's quite a tough call – everything seems at some point to be embarrassing: my getting on the school bus ("don't ever do that again; that was soooo embarrassing!"), public shows of affection ("you're embarrassing me"), getting cool & down with her friends (definite no no). It's sort of amusing.

However, the dictionary definition is more sobering: **embarrass** verb to make (someone) feel shy, ashamed, or guilty about something. These are not emotions I wish to engender within my daughter; being shy, ashamed or guilty are not comfortable places to be – leading potentially to awkwardness, anxiety or having a 'bad feeling' about oneself. These are not what I wish for her.

As much as I have enjoyed writing this column over the years (around 6 years or so now), perhaps now really is the time to stop before it becomes uncomfortable and simply too embarrassing for my daughter.

Pillowtalk has provided a wonderful opportunity to see and explore the world through a child's eyes; to witness my own growing through her challenges; to reflect on how her rites of passage have been transitions for me too; to come to understand my own mother in the light of being a mother myself; to catch my breath at the depth and simplicity of a child's wisdom – to fully appreciate the phrase 'out of the mouth of babes';

United Reformed Church**September**

(Services start at 10.30 am)

Sunday 2nd - Uniting with Langport URC, Bow Street - Rev Brian Willetts

Sunday 9th - Rev Evelyn Ridout

Sunday 16th - Rev Ken Coles

Sunday 23rd - Mrs Jo Morlings

Also Harvest thanksgiving
Harvest Charity Lunch 12noon – 2pm
Sunday 30th - to be arranged

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

URC Minister: whilst Rev. Tim Richards is on sabbatical, for any Church business please contact Rev. Rowena Francis 01749 679300.

Pillow talk ctd.

whilst her growing and moving through her ever-expanding world challenges, grows and demands I make good sense of my belief in God (the source of all Being, the Divine, our Higher Power, the mystery of Love beyond it all) in the light of the Question 'what difference does my belief make to how we live and grow together as human beings experiencing full and abundant living' and how I communicate that to her.

Thank you to those who have expressed their appreciation of my musings over the years – I feel I have been indulged. As I reread them what I do know is I have been blessed. Thank you and thank you to my daughter.

The end.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING
@ THE URC

All are Welcome.

Sunday 23 September 10.30

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Donated produce at this service will be taken to the **Open Door** Charity based in Taunton. Open Door work to relieve need, hardship, distress or poverty by providing shelter and associated services including meals. Fresh produce, toiletries, packets & tins gratefully received.

Also, on Sunday 23 September
CHARITY LUNCH

12 noon – 2pm URC Hall
(behind the Chapel)

Our chosen charity this year is the **Royal National Lifeboat Institute; the RNLI**. Established in 1824, the RNLI website puts their mission statement very simply: with your support we save lives at sea. This they achieve through the provision of a 24-hour volunteer lifeboat search and rescue, lifeguards, water safety initiatives and flood rescue in the UK and Internationally. Separate from the coast guard, independent of the Government, the RNLI relies on volunteers and supporters to function. In 2017 it cost £ 176.5 million to fund the 238 life boat stations, to train volunteer lifeboat men and women, provide and keep shore facilities and equipment well-maintained, to train and provide lifeguards to patrol 249 beaches through the summer, plus responding to local and international flooding emergencies. Recognising the charitable status of the RNLI (and the part they played in the Somerset floods of February and March 2014) Curry Rivel URC have chosen to support these ordinary people to do these extraordinary things by giving all monies donated at our Harvest Lunch to the RNLI. We invite anyone wishing to help us raise funds for the RNLI to lunch with us on **SUNDAY 23 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.

**please note our lunch is on Sunday (not Saturday as in previous years).*

CLIMB A WALL OR TICKLE A SNAKE

Loads to do at the Kids' Free Fun Event...

Kaye Morgan

A study by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy reveals 49% of kids between the ages of five to 11 have never climbed a tree. Well, we can't promise a tree to climb at this year's annual Curry Rivel Kids' Free Fun Event on 15 September at the Primary School, but we can supply a 25ft wall to scale. For the last nine years this has been the most popular of the many events, providing good exercise and encouraging mental agility.

There will be a new attraction to test the skill and concentration of youngsters with 'Beat the Buzzer'. Other firm favourites include a vast array of Reptiles, 44 foot Obstacle Course and slide, balloon modelling, face-painting, outdoor cooking experience, soft play area, painting and other nursery activities. Friends of the Primary School will be laying

on refreshments for the parents whilst their children are enjoying themselves.

Curry Rivel Parish Council, the Curry Rivel News, Cllr Derek Yeomans and South Somerset County Council have been regular sponsors of the events, villager Wendy Devereux is welcomed as a new sponsor of the reptiles. If there is anyone out there who would like to lend a hand with fundraising from local companies – the job is yours. Contact me on either kayemogan@greenbee.net or 01458 253255.



Flower Show Winners

Derek Annetts Cup (Decorative)	Lynsey Colebrook
Steve James Cup (Men only)	Robert Atkins
The Pemberton Cup (Homemade)	Josephine Washington
Mike Fussell Cup (Fruit)	Steve Allinson
Neville Monk Cup (Vegetables)	Dennis Williams
George Woodrow Plate (Flowers)	Kevin Loe
Anne Hembrow Cup (Painting)	Lynne Elliot
Curry Rivel News Cup (Photography)	Scott Fisher
Orchid Cup	Anne Hembrow
Fuchsia Cup	Carolyn Heal
Top Tray	Richard Tilley
Top Vase	Annette Stein

Report from Anne Hembrow - Chairman

Despite the weather this year the Curry Rivel Flower Show was a success. The villagers had worked hard and even though it was a very hot afternoon they still came and supported us. Our grateful thanks to Ed Pratt and his family who donated a huge fruit cake towards funds. I would also like to thank the committee for all their hard work and the team of helpers who came along on the day. From the funds raised I am pleased to report a cheque will be going towards the purchase of another defibrillator for the village. Tim Schroder presented the prizes.

see page 16 for photos by Mike Mason

In September

Regular Events



MONDAY	9.45	Art Club	Village Hall
6.00	Pilates	Primary School	
6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport	
TUESDAY	10.30	Dancing Classes	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall	
5.45 -8pm	Pilates	Primary School	
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport	
6.30	Guides	URC Hall	
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridgway Hall	
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall, L'port	
7.30	Tuesday Group (3rd only)	Drayton Village Hall	
WEDNESDAY	9.30	Mother and Baby Group	Village Hall
7.00	Dancing Classes	Village Hall	
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport	
7.30	Bell Ringing	St Andrew's	
THURSDAY	9.30 -11am	Parent, Baby & Toddler Group (Term time only)	Primary School Hall
10.00	WI	(2nd only)	Village Hall
1.30 - 3.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall	
4.30	Rainbows	Village Hall	
4.30	Brownies	Village Hall	
7.30	Parish Council	(1st only)	Village Hall
FRIDAY	9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Cinema Night	(3rd only)	Village Hall

Special Events

Sun	9	8.30	Big Breakfast	Village Hall
Mon	10	7.30	CR in Bloom AGM	Village Hall
Sat	15	1.00	Kids Free Play Event	Primary School
Sat	15	7.00	Concert	St Andrew's
Sun	23	12.00	RNLI Lunch	URC Hall
Mon	24	7.30	Open Gardens	Village Hall
Sat	29	7.30	Quiz Evening	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

Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

Social

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	252146
Royal British Legion	251280
Twinning Association	251432
Women's Institute	259688
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
PROBUS	252545
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	253953
Get Together Club	251773
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 741606
Inner Wheel	252648
Tuesday Group	252657/252022

Arts

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Dancing Classes	07730 755203
Art Club	253126

Community Facilities

Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	741606
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Lettings etc.	259391
URC Minister	01749 679300

Community Services

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500

Education

Little Pips	252822
Primary School	251404
Huish Episcopi Academy	250501
Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre	251055

Local Authorities

Parish Council (Clerk) m.ludgate@btinternet.com)	251432
District Council	01935 462462
County Council	0300 123 2224

Religious

Church of England Rector	251375
Lay Reader	01460 281555
Churchwarden	259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
United Reformed Church Minister	252799



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