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## Seeing out 2021 and launching into 2022 with the WI

Carolyn Paton

**D**ecember saw the WI determined to mark the festive season in as normal a way as possible, in spite of the inevitable constraints.

There was a small representation from our Institute in the Somerset Choir at the Carol Service held in Wells Cathedral early in the month. The town and its market had an air of bustle almost as usual, and the Cathedral was dressed very beautifully in Advent greenery. A moment to collect one's thoughts and contemplate higher things perhaps.

The following day saw a well-attended Christmas meeting in the Village Hall. A cheery atmosphere accompanied the various activities on offer as members engaged in stitching a decoration,

making a brightly coloured origami presentation bag, crafting new cards from old, or playing a selection of board games. All very companionable, and accompanied by lively chat. The Committee waited tables, bearing plates of mince pies and lebkuchen, and hot fruit punch which had been expertly blended by the treasurer.

Members had prepared gifts for onward presentation by the Foodbank, and those who wished to make a special effort had their presentational wrapping judged by their peers in competition. A week later members gathered again, this time at the Drayton Crown where an excellent seasonal lunch was served to 25 appreciative people. Again, a celebratory atmosphere was to the fore, including festive gestures in the form of sparkly scarves, earrings, and other adornments worn by those present. It was particularly heart-warming to have present a member who moved to a home at Hatch Beauchamp during the year. These events contributed to a marking Christmas 2021 in a positive manner in uncertain times, proving once again the value of community when under pressure.

We are now well into the year 2022, and will be moving forward on plans for the celebration of



100 years of the WI in Curry Rivel which actually occurs in October. There will be a ceremonial unveiling in the summer of a plaque at the site of a selection of ornamental trees planted in Curry Woods at the appropriate time (ie in January of this year) commemorating the WI Centenary. There will also, naturally, be a special lunch, and possibly a display showing some of the history of the WI here in the village. It is envisaged that the themes of the coming years' meetings (ie from the Autumn) will echo those of 1922, the first year of the Institute's existence, and in addition there will be the inauguration of a new banner, hailing the onset of the second hundred years. Go WI !

Anyone interested to know more about the WI and its doings, please contact the President Anne Geach 01458 253078. New members are most welcome to join us.



# All change in local government next year

*Tiffany Osborne and Clare Paul*

**I**t has now been confirmed by the Secretary of State that the County of Somerset will become a Unitary Council with 110 councillors to be elected on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The current electoral divisions will remain the same. The councillors elected on this date will then take responsibility for all current County Council services as well as the local government reorganisation. In April 2023 the new Somerset Council will assume responsibility for all local government functions, including those of the current district councils, and the transition will be completed.

So what does this mean for Curry Rivel? We will now have two elected councillors representing the current County Council Curry Rivel, Langport and Huish Episcopi division. The Conservative Party candidates will be Clare Paul and Jonathan Munday. Clare has been representing you for the past electoral term and has been at the forefront of the County's health and wellbeing, covid response and educational portfolios. Jonathan is new to the area having relocated to Fivehead from London and is a retired NHS GP. However, he has a wealth of council knowledge having been an elected councillor in Kensington and Chelsea for 16 years as well as Mayor. Candidates representing other parties will be announced in due course.

With the changes in our local government and the restructuring to one Somerset Council this signifies the

councillor role has become a full-time position. Therefore, with reluctance I have decided not to stand again for re-election as I felt I would not have the sufficient time and capacity to commit absolutely and fulfil the role to a standard I believe it warrants. I will of course continue in my capacity as a district councillor until the transition in May 2023. Away from the council restructuring..... For businesses in the Hospitality and Leisure sector there is an Omicron Grant available from SSDC. The primary principle of the grant scheme is to support businesses that offer in-person services, where the main service and activity takes place in a fixed rate -paying premises. The online application is available via the following link: <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/omicrobusinessgrant> or you can email [restart@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:restart@southsomerset.gov.uk) for assistance in completing the application form. The grant is available until Monday 28 February 2022.

Finally, we are aware not all recycling collections are taking place as expected and this is due in part to covid-related staff absences. If your recycling is missed then please leave it out as they will try to return within two days. If they do not return within this framework then please take it back in and they will return on your next scheduled collection day the following week.

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## Community Website at Risk of Closing

### Webmaster needed to take over running of the Curry Rivel Community Website

**T**he website has been managed on a voluntary basis by Tony Greenaway for the past 12 years. He has now decided to step down and make way for another person to run it.

Three months ago a request was publicised for someone to take over the role. Two people stepped forward and have taken responsibility for two of the pages on the website. However, the website still requires someone to coordinate activities.

It is not onerous and requires maybe 4-5 hours a week. Full training will be provided on line or by phone by our hosting

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This is a great opportunity for someone with a creative/ artistic mind and who has an interest in being a key player in the community.

Until a keen person steps forward to take on the role, the Community Website will be run on as a skeleton service with only Parish Council information added.

For further details please contact Tony Greenaway on 07563900646 or by e mail to [tgreenaway51@gmail.com](mailto:tgreenaway51@gmail.com)



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# Change to the Copy Date for the Curry Rivel News

Jane Hamlin

**W**e are very grateful for all the interesting contributions we receive each month, and it is a great pleasure to spread your news to everyone in our community.

bring forward the last day for receiving articles and photographs by one day so that our copy date for the March issue will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

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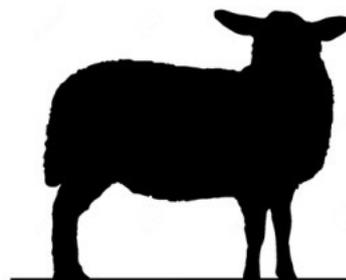
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## Curry Rivel Residents care for the Environment

Gina Beauchamp

### REUSE \* REPAIR \* RETURN \* RECYCLE \* REPURPOSE \*

- Recycling should have become a lot easier with the new system. Here are a few tips to make it even better and keep more waste out of our bins and landfill.
- Save all soft plastic wrapping and take to Tesco, they have a large container by the exit, inside the store. You can include pet food pouches, washed out! Crisp packets, foil that doesn't crumple, cling film and any plastic bags.
- Save small pieces of foil and when you have enough wrap in a larger piece that you have saved then pop into the blue bag.
- Put tin lids, bottle tops any small pieces of metal inside a tin and squash shut.

### Reuse

- Use toilet roll tubes to make containers for seeds, especially sweet peas. Stand upright in trays and fill with soil, they will protect the young plants and will rot down in the soil.
- Flowerpots and trays can be use instead of seed trays. Northwing, our nursery in the village, will now take back and reuse any trays and pots that you have bought from them.
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## Christmas Lights raise money for charity

SueWalsh

**R**oy Webb again decorated his house in Chatham Place over the Christmas period with a wonderfully colourful display of lights.



Thanks to the generosity of those who enjoyed the impressive multi-coloured decorations, the record amount of £425.46 was raised for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Roy and his family would like to thank everyone for their kind donations and support.

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# Litter Pickin' – Good!

*John Casebourne – Public Paths Liaison Officer*

**H**appy New year to everyone! I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our team of litter pickers who go out and clean up the roads around Curry Rivel and Drayton.

Last year we also welcomed two Explorer Scouts who contributed to our litter campaign as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award from Excalibur Explorers Langport. Well done, and thank you for your assistance. I was impressed with the two scouts' commitment and attention to the work undertaken. We now have a team of over twelve volunteers who commit on an ad hoc basis to clear up litter in the two parishes. However, we can still achieve a great deal more, and with this in mind, I am asking all people in the parishes of Langport, Fivehead, Hambridge, Curry Rivel, Drayton and beyond to help.

The most significant contribution we can all make is **not** littering. Making sure your refuse is packed securely will help a great deal and, collecting up the rubbish if your bins blow over. One of the most littered items is cigarette ends, dropped everywhere. You may consider this trivial, but it continues to be the worst littered item globally. Please look outside our One Stop shop and around the Curry Rivel car park. You can help stop this pollution by carrying a jam jar in your car to put your stubs in or using one of the many bins available.

In the parish of Drayton, we have several roads which continually require clearing. Drayton Lane, North St, Law Lane, Croftland Lane, Midelney Road, parts of School Lane. In the parish of Curry Rivel, Crabtree Lane, Moortown Lane, Back Lane, Brickwall Lane, Dyers Road, Church St, Heale Lane, Ridley Corner to Oath then onto Portway. A 378 from Langport to Fivehead, the top part of Holden's Way, B3168 from Curry Rivel to Crabtree Lane,

These areas are continually littered mainly with cola tins, lager tins, bottles, empty cigarette packets, coffee cups, sandwich packets, McDonalds wrappers, orange peel, banana skins, apple cores, confectionary wrappers. Found in abundance in Crabtree Lane are Dragon Sloop tins. Vodka bottles continue to be collected in all areas but especially along the public right of way off Dyers Road to Maple Drive. Garden waste dumped in the hedgerows continues to be an issue, along with other forms of fly-tipping.



People often argue that most of this litter is from recycling lorries; some maybe. I described above mainly because some people drop garbage as they walk, ride, or drive. It is to these people I would ask, consider seriously and try to understand the many reasons why littering is such a severe problem. Please help by recycling and acceptably disposing of your litter. If you drive, consider putting a bin in your vehicle instead of throwing litter out of the window.

Most dog owners are brilliant at collecting up after their dogs, but it remains the fact that some people consider it unimportant. It is important. This sort of litter occurs in the fields in front of Heale House, Currywoods Way, Drayton Lane and Dyers Road. We are continuing to place bins to assist where we can. However, it is the dog-walkers responsibility to clear up after the pet they are taking for a walk.

Finally, we all have to get along together. It doesn't take much to review one's attitude. You really can make a difference to the community. Be considerate, respectful and love where you live. The alternative is enforcing the rules. I would rather see cooperation than enforcement. Wouldn't you?

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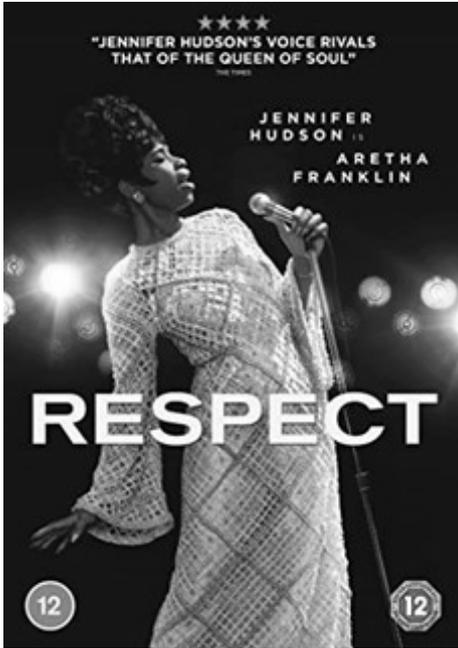
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Alison Cockrell

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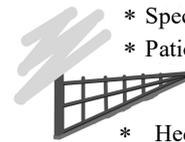
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# Twinnings meet up on Zoom again

Barbara Hamlin

Members of the Twinning Associations in both Curry Rivel and Chevilly were able to meet up again recently thanks to the opportunities presented by Zoom. This screenshot does not necessarily show everyone at their best, but both the Twinnings from France and Britain enjoyed catching up on the news about their friends in the other community. We wished one another 'Joyeux Noël' and 'Bonne Année', and raised a glass to wish everyone good health.



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# Panto is postponed! .....Oh yes, it is!

Kim Huntley

The Entertainers had an emergency meeting in early January to consider the viability of continuing with our new pantomime *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* which we were due to present in the Village Hall towards the end of this month. Unfortunately, we have decided to postpone the pantomime until February 2023.

We feel that with so much uncertainty still over Covid it is the right thing to do. We are hoping that we might be able to do something in the summer and will discuss this possibility soon. Please note that this is just a postponement – not a cancellation – and we are still very much here!  
**Oh, yes we are!**

## Valentine's Day over 100 years ago

From *The Calendar of Somerset Customs, Superstitions etc.* published in 1920

St Valentine's Day, the 14<sup>th</sup> February, is of course a great day for young and sentimental folk, but the looking out for the postman with his missives of the two-pierced-hearts-and-paper-embroidery pattern is now altogether out of date, as happily is the vogue of caricature and vulgar cartoon which succeeded the sentimental type. Now almost the only survival of the former keeping up the day is the jocular declaration that the first person of the other sex that you meet on Valentine's morning is to be your sweetheart. It is even whispered that girls have been known that morning before going to fetch the milk to look out the window, and either find some trifling duty indoors or to step gaily forth, according not to the state of the weather, but as to the personality of the passer-by.

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## Colours for the Platinum Jubilee and WI Centenary

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**T**his year marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the colours we plan to use for our planting around the village are purple white/silver and green. These are the colours of the Jubilee; purple and platinum, and the purple, white and green are the WI colours (and by the way, the suffragette colours too). We suggest using purple and white million bells or petunias, silver leaved senecio cineraria and a purple and white fuschia called Delta Sarah. There are of course other plants that will give the same effects.

We are entering the South West In Bloom competition again. Anyone in the village can help, just by keeping your front garden tidy, weeding the drive way and having some colourful flowering plants on display. The judges drive through the village and we take them to see the highlights on foot. We would also like help from the village too, so please get in touch and volunteer. Anyone can help with any of the following: grass cutting, lawn edging, dead-heading, watering, planting, digging, pruning etc; even if it is just half an hour of your time that would be marvellous. Children are always welcome too. If you know of an area near you that could be developed or enhanced by some pots or planting please get in touch. This year the judging will focus more on the environment, rewilding and sustainability.

The annual Front Garden competition will need to be judged before the Bank Holiday celebrations which are the weekend of the 4th June. Please get in touch if you would like to enter.

### Spring Front Garden Competition.

We will judge in February/ March/April. The date will depend on the weather. Contact Gina as above to enter.

### Open Gardens 2022

We will definitely need new garden owners to volunteer to allow the event to take place this year. We have several already, thanks to those who have volunteered. It will be subject to the status of Covid 19 at the time, but the usual date of the first Sunday in June would make it the Jubilee weekend. The

following Sunday is the Scythe Fayre in Thorney and it has been suggested that we don't clash with that. So Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June is the next available date and that date would be more suitable to allow more plants to be flowering. If you would like to consider opening your garden and would like to know what is involved, please get in touch. It would be lovely if we could combine it with a Big Breakfast in the village hall as usual, but again we will have to see about Covid 19. Any garden, large or small would be very welcome, it can be a new garden or a well established garden or one that has had a make over. It is a busy day for garden owners but it is very rewarding. The proceeds go to the village, mainly to the two churches and to the school.

### Jobs to do in the garden in February

- Start sowing vegetable seeds in a cold frame or greenhouse.
- Start sweetpea seeds if not done on the autumn.
- Give hedges a final trim before birds start nesting.
- Prune hydrangeas, deadhead and cut back a third of last year's growth.
- If weather allows before the end of the month, prune back roses before they put on too much new growth.
- Take cuttings of shrubs and roses now.
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## Sedgemoor Gardens Club

*Sylvia Goodenough*

As I write Sedgemoor Gardens Club members are looking forward to welcoming Richard Horswood at our meeting this evening. He is representing the Alpine Gardens Society and is going to talk on "Successes and Failure with alpines" As the CRN deadline is this afternoon I will have to report on his talk, which I am sure is going to be very interesting, next month. Hopefully he will be able to tell me where we go wrong with the occasional alpine failures on our rockery! I am also hoping that he, like many of our speakers, will have some plants for sale after his talk.

Recapping to last month, a stalwart group of members enjoyed our annual Christmas Quiz and Buffet evening in December. Numbers were reduced because of Covid concerns but those who took part enjoyed an excellent buffet and an informative and fun quiz.

Thinking forward, preparations are now underway for our Daffodil Festival, to be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, in Long



Sutton Village Hall. The schedule of classes is on our website at

[sedgemoorgardensclub.co.uk](http://sedgemoorgardensclub.co.uk) Although only club members can compete, the Festival is open to the public in the afternoon. Entry is free and the sight and perfume of so many spring flowers is something not to be missed. There are also vegetable and domestic classes as well as for art, craft and photography to provide more interest and get you wondering whether you could have done better! The answer to that, of course, is join the club and have a go next year! Contact our secretary, Jean, on 01458 259025 for more details.

Cream Teas are available at the Festival and Peter is currently planting seeds to provide annual plants for the plant sale, which is always popular. The raffle is always another attraction. So book the date and we will look forward to seeing you there!

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## Curry Woods Conservation Trust.

*Peter Goodenough*

Welcome to 2022 from the team at the trust. We have big plans for this year, and we hope you will find time to visit the wood and see our work in progress. The year started with a tree planting session over the 17-20 of January. We were pleased to welcome Emily Langford and two year-groups from our local school, who took great pleasure in helping with the planting. Pictures will be available in the March edition of CRN. Also at this time, the hedge to the south was laid in the traditional North Somerset style. We have lined the footpath to what will be the main woodland clearing or glade with wild and bird cherry trees. These trees grow fast but are relatively short-lived in comparison to the 900 years we are expecting the oaks to be on site. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this planting possible.

In wider news the Environment Bill received royal assent in January. This requires local nature recovery strategies to be prepared and published by the responsible authority. Together these are to cover the whole of England. They must describe the area and its biodiversity plus a description of the opportunities for recovering or enhancing biodiversity in terms of habitat and species. This is very important for our parish. The RAMSAR site within the parish is of national importance and is under threat from pollution. The work of the trust is part of the nature recovery strategy for the

uplands above the RAMSAR site. (Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance that have been designated under the criteria of the Ramsar Convention signed in 1971.)

So far, we have achieved the first small steps towards preventing run off from our site, as well as helping to prevent flooding in the village. The whole of the woodland along the ridge is designated a nature recovery network by the Local Authority and it is hoped more land on the ridge can be sensitively managed under the new legislation to increase biodiversity and recover the very special nature of the levels. We intend to start supplementary feeding for the birdlife on the ridge and many thanks to Henry Lang for his help with this.

For more information go to our website: [currywoodsconservationtrust.com](http://currywoodsconservationtrust.com)



*Water capturing*

## St. Andrew's Church

To find out more please visit us at:  
[www.curryrivel.org.uk](http://www.curryrivel.org.uk) or  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)



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

### Covid effects

At the time of writing, regulations are such that St. Andrew's Church **continues to be open** to everyone daily.

Also, 'live' services remain relaxed, but **face masks are mandatory** and use of handgel is required in some circumstances - see the notice board in the church porch.

If local conditions dictate, short notice changes may be necessary. Therefore, please check the notice board in the churchyard by the Green, in the church porch, the village website or our 'A Church Near You' web page.

## February

### Thursday 3rd

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 6th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service

11.00 **FH** - Said Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Worship

### Sunday 13th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW

6.00 pm **FH** - Evening Worship

### Thursday 17th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 20th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer

11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service

12.00 **CR** - Said Communion CW

### Sunday 27th

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW

11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

## Scott's spot

### Gratis

'Gratis' can be defined as: *'something received or given without payment'*.



In the world around us however the idea of 'gratis' is often met with suspicion. There's no such thing as a free gift, we're told. Read the small print and there's always a catch, for experience suggests that you never get something for nothing. So when we receive a phone call telling us we've won a free holiday, or an email saying we've come up trumps in some obscure lottery, we're more than a touch suspicious.

When it comes to the central message of the Christian faith however, I suspect that wariness is an unhelpful barrier, because Christianity is all about gratis. The Bible word for this is 'grace' and it is grace that sets the Christian faith apart from all other religions. At root the other world religions are about what people **do** for God. Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, the message is: 'do this', 'pray this', 'go there', 'learn this' in order to draw closer to God. They are about what we do; the onus is on us. On the other hand, Christianity is all about receiving freely what God has already **done** - grace. The central message is this: God on a cross in Jesus, paying the price for sin, opening the way to restored relationship with God, and a new life shaped by Divine help and eternal hope, is a gift freely offered to all. As the Apostle Paul put it: **'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is a gift of God...'** (Ephesians 2:8).

### St. Andrew's Rotas February

**Brass** - Carol Haines

**Flowers**

5th & 12th - Sandra Hill

19th & 26th - Diane Talbot-Williams

**Cleaning**

5th - Anne Geach

12th - Anne Goff

19th - Jackie & John de Ronde

26th - Carolyn Paton



**CR** = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

**FH** = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

**SW** = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

### Scott's Spot ctd. . .

But, for some reading this, the 'no such thing as a free gift' alarm may be ringing. What of the expectations that seem to accompany the Christian life? What about church and worship, life lived under Jesus' leadership, the expectation to change? Doesn't all this mean that even God's grace isn't gratis; that there are still strings attached? Well it is a matter of order - which comes first - for the Christian life does indeed include these things. Here's the order that stands religious thinking on its head. The gift is offered, we receive it by faith, and only then does our gratitude, understanding and love lead naturally to a heart-felt desire to respond. The response to grace is loving service. Earning forgiveness and favour with God - even slightly contributing to it - is not in the picture.

Below is a modern parable that is perhaps helpful for understanding the gracious nature of the Christian gospel.

*A rich man loved collecting pieces of art and his home was full of Picasso and Cezanne and other famous artists. One day his son was killed in action saving another man's life. That saved man visited, bringing a portrait he'd made of the son as a gift. He explained that it wasn't great art, but he thought the father might like it. A few years later the old man died and all his art works went to auction. The sale began with the portrait of the son, but the connoisseurs complained that it didn't constitute real art so when the auctioneer asked for a bid, the room was silent.*

*He asked again: "Who will take the son?" Eventually, a frail old man, the rich man's gardener, offered £10, all he had, but no one raised the bid, so the painting was his.*

*Suddenly the auctioneer brought down his gavel and declared the sale closed. There was uproar in the room. What about the real paintings? The auctioneer made known the rich man's will. Whoever bought the portrait of his son would inherit his entire estate, including the valuable art collection.*

He had recalibrated the value system - whoever got the son, got everything.

May God's grace and peace be with you,

Revd. Scott.

**Shrove Tuesday - 1st March**

Shrove Tuesday, or 'pancake day', is the last day before Lent, which for Christians is traditionally a time of abstinence. This was done to exercise self-discipline before God, and to help focus the mind on the last weeks of Christ's life as he faced the cross.

Lent can also be a time for doing 'extra' things - perhaps putting aside more time for prayer, meditation or Bible study.

Pancakes are eaten on Shrove Tuesday as they contain fat, butter and eggs, which as 'rich foods' were once considered 'forbidden' during Lent.



'Shrove' comes from the old word 'shrive', which means 'to confess', and so on this day, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins, so that by faith they began Lent with a 'clean sheet' before God.

**World Day of Prayer**

Everyone is welcome to the 2022 World Day of Prayer service, to be held in

**St. Andrew's Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am,** with a cup of coffee afterwards.

Each annual service is prepared by Christian women from different nations, this year by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The service is inter-denominational and all ages are very welcome



Last year, we held the service on Zoom, and we will of course move the service online again if we have to. However, we hope and pray that this year we will be able to meet, pray and reflect together in person. **Please bring a face mask.**

Further details are available from Glenys Allinson, World Day of Prayer Co-ordinator, 01458 251603.

**Do join us – everyone is very welcome.**



**United Reformed Church**



**February**

**Services at 10.30 in the Chapel and via Zoom \*\***

**Sunday 6th** - Rev David Huggett

**Sunday 13th** - Mrs Jo Morling

**Sunday 20th** - Mrs Suzi Smith

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

**\*\*** if you wish to join with us via Zoom please email [sbeney6@gmail.com](mailto:sbeney6@gmail.com) with a request to be included in the Zoom link invitation list

We are an inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all, wherever they are on their spiritual/life journey, without regard to age, denominational background, sexual orientation, ability or race. We respect the traditions of our past, engage with the present and look forward to the future, believing that Christian truth is not contained in static propositional statements but is ever changing and constantly evolving. Tea/coffee is served after every service, providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.

**Minister: Rev. Tim Richards**  
**01458 252799**

**Children's Society**

A **huge thank you** to everyone who helped raise money for the Children's Society.

At the Christingle Service in School £40.00 was donated and together with the small change that people in Curry Rivel have been putting in the special collection boxes in their homes, a wonderful £1,246.23 has been collected in 2021 — an excellent result.

If you would like to help this charity by having a box in your home, please contact Tina Geary on 01458 259003.

We know Christmas Carols were over a month ago now and most of us are beginning to look forward to Spring but here is a portion of a letter which arrived just after Christmas from ArcInspire in response to Curry Rivel URC & Community's generous support of Arc's Christmas 2021 Shoebox Appeal.

*"On behalf of everyone at Arc, I'd like to say a huge thank you for the generosity shown by Curry Rivel United Reformed Church (and supporters) this Christmas. We're delighted to receive your support and it has gone a long way in supporting our clients who are sadly facing homelessness.*

*The shoeboxes you donated were beautiful and have been distributed to our clients this week (letter dated 22/12/21). We've had so many lovely comments from our clients already, saying how touched they were by the donations and the kindness of your community.*

*Your monetary donations are of huge help too and we thank you for helping us provide our services, as well as assisting us to grow.*

*Your support really does mean a lot."*

Signed on behalf of Arc by Rosie Hather, Arc's Fundraising & Communications Manager



**Peppard S**

Funeral Directors

Chapel of Rest  
Townsend  
Curry Rivel



Bow House  
Bow Street  
Langport

**01458 252505**



Memorial Masonry Service

Golden Charter Funeral Plans

# Heating your home effectively

**T**here's a lot of talk about how best to heat homes with much focus on "heatpumps". So are they something you should consider? Nigel Grinsted briefly explains.

There are two types of heatpump: Air Source Heatpump (AirSHP) and Ground Source Heatpump (GroundSHP). Both work on the principle of "reverse refrigeration" discovered (or invented and developed) by various scientists: William Cullen (1748), Lord Kelvin (1852), Peter von Rittinger (1855) and Robert C Webber (late 1940s). So it's hardly a new idea! Domestic heatpumps were first installed in Finland in 1983. Technology improvements have resulted in today's AirSourceHPs being more efficient and effective than those originally developed. They are also far cheaper and easier to install than GroundSHPs which require access to and use of large areas of land to dig ditches for the laying of external piping.

Heatpumps are ideal for homes that rely on manual delivery of fuel such as oil, coal or biomass all of which are environmentally suspect.

The heatpump system has a reverse refrigeration unit on an outside wall plus an internal control unit (the size of a boiler). It can feed radiators, underfloor heating pipes or both plus heat your water. If you already have radiators you may have to change some of them as heatpumps deliver lower temperature heat. This may concern you but they work on delivering lower temperature heat over a longer period. Heatpumps deliver heat without burning any fuel. Heatpump heating only works properly in well insulated properties and it is advisable to employ a company that can produce an EPC report for your property. EPC stands for Energy Performance Certificate.

## Installation costs

An AirSHP costs between £8,000 and £12,000 to install. A GroundSHP can cost up to £19,000 - the extra cost is due to the need to build underground piping on your property. Some people may qualify for grants to contribute towards the cost of installing a heat pump - check this site: [energygrants.org.uk](http://energygrants.org.uk)

## How green are heatpumps?

Both AirSHPs and GroundSHPs are significantly greener than oil, lpg, coal and biomass which all depend upon burning fuel to produce heat. They are not entirely green as they require electricity to run their operating system.

## Payback

Buyers are encouraged to assess when savings on running costs will pay for the upfront cost. This clearly depends on several factors but for AirSHPs it can be as short as seven years and for GroundSHPs it can be twice that.

## Going 100% green on power

If heatpumps are linked to solar generation and a household battery system then the running costs are significantly reduced, although the upfront costs are clearly increased. The government has been offering a Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive but unfortunately this is being withdrawn for new applicants on 31st March 2022.

## Is it worthwhile installing a heatpump?

If you are keen to reduce your personal carbon footprint and your existing system is getting old then you should really consider a heatpump. "In our experience an efficient heatpump is viewed positively by many homebuyers" says Jackie Cary of Killens Estate Agents, "especially if the alternative is oil, coal or biomass which are often found in rural properties.

"A heatpump won't necessarily increase your property value but is a definite plus point" she said.

## How to find out more

This short article only touches on the heatpump story - to learn more from an independent source, go to [mcscertified.com](http://mcscertified.com) (MCS stands for Microgeneration Certification Scheme and is an independent charity.) There are many heatpump installers - the MCS site has a search facility of its members in the area.



*Air Source Heat Pump*

**\*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



**Regular Events**

**MONDAY**

10.00	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00	Table Tennis (kevlou@outlook.com)	Village Hall
6.00	Pilates	Primary School
6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

**TUESDAY**

10.00	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room
10.00	Keep Fit (nicky.barker1@btinternet.com)	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows/Brownies	Drayton Village Hall
5.45	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Rangers	URC Hall
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridge way Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall L'port

**WEDNESDAY**

9.30	Mother and Baby Group	Village Hall
6.30	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews

**THURSDAY**

10.00	WI	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

**FRIDAY**

9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Movie Night	Village Hall

**SATURDAY**

9.00	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
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**Some Useful Telephone Numbers**

**Youth Organisations**

Beaders, Cubs, Scouts	(gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)
Rainbows	01823 698940
Brownies	251953
Rangers	252901
Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

**Sports Clubs**

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

**Social**

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	252146
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905
Women's Institute	253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813

**PROBUS**

252545

Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	252791
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
Inner Wheel	251940

**Arts**

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Art Club	253126

**Community Facilities**

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)	0771 6792760
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	07730 755203
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	259391

**Community Services**

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500
Footpath & Litter Warden	johncasebourne@sky.com

**Education**

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

**Local Authorities**

Parish Council (Clerk) curryrivelparish@outlook.com	07714 510828
District Council	0 1935 462462
County Council	0300 123 2224

**Religious**

Church of England Rector	251375
Churchwarden	259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
URC Minister	252799
Messy Church	01458 762523

**Pick up your Prescription from the Post Office**

Do you pick up repeat prescriptions from Langport surgery? If so you can request your medicine to be delivered to Curry Rivel Post Office in the BP petrol station. When you reorder, simply ask for delivery to Curry Rivel PO (including reorders on the surgery website). The surgery delivers to the Post Office every Tuesday and Friday. And while you're in the Post Office you can pick up a cappuccino too!



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Helen Saich

**If you haven't already, why not make 2022 the year you try Messy Church?**

Messy Church is an informal way of exploring the Christian faith in creative ways.



Messy Church bags

Lockdowns have tested our creativity but we have managed to keep going, sometimes delivering Messy Church in a bag, and sometimes by meeting outside for treasure hunts and the like. We now meet as and when we can and are enjoying trying different locations and times.

Sessions generally last a couple of hours and include refreshments, various activities and crafts, a bible message, songs and a meal .... all very informal. It's for all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry is free, though donations are appreciated.

Our next Messy Church is Saturday 26th February, 2 - 4 pm, in The Old School Room.

To book your place or find out more contact Helen 07880706517 helen@saich.co.uk  
Facebook: Messy Church Curry Rivel



Messy morning willow weaving

## Somerton u3a Christmas Lunch

Kay Williamson

**O**n December 10<sup>th</sup> Somerton u3a held its much anticipated annual event, the Christmas lunch, despite the uncertainties raised by the spread of Omicron.

It is the occasion when members, many on their own, can meet up, socialise, and eat drink and be merry.

Over 90 members turned up, glitzed, glam and suitably coiffed, including 2 of Santa's elves.

On entering the door, the sight of the beautifully decorated tables and the sumptuous prizes on the raffle table, would hopefully have raised feelings of Christmas cheer.

After a delicious 2-course buffet lunch, ably provided by local caterer, Kath Fewings, members were entertained by 2 of Somerton u3a's own music groups, *Singing for Fun* and *Somerton and Ukulele Band & Singers*, who invited the audience to join in medleys of festive songs and carols.



Bill Murray and Derek Boxall in their wonderful Christmas outfits