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Open Day at the Monument

Peter Goodenough

The Curry Woods Conservation Trust with the permission of Tim Schroder wants to invite you to join us on the Jubilee Holiday Friday, 3rd June, at 1400-1700 at the Burton Pynsent monument.

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All access information etc. is on the Trust website at currywoodsconservationtrust.com.

There are no public conveniences in Curry Rivel and there will not be any food for sale but you may wish to bring a picnic of your own with you. We cannot allow disposable barbecues or fires of any sort and we request that you please take



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New Somerset Council

Richard Birch

The results of the elections for the new Somerset Council held on Thursday 5th May are as follows:

Liberal Democrat: 61...well done Richard and Mike!

Conservative: 36

Green Party: 5

Labour: 5

Independent: 3

In the Curry Rivel and Langport division the elected councillors are **Richard Wilkins** and **Mike Stanton** who both stood as Liberal Democrats.

For their first year, the councillors will take responsibility for all the current County Council services and oversee the local government reorganisation to establish the single unitary

Somerset Council on 1st April 2023. The existing District Councils (South Somerset, Sedgemoor, Mendip and Somerset West and Taunton) will remain until 31st March 2023 and the councillors serving on them will continue in their roles until that date.

From 1 April 2023, the 110 members of the unitary council will be responsible for services that are currently delivered by the county and four district councils, ranging from adults' and children's social care to highways and housing, and from libraries to planning and licensing.

The previous county councillors officially stood down from their roles and handed over to the newly-elected councillors at midnight on 9 May.

The first business of the Full Council Annual General meeting on 25 May was to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council, the Leader of the Council, and the members of the various Council committees.

'Morning All!'

Carolyn Paton



Alan Hale came to speak to the WI in April about a 30-odd year career within the police force. It was a fascinating talk, not only because it was delivered in a well-judged, humorous and easy style, but also because his career coincided with so many changes across society, and consequently across the force. When he joined the police cadets at sixteen, it was not exactly 'Dixon of Dock Green' (a TV title some older readers may remember, and referring to an early police series) but not far off either. Based in Bristol, he was attached to a big station, and took us through how things were in his early days.

We heard about the 'Night Movement Book' in which were recorded people and vehicles seen to have been on the move during the night, about the 'Holiday Book' in which were recorded the addresses of those who had alerted the force that they would be away from home, (an officer would make it his business to pass by the property and take an interest in it) and about the role of the police whistle, chained to the officer concerned. This latter could summon the nearest patrolling constable on his nearby beat. This seemed ironic to our ears, we who are unaccustomed to seeing officers on the beat at all. Communication has since changed out of all recognition. When the early two-way radios succeeded the whistle, they were the size (and perhaps the weight) of a breeze block – anyway, they were worn strapped in a harness on the chest.

Progression to a 'Z Cars' style radio, (another title familiar to some as a 70s police series) was something of an improvement, though it's all a far cry from today's tech.

Alan graduated into the traffic section, though he had, in common with others, to learn to drive in order to do so. He later moved on to motorbikes where he relished the speed and excitement of escorting ambulances as well as enjoying the awareness that he was doing something useful that wasn't directly dealing with criminals. His career modified into further public facing roles, including a spell on the beat in Bath where he was frequently asked to pose for tourists in his distinctive uniform.

Curiously enough, community police officers are relatively frequently called upon to verify sudden deaths, and this led to him taking courses in understanding grief, and in counselling. He retired from the force in 1997 and since then has had roles driving a private ambulance, acting as a Planning Officer, and as a senior Road Safety officer. It was quite apparent that Alan has found this career of service to the public both satisfying and fulfilling, and his account of his doings, illustrated as it was with some amusing incidents held his audience of members' interest throughout. Another great morning at the WI!

The business section of the meeting featured several items of news on forthcoming events, an update on preparations for the forthcoming Centenary of our own Institute, and included a reminder from the President that as another year had rolled by without us noticing, both the due date for subs and the AGM were imminent.

As ever, an open invitation is offered to anyone interested in joining the WI. Enquiries to Anne Geach 01458 253078



Your Community Website
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Westfield Improvements

What do you think?

Les Hood

Curry Rivel Parish Council is looking to improve the facilities at Westfield recreation Ground. There are monies set aside for this and additional grants may also be available to help fund it. Westfield is a great facility that at present is underused. The bulk of equipment is presently for younger children, but we now have the opportunity to increase the facilities and equipment to include older children and adults. Among the ideas put forward so far are:

- an all-weather exercise track around a reduced size sports pitch
- a multi exercise equipment area
- a pump track that can be used by BMX type bikes and skate boarders
- table tennis table (s)
- extra planting to create a sensory area for just relaxing and reflecting.

We are showing a proposed lay out of how Westfield could be improved with these new facilities....see plan on p1

What do you think? What do your children think?
Please email your comments to Councillor Les Hood:
lesliehood43@gmail.com

Waste Collection Changes for Jubilee holiday

**The June Queen's Platinum Jubilee means
waste day changes for everyone over two
weeks.**

Waste Collection Changes for June 2022

Usual day	Revised day
Thursday 2nd	Saturday 4th
Friday 3rd	Monday 6th
Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th
Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th
Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th
Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
Friday 10th	Saturday 11th

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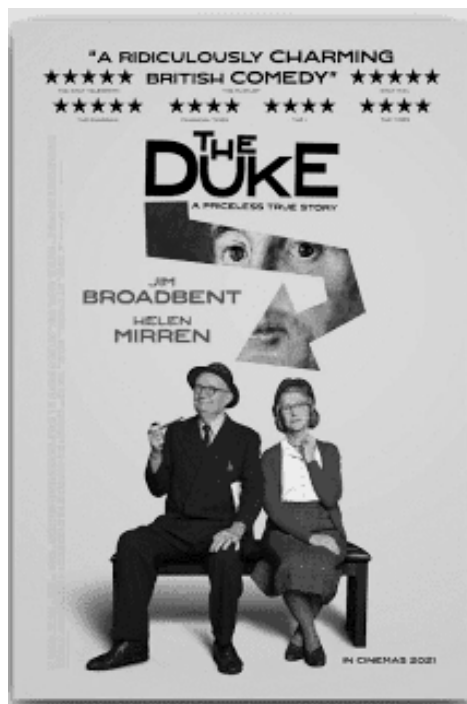
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Alison Cockrell

The Duke

Friday 17 June 2022



A comedy-drama based on a true story starring some of our best British actors. The film tells of how in 1961 60-year-old Northerner Kempton Bunton (played by Jim Broadbent) stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington and its frame from the National Gallery in London. As part of a campaign to force the government to offer more support for the elderly, he sends ransom notes promising to return the painting if his demands are met. An uplifting story that unfolds into one of legend.

Also stars: Helen Mirren, Fionn Whitehead, Anna Maxwell Martin and Matthew Goode. Doors open at 7.00pm: show starts at 7.30pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall. Tickets £7 are available at the door.

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Summer is coming - time to get the patio set out !

Steve Allinson

Congratulations to Emma Mann of Chatham Place who held the winning ticket when the raffle was drawn in aid of the Curry Rivel, Drayton and Hambridge Food Bank. A total of £303.82 was raised. Seen p1 photo (from left to right) are Emma, One Stop Manageress and some of her fantastic team, Ginny Smith representing the Food Bank with other volunteers and Emma Mann accepting her prize of a garden patio set.

The Food Bank volunteers would all like to thank Emma and her staff for coming up with the idea and selling tickets, and for everybody who bought a ticket helping the Food Bank to continue and support those in need locally. As we are all aware, the cost-of-living crisis is having a detrimental effect on many people up and down the country. It is no different in our village communities, and so I make no apology in continuing to ask for your support for the work of the Food Bank.

volunteer team at St Andrew's Church each Wednesday between 10.30 - 11.30: am. If you would like to consider a regular financial gift, please contact me direct via my email below.

I would also like to thank the Curry Rivel Allotment Association who will be donating spare fresh produce this summer. We do want to encourage healthy eating where possible for our clients.

Finally, many of you will have been moved by the lead story in the CRN last month concerning Ukrainian families coming to Somerset and the work being undertaken by the new Route 54 project. We are hoping to liaise with that group to see how our work can also help there.

Thank you again to all who support us- every donation goes to those who need it.

Donations of items or money can be made direct to our

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Watch out for Fixy van

Somerset Waste Partnership

Fixy is the new customised Somerset Waste Partnership van. It travels around the county to promote the repair and re-use of electrical and electronic items. Offering support, publicity, useful tools and an electrical testing service, Fixy will work with Somerset's existing "repair cafe" groups and visit events, schools and businesses.

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Recycling is good, but reuse is even better, and is often surprisingly easy

to fix things. Not only can you save money, materials and energy, but repair is a useful action against climate change. Somerset repair groups are recruiting new volunteers. Can you help by donating your time and skills? Groups need people to help with fixing items, coordinating, welcoming, cake baking, tea making, publicity, social media and more. Whatever your skills and interests, do get in touch with a local group.

There are many benefits from volunteering with a repair group. Find out more information here: somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy



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“Reverenza” *Camelot u3a Early Dance Group*

I am proposing to start a Camelot U3A Early Dance group, to be called Reverenza.

The idea is to learn and perform authentic dances ranging from 15th century Italy to Victorian England, taking in the various dance traditions of Europe - perhaps beyond - using original sources as the basis for our reconstructions.

If this interests you, or if you would like to find out more, please contact me at malcmcd@gmail.com or on 07732 307288 and let me have your details.

To make this group viable we shall need a hard-core of at least eight regular members, preferably rather more. Meetings are anticipated to take place as two-hour sessions, twice per calendar month. As soon as I have a sufficient number of potential dancers, I can proceed to book a suitable venue. The plan is to begin as soon as possible.

No previous dance experience will be assumed, and you do not need to bring a partner. However, if you have done some folk dancing in the past, you will probably find it useful. Dances will be chosen for their intrinsic interest and will not be particularly strenuous. A reasonable level of fitness is nevertheless going to be a requirement, as is a willingness to learn the basic dance steps, which are generally fairly simple and greatly contribute to the enjoyment of the dances.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Malcolm McDonald

Curry Rivel Flower Show

2022

Sat 6th Aug 2022

2.30—4.30pm

Curry Rivel Village Hall



The Curry Rivel Flower Show is back for 2022. On Sat 6th Aug 2022, 2.30-4.30pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall, you can attend one of the great institutions of Curry Rivel. If you want to enter this great event, the Flower Show programme and entry form will be available soon. There are competition classes for vegetables, flowers, crafts, baking, photography, painting and much more, plus lashings of tea, coffee and cake.

Somerton u3a monthly speaker programme

All meetings are at the Somerton Edgar Hall on the 4th Friday of the month starting at 10am.

Friday 24th June

Roger Brown - *The Great American Songbook*

Friday 22nd July

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Friday 26th August

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Charity Theatre Trips

Chris Cox

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Our next trips are to **Mamma Mia!** on 20th June and **Les Miserables** on 19th July. Tickets are in very short supply, but do ask.

Then we plan to go to see:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream-coat on September 5th, **Disney's Beauty and the Beast** on October 20th, **Raymonda, English Nation Ballet**: on November 24th and **Cinderella** starring **Craig Revel Horwood** on December 12th

All are evening trips and all depend on at least 25 tickets being purchased.

Raymonda *Love and Courage in a Time of War*

England, 1854. Raymonda runs away from her comfortable life to become a nurse in the Crimean War as did Florence Nightingale. There, she becomes engaged to a soldier, John, but soon develops feelings for his friend Abdur, a leader of the Ottoman army. As turmoil grows around and inside her, who will she give her heart to? This adaptation keeps the best of the 19th-century original – its glorious and sensuous score by Alexander Glazunov and the classical choreography of ballet genius Marius Petipa – and updates it with a dramatic new story, introducing a heroine in command of her own destiny. Other trips I already have reserved tickets for are in 2023: **The Commitments**, Tue 21 March; **Strictly Ballroom**, Tue 13 June. Also still available and helping to raise funds for the Red Cross is my book *Jim Jams*, which is the story of my life spent trying to stay out of trouble and often failing. Huish Episcopi School features in several chapters.

Letters to the Editor

Hi Curry Rivel News,

I just wanted to say a big thank you to our Parish council for rejuvenating the path between Curry Rivel and Langport (Despite the Somerset Highwaymen abandoning it many years ago). It is great to be able to see the whole path again and to be able to use the grass verges next to it in areas. With the extent of traffic these days, it's a nice buffer for those wanting/needing to walk it. Whereas for the past several years it has felt like a Squid Games (Netflix TM) trial when using it!

Marcus Patten

P.S It would be nice if Langport parish council could be nudged to rejuvenate their half of the path now! :)



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An exciting new wildlife count from Somerset Wildlife Trust and SERC launches to help make wildlife really count

Emily Weatherburn

Somerset Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce the launch of the Big Count 2022, which runs from 17th until 26th June. It is an exciting, Somerset-wide citizen science venture which aims to help monitor changes in local wildlife populations by encouraging as many people as possible to take note of and record the species living in their gardens, parks, and communities. The count hopes to inspire participants to get outside and connect with nature, while also becoming important eyes and ears on the ground as they collect vital data about some of Somerset's native species in order to help inform the work that's needed to stop further species decline.

The Big Count is part of the Great Somerset Wildlife Count initiative, a joint venture between Somerset Wildlife Trust and Somerset Environmental Record Centre (SERC). SERC holds over 2.5 million records of species present in Somerset, but there are gaps in its knowledge about more 'common' species, and it hopes the Big Count 2022 will not only help to fill those gaps, but also provide important information about the health of the ecosystems that exist to

support them. Earlier this year, the two organisations hosted their first wildlife count within this initiative, which encouraged the public to record important data about frog and toadspawn populations in their area.

For a period of one hour in the day (and it can be done every day between 17th and 26th June as long as it's in a different place each time), the public are being asked to record their wildlife sightings on the popular iNaturalist citizen science platform for 8 individual species of wildlife and any species within 4 whole species groups, which includes dragonflies, goldfinch, spiders, and several species of butterfly. This is an activity for everyone to get involved in, whether family, friends, neighbours, school, social groups, scout groups, or congregations. There is a FREE downloadable pack available on the Somerset Wildlife Trust website, which will explain everything participants need to know about this exciting project.

Go to <https://www.somersetwildlife.org/wildlife/great-somerset-wildlife-count/big-count-2022> for more information and to download your FREE digital pack.

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Flamboyant Flute

Malcolm Cotterill

A combination of youth, talent, exuberance and music rewarded the enthusiastic audience at the Curry Rivel Music concert on 23rd April at St Andrew's Church. The first three of those elements were embodied in Meera Maharaj whose flute seemed to be an extension of her body and her soul. Polished, burnished or brilliant would equally describe her playing. Her partner, Daniel Degavino, fulfilled his role in the duo with masterful technique and sympathy.

The music came from familiar and unfamiliar sources. No-one was taken by surprise to be treated to Bartok, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev but Johann Joachim Quantz, Mel Bonis and Wil Offermans were novelties to most. Quantz lived from 1697 to 1773 and was a prolific composer but apart from that he was a flautist and flute maker. He designed his own version of the instrument and wrote a treatise on playing the flute. Not surprisingly most of his many hundred compositions were primarily for the flute or in which the flute had a prominent role. We were treated to Sonata No 275.

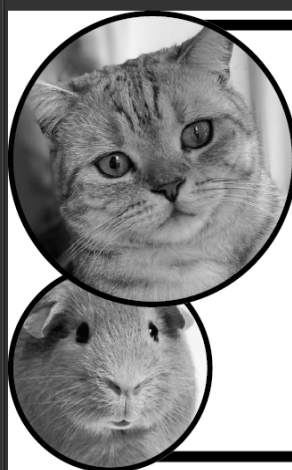
Mel Bonis – Melanie Helene to her Mum and Dad – lived from 1858 to 1937 and she too wrote more than 300 pieces for piano solo, piano duets, organ, chamber orchestra as well as choral music and a mass. She also produced the sonata for flute and piano by which we were beguiled through its liveliness, melancholy and melodic charm. Why she has slipped into obscurity is not clear because she deserves to be better known.

Wil Offermans is a Dutch flautist/composer who was born in 1957. He seeks to popularise what he describes as

“extended flute techniques - sometimes also called new, modern or contemporary techniques”. His music is, shall we say, different. His “Honami” combines the Japanese words “Ho” - an ear of corn - and “Nami” - a wave. He seeks to portray the effect of the wind disturbing a field of rice - “the breath is the corn, the printed music is the medium and the sound of the flute is the consequential result”.

It was an evening of many delights not the least of which was the pleasure of having two brilliant artistes on the threshold of their careers clearly revelling in giving joy to an appreciative audience.

On 17th September Blackweir Brass Quintet will perform. It will be lively! More information about Curry Rivel Music is on the website – curryrivelmusic.org – or from the Secretary, Anne Michell on 01458 250863 or email anne.michell@btinternet.com



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Curry Rivel Community SpeedWatch

Robert Crowley – Community SpeedWatch Coordinator

Volunteers have been observing and recording vehicles travelling through our village for approximately 13 years. At the beginning, the percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit compared to the total number passing was ten per cent. Over the years this percentage has been reduced to under two per cent.

This situation is, of course, whilst SpeedWatch operates. Who knows what the figure would be otherwise? I suspect much higher. We all know there are many speeding vehicles. Some drivers seemingly incapable or uncaring of how fast they drive in a restricted area. The fact that 'watches' are organised on a random basis – 18 sites in all, different days and times – creates a definite incentive for vehicles

to be driven at an appropriate speed. This is not enough, of course, and I am endeavouring to obtain the Highways Agency's agreement to provide traffic calming, with villagers' approval. It is a very slow process. I am acting in liaison with the Parish Council - I thank them for the support.

Over recent times, the number of volunteers has reduced, for a number of reasons - the number stands at 14. I should like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers taking part in 'watches', especially indefatigable Ted King Oakley, our Communicator. His role includes the requirement to forward pro forma reports to the Police, following each SpeedWatch session.

I urge villagers to give serious consideration to joining us. One is trained in two stages.

1: A short online application, involving very easy video memory test.

2: Roadside training, which Ted and I supervise.

Usually, I arrange two SpeedWatch sessions per week, each lasting one hour. Volunteers are invited to offer dates when they are able or wish to participate. There is no rota - just to take part if and when they are free and willing.

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Un très grand merci!

Alison Cockrell

Members of the Curry Rivel and District Twinning Association gathered together on 28th April for an evening social – the first since the pandemic and various lockdowns. The event was organised as a “bring-and-share” get together with members providing a delicious array of meat, fish and salad dishes as well as desserts and, of course, not forgetting the odd glass of wine.

Around 20 people attended the gathering which was organised to thank Barbara Hamlin for having steered the

association as Chairperson for over 20 years. Barbara stepped down from her valuable role two years ago but, sadly, Covid prevented members being able to say an enormous “thank you” for all her dedicated and tireless work in coordinating the twinning organisation. Over the years the bond between the two communities of Curry Rivel and Chevilly in France has gone from strength to strength with many firm and lasting friendships having been formed. In recognition of all her hard work Barbara was presented with theatre vouchers and a bouquet from members of the Twinning Association. There was also a bouquet from our Chevilly friends as well as moving tributes from members of both communities...see photo on p1

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Covid effects

With Government restrictions lifted, St. Andrew's Church **continues to be open** to everyone daily and services are conducted in the 'normal' manner. However, to continue to help protect each other, especially any vulnerable members of the congregation, the **use of face masks is strongly advised** and handgel is required when entering/leaving the church - see also the notice board in the church porch.

June

Sunday 5th - Pentecost

10.00 **FH** - United Benefice All Age Family & Friends Pentecost Service

Thursday 9th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 12th

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

Tuesday 13th

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

Sunday 19th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer
 11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service
 12.00 **CR** - Said Communion CW

Thursday 23rd

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 26th

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion
 11.00 **CR** - Morning Prayer CW
 6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

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

Scott's spot

Our Queen at her Platinum Jubilee



Last month I wrote about the extraordinary effect that the life of Jesus has had, and continues to have, on the world. This 'one solitary life', which included none of the things we might usually associate with greatness, went on to shape the world like no other. Literally billions of lives have been transformed by Christ's teachings, his self-less example, his eye-witnessed acts of Divine power, and, ultimately, the sacrificial giving of himself to death on a cross. And amongst those multitudes stands another extraordinary life of sacrificial service, one that we celebrate this month.

Our Queen is by any measure a remarkable woman. Here are some facts. She's the longest reigning monarch in British history. She never went to university, but she has been the adviser and confidante to 14 British Prime Ministers. She is a 96-year-old senior citizen, but still works many hours a week.

She employs about one thousand two hundred people, but feeds her own dogs. She can rebuild the 3462cc engine of an Austin K2 Ambulance, trek hatless for hours on her Fell pony, but she looks entirely elegant in the 488 diamond Koloschnik tiara.

She is the most famous woman in the world, but seems as relaxed in a school or residential care home as in the company of celebrities or other Heads of State. She is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, attends church weekly, even on holiday, and prays daily.

St. Andrew's Rotas June

Brass - Sue Blackwell

Flowers

1st - Jubilee Flowers
 4th & 11th - Angela Cole
 18th - Adrienne Holmes
 25th & July 2nd - Sue Randell

Cleaning

4th - Anne Geach
 11th - Anne Goff
 18th - Jackie & John de Ronde
 25th - Carolyn Paton



Scott's Spot ctd. . .

She has no power to make political decisions but her personal authority has brought nations together. She has had a gruelling travel and work schedule for over 65 years but as the political commentator Andrew Marr once pointed out: *'There are no reliable recorded incidents of the Queen losing her temper, using bad language, or refusing to carry out a duty expected of her.'* Most of us would find it hard to match that record for one week never mind 70 years!

So what's the secret of the Queen's remarkable consistency of character and extraordinary contribution to nation, Commonwealth and the global community? Well that's a question she herself answered in 2002.

She wrote: *'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.'*

Just over 70 years ago at her first Christmas Broadcast as she prepared for her Coronation the following June, she asked the nation for prayer. As she reflected recently on this request she wrote: *'I have been - and remain - very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness.'*

Congratulations, your Majesty, on 70 years of faithful, joyful, persevering, generous-hearted, reign. We thank you, and we thank God for you.

Revd. Scott.

From St. Andrew's Registers

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.
 2nd May - Memorial service for the Life of Sir David Stewart
 7th Baronet of Athenree
 († 20 March 2022)

Church fete ?

Some are asking whether this year might see a return of the Church Fete.

Unfortunately, due to difficulties forming a planning team for the usual date, this has not been possible.

There is however an alternative event still potentially in the pipeline for the end of July, along the lines of the 'Antiques Road Show'.

This too is proving challenging in one particular area, with its viability decided within the next month. Watch this space for more details

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United Reformed Church



June

**Services at 10.30 in the Chapel
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Sunday 5th - To be arranged

Sunday 12th - Rev Tim Richards

Sunday 19th - To be arranged

Sunday 26th - Rev Evelyn Ridout

****** if you wish to join with us via Zoom please email 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 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.

Minister: Rev. Tim Richards
01458 252799

The United Reformed Church publishes a national magazine on a monthly basis called REFORM; it has a section titled 'From the Archive'. In May this included a piece originally published in 1989 about why people were leaving in favour of other denominations. The article declared folk were leaving to join "Low Anglicans, Baptists, Pentecostals or House churches".

I wonder what the attraction of these denominations & fellowships was? Or put differently, what did folk feel was missing in the URC they left to seek it elsewhere?

The author's conclusion was that 'They do not find in us any spiritual dynamic'. With the Church festival of Pentecost (when we recall the first followers of Jesus experiencing the Spirit of God moving through them, inspiring and uplifting) being celebrated in June, this is an appropriate time to be wondering what 'spiritual dynamic' might mean?

Was the author suggesting our churches would be full if we all started raising our hands in the air? Or if we swapped traditional hymns for choruses? Should URC ministers be promoting the more charismatic spiritual gifts? Would any of the above help to halt the decline in numbers in our churches?

Even if it *could* be proved that taking the above measures would grow the numbers in the pews of URC churches, would I do this simply just to fill the pews? Is 'spiritual dynamism' about growing our numbers? to expand by whatever means we can?

I don't think it is. I think the most important thing in our spiritual journey is authenticity – being true to who and what we are in our worshipping and daily lives. Spirituality is about relationship, relationship to that which we name God, and takes as many forms as there are unique individuals; we have many different ways of expressing our relationship with God. Personally, I like traditional hymns, and more demonstrative expressions within worship doesn't come naturally to me; as I've grown older I've come to appreciate a quieter, gentler 'spiritual dynamic'.

Spirituality takes many forms -from emotionally charged worship to ideologically motivated social action and every shade in between. Rather than worry about the numbers of people in any particular congregation I would encourage each to be faithful to themselves, developing their own authentic expression of faith, both individually and within a worshipping community – a spirituality which becomes evident in and through the way lives are lived.

Find your own authentic expression of faith, find a worshipping community within which you feel comfortable enough being yourself – there is no need to become something or someone else, no need to align yourself with a spiritual dynamic which does not fit you, no need to succumb to an imposed expectation – God is love and love demands no more than love however you best express it.

Yours,
Rev. Tim.

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Curry Rivel Heating Initiatives Project Questionnaire

Matt Geen

The Curry Rivel Parish Council Heating Initiatives project has now reached the stage where we need your help. We have prepared a questionnaire to find out about your heating needs and your views on ideas for the future. We appreciate that, with prices rising faster than incomes right now, people might not have the money to spend on new heating systems. So, we are looking for ideas that are affordable as well as effective.

The quickest, cheapest, and sometimes most effective way to save on heating bills is often to reduce the amount of energy that you use. That doesn't have to mean shivering or wearing your thickest jumper indoors. Insulation and other retrofitting activities can make a big difference, and we will be advising on the best ways to do that.

In addition, we are keen to explore two main routes to get the most cost-effective and green heating, which are: Residents buy renewable heating technology together through a mixture of grants and bulk purchasing. Residents access a renewable heat network of private pipes and wires, owned by the community to provide an independent Curry Rivel heating network, heating homes which want to participate.

We have secured initial grant funding and engaged consultant RenewEV, who are specialist energy consultants with an additional specialism in community energy project development. They are tasked with reviewing our options and piecing together the high-level feasibility of the schemes for us to take forward as a community.

To take either proposal forward we need to understand the numbers of households who are willing to work together to make this work.

We would also like your views on community energy and whether, if a community energy company were created (to own and manage the assets), you would support this and invest in it. Ideas include setting up a community benefit society, which is a form of not-for-profit organisation which retains the value within the community.

Please fill in the survey at the link below and ask your neighbours to take part. The more people who respond the more likely we can make a scheme work and attract more grant funding for our area.

The survey is being run until 30th June. If you have any questions, please email crheatingproject@gmail.com and we will aim to respond as soon as possible.



We will not share your personal details with any organisation outside the Curry Rivel Heating Initiatives Project Working Group and its contracted consultants, RenewEV. Providing your contact details is optional. Your answers to the rest of the questionnaire will be very useful with or without those contact details. However, we wish to make sure that the answers that we get are representative of the village as a whole, and knowing a bit more about you will help us with that.

You can find the questionnaire at www.curryrivel.org.uk/campaigns/heating-initiatives-project.html, or by using this QR code with your mobile phone. If you would prefer to use a paper copy, please email crheatingproject@gmail.com or phone 01458 250655.

And in the meantime, if you are thinking of improving your heating or insulation before the winter weather sets in again, don't delay! There is currently a huge demand for both more efficient heating systems and engineers to install them. Heat pumps are on a three-month waiting list.

A final piece of advice: we hear that there are some less than honest traders touting for business right now. Consumer organisations like Which recommend that you don't respond to traders who "cold call" you. Instead, seek the advice of an independent and trustworthy advisor organisation, such as the Centre for Sustainable Energy, at www.cse.org.uk. Also check out the South Somerset District Council advice page at <https://www.southsomersetenvironment.co.uk/energysavingtips>.

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 (kevl@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	Yoga	Village Hall
5.30	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews
THURSDAY		
10.00	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
6.30	Yoga	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	
FRIDAY		
9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall
SATURDAY		
9.00	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe

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Health Walks	250725
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Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
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Music Club	250863
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Curry Rivel Open Gardens

Sunday 19th June 1 – 5 pm

01458 762296 Gina Beauchamp –
cribsomerset@gmail.com

There are now 11 gardens that will open. Please do come, and tell your friends. It is a very enjoyable afternoon which also raises funds that are distributed around the village. Tickets (the Programme) will be for sale in advance at the BP garage / Nisa shop. £5 per adult and children under 16 free. On the day, programmes and lunches will be available in the village hall from 12.00 noon, then teas and cream teas will be available from 2.30pm. The village hall will be open until 4.30pm for teas, and until 5pm for toilets. Some gardens will also offer teas and plant sales. Other places to visit on the trail are the War Memorial, Granny's Garden, the allotments, Eastfield Wild flower Meadow, Batty Piece, the Churchyard and the village green.

As you walk round the village enjoy the **Front Garden Trail** where pretty and interesting front gardens can be seen. These are marked on the map in the programme (the ticket for the event) but should only be viewed from the gate or fence and should **not** to be entered as they are not the Open Gardens.

Help on the day: It is still not too late to offer to help on the day for just an hour or so. If you can help in any way, please let me know.

Scarecrows: It was previously a tradition to have scarecrows around the village for the Open Gardens and we would like to do this again this year. Anyone in the village can make a scarecrow and enter. Just put it up outside your garden, in the hedge, on the wall, or on the fence securely and you will have entered. Please put them in place by Friday 17th June. The school children will also be taking part and providing a scarecrow for each garden. There will be prizes!

Young Gardener of the Year: We last held this in 2019, before Covid. If you are under 18 and are a keen gardener please get your parent's permission and get in touch, and we will visit you and your garden. South West in Bloom were very impressed by our last winner Zac Powell and he received a special mention at the South West in Bloom awards in Oct 2019. No age limit at the bottom end of the scale, so all ages please apply, no one has applied yet so there is still time to enter.

CRiB Plant Sale: Curry Rivel in Bloom held a plant sale on Sat 7th May at the war memorial which was very well attended. Lots of people donated plants and a total of £146 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came, donated plants and helped on the day. A special thank you to Northwing who donated plants for us to sell.

South-West in Bloom Judging: The village will be judged on Monday 11th July. We hope to have all our projects finished by then, and that the village will be looking lovely. Please help us by weeding the front of your property where the wall meets the pavement, cutting grass edges and verges. Maybe put out some pretty pots? The village always looks lovely for judging day as so many villagers join in and spruce things up. Thank you everyone.

Jobs to do in the garden in June

- Keep on top of watering. Use saucers under pots to save excess water. Have a water butt to save on your water bill. When it rains put out extra bowls and buckets to save as much as you can.
- Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes and feed them when the first fruit truss flowers appear, then feed regularly. Use a banana skin feed to promote flowers and fruit rather than chemicals.
- Earth up potatoes.
- Mow the lawn once a week, but consider leaving a patch to grow long to encourage wildlife. Put a large saucer of water with some pebbles down for bees and butterflies to drink and rest.
- Stake tall floppy plants. Keep dead-heading flowers to encourage new growth.
- Weed regularly. Whenever you go out in the garden pull up a few weeds. Little and often is the easiest way.

