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We will walk 500 miles, and we will walk 47 more! *Angus Crosbie*

On the 21st July 2020, Michael Rea, James Lamb and I set off for a month-long walking tour to raise money for CLIC Sargent.

Starting in Minehead, we have been taking on the South West Coastal Path, stopping at Land's End and heading back along the South Coast and through my home town of Curry Rivel, before finishing at our second home, the University of Bath. Anyone who knows us will agree that we are far from highly trained endurance athletes and so with this in mind, we thought it would be a great idea to throw ourselves around this 547-mile adventure in just 31 days. Brave, we know!

Armed with just a tent, a can of beans and some sturdy footwear we will have been attempting an average of 20 miles of walking per day around some of the UK's most beautiful and exposed coastlines. This seriously ambitious (and slightly crazy) feat, is all in aid of CLIC Sargent, a charity that is very close to my heart.

In 2006 my brother Ewan passed away just before his 10th birthday, after a long battle with leukaemia. During his time at The Bristol Children's Hospital, Ewan and my whole family

were supported by CLIC Sargent. CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity that provides vital support for children, young people and their families. We want to raise as much money as possible to help this organisation continue to do fantastic work for families and children who really need it.



Angus, Michael and James arrive in Curry Rivel

At the time of writing, we have just completed our fourth week on the road – 486 miles (or 18.5 marathons) and 19,537m of climb (just 2.21 Mount Everests) so far, with just two days walking still to go. We are so grateful to have already raised over £12,500 for this brilliant charity and we are determined to raise as much money as we possibly can. We have been overwhelmed by the support of our friends and family – and we are so thankful to have received such kind donations and feedback from an array of different people from different communities, including from many local businesses here in Somerset. It is amazing to see that, even in these more testing times, community spirit and generosity still shine through proudly.

We are determined to do everything that we can to continue to raise awareness and support CLIC Sargent. A donation of any size is incredible, and each penny raised through our adventure will contribute and help to make a difference to the lives of those who need it.

To read more about our challenge, CLIC Sargent and make a donation, visit our JustGiving page at:

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and to see what we got up to and how we got on on our crazy adventure, find us on Instagram @thirtyonethirstydays



**Angus, Michael and James
by the War Memorial**

Curry Rivel in Bloom

Gina Beauchamp



In August Gina and Laraine had a very good meeting with Sarah Scarborough who had some great ideas and will hopefully make the CRiB website more accessible. Thank you, Sarah.

As we couldn't do the Front garden competition this year we thought that if you send in photos of your garden or a project in your garden that you have begun since February, to us at cribsomerset@gmail.com we could put them on our website for everyone to see.

War Memorial 100th Anniversary.

Curry Rivel war memorial was commissioned and built in 1920, so the first memorial service held there was in November 1920. Crib would like to repeat the poppy trail that we did from the church to the war memorial in 2018. We had many poppies knitted by villagers, some of which we still have available to reuse, but we would like more please! If you need a pattern either google one or contact Gina, email as above. Poppies made from plastic bottles were very effective. Read below for instructions to make some!

Use any plastic drinks bottle; tonic and soda water bottles are a good size. Cut off the top third of the bottle, then cut down from the rim to the base of the bottle in 5 equal sections to make the petals. Flatten out the base of the

bottle, you can adjust each petal. Trim off the tops to make them rounded and paint with red gloss paint on both sides, when that is dry paint in the black centre. Use thick garden wire to make a stem at least 30 cm long.

Thank you to all our waterers all around the village who keep our displays looking lovely. We are looking for someone who could water the war memorial and Granny's garden on a Wednesday.

Contact Gina for more details.

Open Gardens. 2021?

We don't know yet if it will be safe or permissible to hold our village Open Gardens next year. I have emailed those who took part in 2019 to ask for their views on holding the event safely - or at all. If you would be interested in

opening your garden for this event, please contact Gina. The proceeds raised last time were shared between the two churches, the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and the village school to help with the costs of school trips and for gardening equipment for the school Garden Club and Forest school.

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Parish Council Shorts

Tony Greenaway

Here is a quick summary of discussions and decisions from the Parish Council meeting held on 6th August 2020 by video conference.

The minutes from the 2nd July meeting were formally approved and were posted on the website.

The appointment of an Interim Clerk was also approved and is to take immediate effect.

The audit of the annual accounts was approved as was the payment of the invoice to the auditors.

The Speed Indicator Devices are now up and running. However, the batteries will require periodic changing and the Council is seeking a volunteer(s) to maintain the two devices. The council has received some Section 106 monies in respect of buildings at Westfield and are seeking ideas on what improvements/additions could be made to the facilities. Also on Westfield, a young member of the community raised the matter of littering and the council is considering what action it can take there, including removing some hedge so that the bin in the car park is more visible. On a wider note the Council wishes to remind all users of Westfield and other

public sites in Curry Rivel of the need to use the bins provided or to take their litter home for disposal.

Some vandalism to the water supply inspection has been carried out and a lot of water wasted as a result. The cost of repairs and wasted water will be borne by the Community.

If you see vandalism or anti-social behaviour please report it to the Council via email newbyld19@hotmail.co.uk.

The Council formally approved the purchase of a licence so that meetings and other business can continue by video.

The Council approved the purchase of a computer for the Community Website.

Discussions about parking restrictions in and around the High Street, school and The Green were put back as a future agenda item.

The Council has an opportunity to make a bid under Somerset's Climate Emergency Fund. The Council invites suggestions from the Community for consideration.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 3rd September.

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Carrying on with the WI *Carolyn Paton*

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Following the weeks/months of relying on virtual contact by phone and other means, the WI decided that real life contact was in order, and so a number of members assembled on the green in Curry Rivel early in July. Dressed in clothing appropriate to a rather damp and gloomy afternoon and bearing fold-up chairs, about a dozen people ensconced themselves - socially distanced of course - in readiness for an afternoon in pleasant company. It was a particular pleasure to have the doyenne of our Institute among us, braving the less than glorious weather.

There essential catching-up took place as news and views were exchanged, to the pleasure and satisfaction of the participants.

The following week, with some crossover of personnel, an energetic group set off on a local walk in and around Curry Rivel and Drayton enjoying re-acquainting themselves with some of the multiplicity of paths available within the district. Appreciation of the summer fields, hedgerows and gardens came easily as they crossed a field of flax flowers hazed over with blue and were (almost) tempted by a laden hedgerow apple tree, as well as admiring the Drayton gardens in front of the old stone homes. This exercise was repeated in August

though on a different route, on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year. Undaunted, another walk is planned for the 30 September.

In the meanwhile, the August meeting took place on the green, 15 members attending, and one for September is envisaged on a date to be arranged. A gathering via Zoom is to be held on Thursday 10th at 11.00am.

In the absence of speaker-focused meetings in the Village Hall, the County Federation has made available a wide variety of talks and demonstrations via the internet, thereby opening up the world to the membership in a different way. There have been some good reports on these from those who have taken advantage of these propositions.

Quite when meetings in the Hall will be practical for the WI as a whole is currently a moot point.

Despite the current conditions, members agree that the support and sense of belonging that comes from membership of the WI is alive and well.

Somerset's wonderful wildlife *Nigel Grinsted*

Britain's loudest bird is booming

In the Spring, on various locations on the Levels, you may be lucky to hear a very deep booming sound. You will have found a male bittern which is a member of the heron family. "While you may have located a bittern, the chances of you seeing it are low" said Mark Blake who is Senior Reserves Manager at Somerset Wildlife Trust. "You may have heard the male bittern calling to his mate but while he wants to be found by his potential mate, he doesn't want to be found by you" Mark said.

They are quite large birds, but their brown markings mean they merge into the reed dominated flora. The SWT believe there are now 36 on the Levels currently and they have been breeding here since 2008. "The Bittern's stronghold in the UK is the East Anglian fens but, while their numbers had reduced at the end of the 20th century, over the past decade they have made a good recovery including their breeding here in the Somerset Levels" Mark said. Their boom has been recorded as the loudest of any British bird. But don't bother listening for Bitterns now because once they've mated the males stop booming and you'll need to wait until late winter or Spring next year. You can find out more at the Somerset Wildlife Trust site:

<https://www.somersetwildlife.org/>



Booming bittern: very loud but very shy

Curry Rivel News

Jane Hamlin

The Curry Rivel News is delivered free of charge to every home in the village by a dedicated group of volunteers who value this publication and wish to ensure that everyone in our community can enjoy it too. It does not create itself and so I am grateful to the others in the Curry Rivel News Group who give up so much of their time to make it the success it is.

There is also one other group that I need to thank. These are the advertisers who pay to be featured in our pages and enable the Curry Rivel News to exist. Please give your support to these businesses when you can. Some months, the cost of production is less than the advertising revenue and this enables us to assist other groups in our community with modest grants to help them with the valuable work that they do for others. Recently we were able to make a financial donation to the Curry Rivel Community Support Group's Food Bank as our contribution to their important work.



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Litter

John Casebourne

I read with interest Lily Gallaway's request for more litter bins for our village areas.

I moved here on 23rd March 2020 and it really is a fabulous place to live. There are so many beautiful country walks and the people I have met have all been very welcoming.

Sadly, like Lily, I really can't understand the mindset of those people who trash our area with litter so here are a few facts;

TO DECOMPOSE IT TAKES

- Orange peel and banana skins – up to 2 years..... and just because it's natural doesn't mean it's not litter
- Cigarette butts – up to 2 years
- Plastic bags – 10-20 years
- Tin cans – 50 years
- Aluminium cans – 80-100 years
- Plastic bottles – they can last forever
- Glass – does not degrade
- * Crisp packets - 75 - 80 years

**DO THE RIGHT THING....
RECYCLE IT!OR BIN IT!**

It's our civic responsibility.

Like Lily as I pick up litter, most of what I collect is as above. The photograph shows what I collected on a walk from Currywoods Way to the bridge at Langport in early August. Those people who chuck it aren't often aware that substantial fines can be handed out to offenders when caught and as petty as it may appear to some, that includes cigarette ends which can lie around for 2 years or more, degrading our countryside along with the rest of the litter and encouraging others to do the same.

Of course, it's not only some people who live in our community that dump litter. Other people in passing vehicles find it all too easy to open the window and lob their rubbish out onto the highway. And just when

you think you are squeaky clean it's classed as fly tipping if you put your garden waste into a hedgerow, and what about the dog poo left in bags, thrown into the ditches, or left hanging on gates and fences, or not being collected up at all!

We are also responsible for ensuring that we make every effort to re-cycle and follow the requests from SSDC. That includes making sure our re-cycling bins are packed correctly and do as much as we can to stop our rubbish blowing out of the boxes. It is also the responsibility of the SSDC to ensure that the re-cycling bins are fit for purpose, and there is no doubt that as far as wind is concerned, a rethink should be on the cards. Lids don't solve that problem as they break easily.

We all live in a beautiful part of England so let us all contribute to



keeping it that way. Direct your suggestions to the Parish Council they are there for a reason as are our County Councillors.

And just in case you feel that you can't make any difference, just think how much difference one mosquito can make in a room full of people.



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Letter to the Editor

Thank You!

Our regular Thursday evenings clapping the front-line workers of the NHS was clearly well-deserved praise and thanks for our healthcare workers and I joined in with wholehearted support for them all.

However, locally I feel that we must not forget the staff of our local One Stop Shop, who have worked under very difficult conditions. They have worked throughout the pandemic lockdown, seen a greater number of shoppers than usual and ensured that there was food available for all of us, as shelves were emptied as fast as they could fill them.

I was met with smiles and good humour whenever I visited the shop and they made shopping a pleasure. I'm not sure that I remembered to thank them at the time and later questioned whether I took them for granted.

My most sincere thanks to Alex and her team of staff. You kept us going in Curry Rivel and provided, without complaint, an invaluable service to our village.

Ginny Smith.



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Curry Rivel Health Walks Have Restarted!!!

Andrew Jordan

South Somerset District Council have allowed Health Walks to restart, under the Covid19 social distancing rules currently recommended by the government. The walks will take place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, meeting at Curry Rivel Green at 10.15 for 10.30 start. Dates for September – 2nd and 16th.

The walks are generally level and we walk for an hour covering about 2 miles. We will all follow the 2 metre social distancing rule at all times, so please endeavour to keep 2 metres apart whilst waiting at the Green or walking. You may wish to bring masks, gloves, sanitisers, that's up to the individual.

If any of our Health Walkers have been shielding over the last few months, please join us at your discretion. We will all use our common sense on our walks and hopefully the current restrictions will not impact on our enjoyment.

SSDC have indicated that only existing registered Health Walkers are to join the walks for now, so **no new starters** I'm afraid.

Please contact the Health Walk leader Andrew Jordan if you have any questions - 01458 250725

And finally, most importantly - please **don't join us** if you are feeling at all ill.

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TUESDAY GROUP

Barbara Lancey

Well, our Group Committee met for the first time since lockdown, socially distanced of course, and discussed how we saw the months ahead. While Village Halls are now allowed to be used, we are concerned that a social group such as ours would be difficult to operate on several levels, most notably the responsibility on a few is quite extensive with the exceptional but necessary requirements for cleaning, spacing, monitoring, and record keeping before and after hirings, and we have many members in the vulnerable category, and many who are not yet confident or able to meet indoors. Ours is a social gathering that meets for two hours, once a month, and not an event you pop into for brief moments.

The Committee felt, therefore, that it would be too big a responsibility to take on at the moment for just two hours once a month. So we have advised our members that meetings in Drayton Village Hall will not recommence for the foreseeable future. We will, however, definitely review the situation in the Spring and hope for a new 'normal' that makes our meetings possible again.

While this is very sad, the 'TG Times' has allowed us all to keep in touch, and though the publication was on a break during August, if contributions continue to come in, it will surely resume! Whatever happens, we will continue to keep in touch with our members, who are important to us.

To entertain you, here are a couple of articles from the TG Times:

"My little garden is my haven, no one tells me what I can and cannot plant, I love to potter with secateurs in my hand dead heading and snipping back where stuff is getting out of hand. Never quite sure if it is the 'right time' to cut back, I do it any way, remembering how my Granny used to talk to her plants saying 'you have two choices'." (JP)

"We have a pigeon nesting in the apple tree with 2 white eggs. A pigeon pair of course.

This reminded me of growing up on a farm where my mother kept chickens and Muscovy ducks.

We had an outside privy as many farmhouses did. A wooden seat with one big hole and a slightly lower and smaller one for the children, on a piece of rope hung a wad of neatly cut out squares of The Daily Mail.

Built onto the back was another privy which had been turned into the duck house. Three ducks were ruled by one drake called 'Dead-Eyed-Dick', a fearsome creature to us small children and we kept well away. Every year the three ducks laid their eggs together in the duck house presumably taking turns to incubate them, first wallowing in the water container then rearranging the eggs before settling their damp feathers over them." (LD)

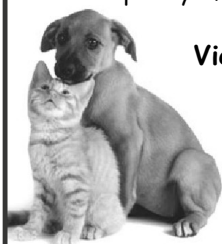
.....and finally:

"Maybe when social distancing is a thing of the past, we'll hug a little harder, hold on a little longer, and remember that nothing matters more than the time we spend with the people we love." (Lori Deschene)



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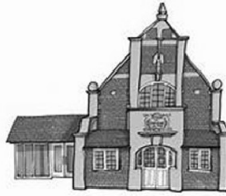
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Roger Hampton



Over recent weeks the Curry Rivel Village Hall committee volunteers have made preparations for the safe re-opening of the hall to make it COVID SECURE.

Advice has been taken from HM Government, ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and our Insurers, to ensure that we comply with the rules and guidance provided.

Many changes have been made so that the hall is COVID SECURE; including installing 3 Automatic Hand Sanitisers, various signs, floor markings, and procedures, as well as a daily very thorough clean.

We are welcoming groups back to the hall. We also understand that all Clubs and Organisations are different in terms of size, age profile and other risks, and should you want to discuss any concerns or issues about the Hall re-opening then please call 01458 741606.

Sedgemoor Gardens Club

Zooming into Autumn! *Sylvia Goodenough*

The committee are determined to keep the club flourishing and are working hard to ensure members can safely enjoy a series of interesting talks this autumn. We are in discussion with our speakers about doing their talks on Zoom instead of in the Covid -insecure All Saints Hall. Most of them are fine with this, and John is working to firm up the programme with just a few changes. Those members who do not have internet access are not forgotten and we hope you may be able to go to other member's houses to watch. Our plan is to hold a practice meeting on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm, with email invitations being sent to all last year's members and anyone else who is thinking of joining us and who provides an email address. This will be a chance to chat and check everyone is happy with getting into a Zoom meeting. Our first meeting with a talk will be the week after - Sylvia will talk

on "Sex before flowers", with a short AGM to follow. If members are happy with this they will be asked to pay their annual subscription (as last year) before being given a membership card which shows our full programme and gives access to the usual perks, including free competition bulbs (delivery will be arranged) and discounts at local garden centres and shops. Only subscribing members will be invited to further talks, but we are working on a way in which non-members interested in a particular talk could pay for one-off access. Keep up to date with the programme on our website at www.sedgemoorgardens.simplesite.co.uk We expect that the Daffodil Festival 2021 in March will go ahead, also our coach trip to Exbury in May and we will look forward to seeing all our members "in the flesh" at the beginning of 2021!

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Gemma, Jo and Trinity

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Bridge Cycle Club

Tony van Bergenhenegouwen

You may remember that our new Cycle Club was mentioned in the last issue of the Curry Rivel News. We have had a good response. Our first ride on the 1st August to Merriott Feed Station had seven riders and our second ride to Sweets Tearooms near Wedmore on the 8th August had eight riders. We have received a number of other enquiries from various people that hope to be joining us in the near future.

The meeting point is in the Bridge Canteen (next to the cycle shop) by the bridge in Langport on Saturday mornings. Contact Brian Manning: 07763 878032 or email: briansetten@gmail.com for more details.

Caring for Graves

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The draw this summer raised £435 for the upkeep of the Village Hall and we would like to thank all members of the 200 Club for their support. If you would like the opportunity of winning one of these amazing prizes in the next draw, please contact Hazel on 07730 755203.



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

Church opening for private prayer

Please note that St. Andrew's is open for private prayer on **Wednesdays thru Saturdays from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.**

September Services

Sunday 6th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service
10.45 **FH** - Short Communion CW
6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP
11.00 **CR** - Holy Communion CW

Sunday 20th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship CW
11.00 **CR** - All Age Family service
11.45 **CR** - Holy Communion CW

Sunday 27th

9.30 **FH** - Holy Communion CW
11.00 **CR** - Holy Communion CW

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel
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SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

Please be advised that due to continuing uncertainties due to Covid-19 related measures, short notice changes to the above may be necessary. Therefore, for details regarding opening / closure of the church or the services, please also see the information on the notice board in the churchyard by the Green or in the church porch.

View without a Pew

Adapting and re-connecting

By Carolyn Paton

We've all had to learn rather abruptly how life without our usual connections with people - close or otherwise - affects us. Humans adapt - of course they do, and rapidly other ways of linking up with others came to the fore once we entered the era of Covid. We began to spend much longer in front of screens and phones for both work, social contacts, and for some, for shopping purposes. For many, this was the only way to see family and friends and we were grateful for it.

What now? Well, constraints have eased somewhat and we can go out and about with greater freedom - masked of course in some circumstances. Limits as to what can happen safely are being tested and everyone is on a learning curve.

Very many people have re-connected with nature under our changed circumstances and watched spring, summer and now almost autumn unfold under our newly appreciative eyes and ears. Even though traffic has now resumed its charge through our village, maybe our re-tuned ears can still discern the bird calls we have learned to listen out for, and maybe to recognise. And how the hedgerows have developed, and crops have grown! It has had a restorative, calming and even healing effect as we have noticed and appreciated our outside environment. Personal worries can recede as Nature reveals itself.

The need to adapt can cause consternation and uncertainty, and yet in it we learn new things about ourselves; our strengths, our vulnerabilities, and how we can move forward in new circumstances. Maybe we can re-build our world in new and more sustainable ways. Maybe working conditions need not be entirely work-place based. Maybe the kindness and helpfulness shown as people go out of their way to minister to others can be channelled into long-term schemes.

View without a pew ctd . . .

I am reminded of the early Christians who were for the most part, Jews who had long waited for their Messiah to come, and who were sure that this Jesus whom they recognised as 'the one', had come to save them as God's people. The release from the consequences of their own sin and failure to live Godly lives, this Good News, was, in their thinking, for them alone. It was a shock that affronted some, to learn that the salvation offered by God in Jesus was for all mankind!

Ah, but it entailed up-turning long established routines and rules; it could be costly. What! No need for circumcision? No need for dietary rules? No need to buy animals for sacrifice in atonement for sins? It involved accepting foreigners on an equal footing as brothers and sisters in the faith, and even as co-workers whose contribution was as valid as that of the first Jewish converts. Revolutionary stuff! It involved understanding a new pattern of living, as Christians looked closely at what Jesus had said and at how he lived out his earthly life. It involved adapting. It involved a new relationship with God.

So - let us look for positives in our own changed situation; let us adapt and learn, let us seek out the spiritual dimension, and open our hearts to the possibility of God's love for us, even in a world saddened by loss and pain. How? There are plenty of people who have discovered the open secret that is faith in Jesus, God made man. Many of those people are to be found in our Churches - they may be your neighbours. Ask them about it. The secret's for sharing.

St. Andrew's Rotas September Flowers

5th - Annette Stein
12th - Adrienne Holmes
19th - Wedding
26th - Sue Randell

Cleaning

5th - Liz Rendell
12th - Lynne Comley
19th - Tina Geary
26th - Wendy Graves



St. Andrew's Church Annual meetings

In view of their suspension due to Covid-19, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) to elect Churchwardens, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), with reports about church life; PCC proceedings; the church's financial affairs over 2019, and election of new PCC members and representatives to the Deanery Synod, will now be held on

Monday 12th October 7.30 pm
in St. Andrew's Church

St. Andrew's Church Electoral Roll - review

This year sees the annual **review** of the Electoral Roll (ER). Anyone who wishes to be registered on the ER will need to **submit an application form (this does NOT apply to current ER-members)**.

Only when registered on the ER is someone entitled to attend the APCM and participate in its proceedings (incl. voting) or to stand for election to the PCC, Deanery Synod or as Churchwarden.

Application forms need to be submitted **no later than 20th September**. They are available from the ER Officer (details on the notice board in the church porch).

This may be an opportunity to become more closely involved in the management of your church.

LOCAL FOODBANK - STILL GOING ! -

If you are someone who would benefit from a food parcel in this way, please email the CRCSG (Curry Rivel Community Support Group) at:

help@curryrivel.org.uk or call the dedicated telephone number

07716 79 2760.

All contact will be in the strictest confidence and all data destroyed once this emergency situation is over.

Donations for the Food Bank are gratefully received on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 - 1.00pm at the United Reformed Church.

United Reformed Church



September

(Services start at 10.30)

Sunday 6th - Service via Zoom

Sunday 13th - Service via Zoom

Sunday 20th - Rev Brian Milloy

Sunday 27th - Rev Tim Richards
(incl. Holy Communion)

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.

* During restrictions due to Covid-19 the serving of tea/coffee after the service is suspended but please take the opportunity to meet with each other adhering to the recommended social distance of 2m as best you can.

URC Minister: Rev Tim Richards
01458 252799

N.B. September 6th and 13th will be Zoom Services to which all are very welcome; if you haven't joined us in that way before and would like to, please email Steve Beney at stevebeney@yahoo.co.uk

Having explored & got used to using an on-line platform, we have been heartened by the opportunity to worship with folk further afield or those still unable to physically get to services - encouraged by this we are working towards being able to livestream Sunday worship so that this wider fellowship can continue beyond our walls and beyond the restrictions imposed by Covid-19.

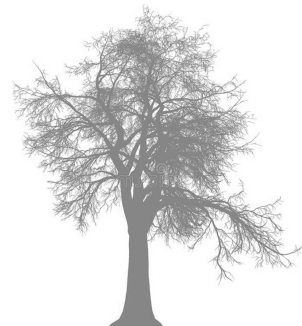
Returning to worship in our Chapel building.

At a Zoom Church meeting in July it was decided that, if after undertaking the necessary risk assessment we could meet its requirements, and also dependant on preachers willing to lead face to face services, we were ready to return to using our Chapel building for services from September.

After 5 months of gathering 'remotely' - drawn together from our lounges, conservatories, kitchen tables, home offices - we are returning to gather in person but without the handshakes or hugs (possibly the very things some of us have missed most - human touch).

To meet the Government's health risk requirements things will look & feel a bit different: an initial deep clean will take place before re-opening and then going forward, rather than gathering to chat on arrival:

- there can only be 2 people in the lobby at any time;
- hand sanitiser will be available on entering the building;
- masks are to be worn (except by those exempt);
- contact details of attendees will be taken for each service and kept for 21 days for the sole purpose of track & trace;
- there will be a one-way system through the chapel;
- each person/household will have their own designated pew (including one for visitors);
- please bring your own hymn book (though there will be no congregational singing of hymns) & Bible to avoid cross contamination;
- individuals will be asked to place their financial offering on a table themselves.



Children's Page



Just For KIDS

Ash Trees

Ash Tree Facts

There are approximately 150 million mature ash trees in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales and over 2.2 billion trees including saplings.

Almost 1000 species use ash including wood mice, liverworts, wrens, blue tits, bats, lichens, fungi and beetles. Bullfinches will eat ash keys in winter when food is scarce. The caterpillars of many kinds of moth feed on ash leaves.



A sad fact is that all ash trees are under threat from a new disease called ash dieback, also known as Chalara dieback. This is a disease caused by a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* which may kill 95% of our ash trees soon.

There is hope on the horizon. Initial findings suggest that we might have some trees that are tolerant to ash dieback, meaning that the population could eventually recover over time (likely over 50 years).

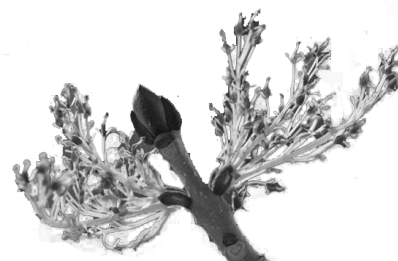
How you can help

- Clean your shoes before and after visiting a wood.
- Avoid taking cuttings or plant material from the countryside.
- Wash your car or bike wheels to remove mud or plant matter.

How to identify an Ash Tree

Spring:

In spring ash flowers appear from the black buds, they are a purple, green and yellow and small clusters of leaves begin to appear. Ash trees are dioecious (there are separate male and female trees). Male and female flowers typically grow on different trees, although a single tree can also have male and female flowers on different branches.



Summer:

In summer trees are in full leaf. Leaves are made up of small leaflets on either side of a long stem. Female trees will have large bunches of ash keys (seeds) that hang from the branches in clumps.



Autumn:

In autumn ash trees are amongst the first trees to lose their leaves. The leaves often fall while still green.



Winter:

In winter ash trees are identifiable by their thick curving, grey twigs in opposite pairs and the small black velvety buds that appear at the ends. Ash bark is pale grey and it is increasingly host to a variety of lichen.

WARNING

All the below events are subject to cancellation at short notice due to the Corona virus epidemic please contact each group for details.....Keep well, Keep safe

In September Regular Events



.....all postponed until further notice except shown....

MONDAY

9.45 Art Club
3.30 - 5.30 Messy Church (2nd only)
6.00 Pilates
6.45 Explorer Scouts

TUESDAY

10-12 Craft & Coffee (2nd only)
2.30 Forget-Me-Not-Café
5.45 - 8 Pilates
6.00 Cub Pack
6.30 Guides
6.30 Langport Youth Club
7.00 - 9.00 Short Mat Bowls
7.30 Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)
7.30 Tuesday Group (3rd only)

WEDNESDAY

9.30 Mother and Baby Group
7.00 Line Dancing Classes
6.45 Scouts
7.30 Bell Ringing

THURSDAY

10.00 WI
2.00 - 4.00 Short Mat Bowls
4.30 Rainbows
4.30 Brownies
7.30 Parish Council (1st only) via ZOOM

FRIDAY

9.30-2 Get Together Club
7.30 Cinema Night

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

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Rainbows 01823 698940
Brownies 251953
Guides 252901
Langport Youth Club 0793 899 338

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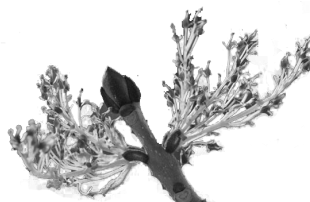


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Butterflies around the margins of Curry Woods during Summer 2020

Peter Goodenough



silver- washed fritillary

Hot dry springs seem to suit butterflies. In the unimproved and untended meadow around the margins of Curry Woods there seems to be increasing numbers of butterflies. As long as the meadows are only cut once a year at the end of the season and the hay is taken away, the perennial wild flowers proliferate year on year. Yellow rattle is always touted as being the plant to add to such meadows as it lives partly by taking nutrient from grass roots and is so semiparasitic. The grass then grows less well and does not shade out the perennials. I tend to not intervene and let the ecosystem work it out for itself. If yellow rattle appears that is fine, but if not I leave the meadow that I tend alone. This year the dry spring meant the meadow grasses were not lush, perennials like cowslips (yellow) birds foot trefoil (yellow) ox-eye daisy (white) orchids (purple), knapweeds (yellow) and wild carrot (white) thrived as they grow fairly short and were not overshadowed. But butterflies such as Meadow Browns and Marbled Whites, which feed on grasses, still had enough to live on and it was inspirational to walk through the meadow sending up clouds of Meadow Browns, Marbled Whites and Orange Tip butterflies as well as Jersey Tiger and Cinnabar - day-flying moths - not a sight you see on intensively farmed land!

Later in the summer the favourites arrived. I have taken a few pictures of them for this article. I have cheated, of course, by using the favourite butterfly bush (purple buddleia) to attract them. So the Red Admiral, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell were in abundance, there were also Gatekeepers on bramble flowers and I was especially pleased to record Brimstone butterflies on Iceland poppy flowers. My pièce de résistance this year was finally to capture a picture of a butterfly that I see here most years but

have not previously photographed. This is a woodland margin Fritillary. At least, I think it is the Silver-washed Fritillary but it could be a Dark green Fritillary as I didn't see the underside (which is where the dark green is found). These seem to like thistles and this year I have been lucky enough to finally take possession of some woodland marginal land behind the house, linking our garden to the Woodland and this was full of thistles. This will be left overwinter untouched and hopefully the chrysalis of the Fritillary will overwinter amongst the grassland. There is often mention of wildflower meadows on gardening programmes and articles but, for non-experts the difference between perennial and annual meadows is often not made clear, and they show both pictures of the plants I mention above and those



small tortoiseshell

like poppies and other annuals. It is the perennial hay meadows with many different species of recurring insects that are the traditional playground of butterflies, grasshoppers, dragonflies, ants, beetles (many, many beetles). Annual wildflowers can usually only grow on disturbed (ploughed or tilled ground). They usually set seeds which last many years and, if the soil is disturbed by cultivation they will germinate in huge numbers (WW1 battlefields are the most well-known example). They used to do this in cereal crops and can be remembered by the older generation. Herbicides stopped that. Some annuals will compete in perennial meadows. Wild



red admiral

carrot is a good example, but they set seed very late and then the annual cut will remove them before they have to time to do so. I always leave a patch of wild carrot and cut that part of the meadow in late September/October. This works well and I have an expanding patch of wild carrot; their flowers are perfect flat platforms for the insects. You will be able to see all of this on the Trust land in years to come. The bit used for an annual flower meadow will have added plants that will stand overwinter to provide seed heads for our yellowhammers to eat. No herbicides of course. Yellow rattle on the perennial meadow?

What do you think?