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Green Light for... Curry Rivel Active Travel Cycle Footpath

Tony Greenaway

At a special meeting on 18th January, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to the recommendations for the design and route of the Active Travel Cycle Footpath and gave the go ahead for the working group to explore the next steps.

The final route along with the recommended design requirements is now available on the Curry Rivel Website <https://www.curryrivel.org.uk/campaigns/cycle-footpath.html>.

This route will only become possible with the support of landowners and to date we have had encouraging conversations with some Landowners namely, Ron Bracken, Sylvia Grace, and Tim Schroder. Further discussions are still required with others.

Whilst the drawings show the preferred route, there is still much to be done before we can be sure that a path is viable and can proceed.

The Working Group will actively seek out sources of funding from local authorities, the Active Travel Fund (headed by Chris Boardman) as well as seek voluntary donations from our community. So now is a great time to be pressing ahead with the project.

The Somerset County Council Transport Manager has taken a particular interest in this project because of its rural based nature and because it could eventually link to other villages. Watch this space for further updates and please write in with messages of support as, without doubt, we will need to show evidence when the time comes to seek funding.

Contact Tony Greenaway tgreenaway51@gmail.com

Useful Links

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<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plans-lcwips/>



Please give us your thoughts



Ideas being considered for the Westfield Play area

Westfield Survey

- Outdoor gym equipment and exercise circuit
- Community coffee shop with garden and seating
- Resurrection of football – five-a-side
- Cycle track – suitable for all ages
- Tennis court
- Table tennis
- Bowls

Please send your thoughts to:

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Change in Local Government – update

Richard Wilkins & Mike Stanton

Further to the article by District & County Councillor Clare Paul and District Councillor Tiffany Osborne in the last issue, things are progressing with reorganisation into a single Somerset Council.

The Local Government Review (LGR) Advisory Board held a successful public meeting on 3rd February, and the LGR Joint Committee met on 4th to take several decisions on progressing the set-up of the new Council. The Committee includes representatives of all four District Councils and the County Council.

For Curry Rivel, an important aspect will be its membership of a Local Community Network (LCN) of some 15-20 parish councils within the new Somerset Council. Current plans are that these LCNs will cover most issues, but not planning; possible boundaries for them are currently under discussion, with Curry Rivel faced with deciding whether to join with its larger neighbours to the east, or with its smaller neighbours to the west, north and south.

There will now be two elected councillors to represent the Curry Rivel & Langport Ward, with the elections being held on the 5th of May alongside the Curry Rivel Parish Council elections.

The Liberal Democrat candidates will be Richard Wilkins and Mike Stanton. Richard is a member of Curry Rivel Parish Council, having lived in the village for 10 years with his partner Kate. Mike has been the District Councillor for Burrow Hill Ward (Kingsbury Episcopi, Drayton, Muchelney, Hambridge) since May 2019, is Vice-chair of Area North Committee and a member of the Somerset Rivers Authority; he lives in South Petherton.

The Green Party candidates will be Matt Geen and Stephen Tate. Matt is a Curry Rivel Parish councillor, who has lived in the village for 10 years and was brought up nearby. Stephen is chair of Langport Town Council and lives in Langport.

The Labour candidate will be Sean Dromgoole. Sean has lived just outside Langport since 1999. Sean is a town councillor in Langport and President and groundsman of Huish and Langport Cricket club. Sean has twice run for national Parliament and during lockdown helped Black Sheep Butchers offer a delivery service for those who were shielding.

Any other candidates will be announced in due course.

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Krista Felek

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Chris Cox



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Puccini's *Madam Butterfly* is back at Bristol Hippodrome on Saturday 2nd April. If you fancy humming along just contact Chris by e-mail Charitytheatrerips@btinternet.com or phone on 01458 273085. Other trips up and running **We Will Rock You**, Wed 20 Apr, **Mamma Mia**, Mon 20 Jun 22, **Les Miserables**, Tuesday 19 Jul 22, **The Commitments**, Tue 21 Mar 23, **Strictly Ballroom**, Tue 13 Jun 2023. We now have a Groups link on Facebook, if you do such exciting things! You can sign yourself up to receive the latest news. The link is 'Charity Theatre Trips'. Our website is www.charitytheatretrips.com where you will find up-to-date details.

Forget-Me-Not Cafe

The 'Forget Me Not' Cafe is re-opening on Tuesday 1st March, at Curry Rivel Village Hall, from 2.30pm till 4.30pm.

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Alison Cockrell

The Last Duel (18)

Friday 18 March 2022

Based on Eric Jager's 2004 book, this epic historical drama tells the true story of France's last trial by combat during the Middle Ages. Knight Jean de Carrouges (Matt Damon) challenges his former friend Jacques Le Gris to a duel after Marguerite, Jean's wife, accuses Le Gris of violating her. The film is told in three parts to reflect the conflicting accounts of the three main characters. Directed by the great Sir Ridley Scott.

Also stars: Jodie Comer, Adam Driver, Ben Affleck and Harriet Walter.

Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £7 are available at the door.

Please note, we are aiming to run this event as "normally" as possible, but we would request that you sign in with your contact details / use the QR code posters on arrival. You are no longer required to wear a face mask.



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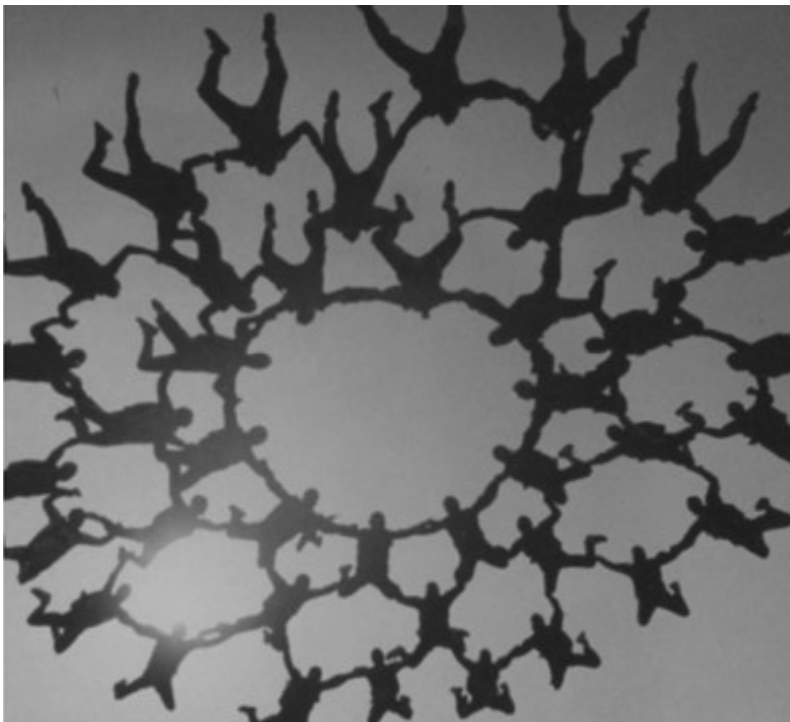
Lottie Dale: Falling in Style **SOMERTON U3A**

The February speaker for programme of talks at the Somerton u3a monthly meeting was Lottie Dale who entertained members with her account of being a member of a women's free fall parachute team in the 80s and 90s.

Lottie entertained over 100 members at the Edgar Hall with tales of her parachuting career, spanning 17 years and making over 1,700 jumps. Inspired by her Spitfire flying father, Lottie yearned to fly but as that ambition was out of reach, she took up parachute jumping. Lottie fell in love with it and was soon learning to manoeuvre in the air and linking up to other people to make shapes in the sky. She joined a group, was soon entering competitions in the UK and Europe doing free fall jumps linked to up to 60 people.



Lottie at the Edgar Hall



Lottie free falling with 39 other team members

The March speaker on Friday 25th March at the Edgar Hall will be the Rev Canon Brian Pearson, in a talk entitled *Return of the Loose Canon*, who returns by popular demand to share more of his experiences from the years he spent working for the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey.

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Gina Beauchamp

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Dishwasher tablets that are not as harmful to the environment are available in a cardboard box that can be

delivered through your letter box. You can sign up for deliveries as often as you need them. I have tried both of these, and I am very pleased with the results. The washing powder sheets can be torn in half or quarter so you don't use too much. The dishwasher tablets were as good as the usual ones I used and I'm sure that they left the dishwasher cleaner. There is also much more room in my cupboard now that I have no more boxes taking up space.

Here are some recommendations:

Dishwasher tablets: Homethings – www.gethomethings.com

Dishwasher tablets and washing powder: SMOL – <https://smolproducts.com>

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Catherine Mowat

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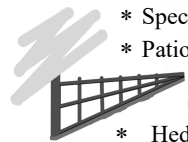
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Barbara Lancey

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On our next visit to Somerton soon after, my husband and I took the opportunity to pop into Ace Arts and view the spectacle, and oh boy what a feast for the eyes! A work of such contrasts, from very intricate and delicate stitching, to bold embroidery, the naivety of some pieces showing such depth of meaning. Fabulous stitching of birds, bees, flowers, people, landscapes, many interwoven with fine single threads of silver or gold lacing their way through scenes. It really was a feast for the eyes, especially seeing it being worked on in situ (see photo) and on hearing the exhibition was soon to end, I arranged to take two of my

granddaughters to see it. Aged 11 and 12, they gleefully took lots of photos, especially as more and more intricacies were pointed out to them. I felt that even if they weren't quite as excited by it as I was, they might realise it's full beauty in the future and be proud that they had seen it 'in the flesh'.....I hope so anyway.

If it comes our way again, I thoroughly recommend a viewing.....I shall certainly be first in line!



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County Council News

Clare Paul

Coronavirus infection rates: As of 28th January the number of confirmed Covid cases in Somerset was 106,569 (27% up from 83,300 on 30th December) and the number of Covid-attributed deaths 977. The rate per 100,000 stands at 964.2 (766.6) for Somerset with Mendip at 766.5 (892.0), Sedgemoor at 1143.1 (756.6), South Somerset 921.3 (684.3) and SW&T at 1016.0 (770.4). The number of total deaths across the County is currently below the 5-year average and the latest R-value for Somerset is between 0.8 and 1.1. Infection rates in Somerset continue to be extremely high. With the new omicron variant it is still advisable, even for those who have had both jabs and the relaxation in Government guidelines to continue to observe social distancing and to always ventilate indoor areas.

Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline: A single phone number continues to be available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support. **0300 790 6275**, is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm.

Vaccination programmes roll-out: Somerset continues to have one of the highest vaccination rates in the country with the latest figures showing over 96.2% of the 18+ population having had one dose of vaccine and 93.8% having had both doses. In total 63.7% of the adult population have also received their booster.

Local Government Reorganisation: Following the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) decision to support the move to a single Unitary Council across Somerset the Structural Changes Order was laid before Parliament on 24th January. The agreed vesting date remains 1st April 2023. The first elections to the new authority together with Somerset Town and Parish elections will be held on 5th May 2022.

County Council Revenue Budget: Somerset County Council has published its last draft proposed budget ahead of the creation of a new unitary Somerset Council in April 2023. The council is proposing major increases in investment in care services, with an increase for Adult Social Care of £18m (13%), and over £12m (also 13%) for Children's Services. The increase in funding for Adult Social Care in part reflects the council's recent decision to support an increase in carers pay and to provide a retention bonus for care staff in Somerset. This is intended to support the recruitment and retention of staff in a challenging job market for care services.

County Council Capital Budget: SCC is proposing to allocate £48 million for capital spending in the coming year. This includes substantial investment in measures to tackle climate change, building on the council's successful Climate Emergency Community Fund. The council has allocated £1 million in new match funding to support the

"decarbonisation" of schools – on top of the existing £7.8 million investment in decarbonising the council's buildings, including libraries. A further £1 million has been allocated for electric fleet vehicles and charging infrastructure. A new investment of £1 million has been allocated to local transport schemes.

Proposed Council Tax: Council Tax for SCC is proposed to rise by two per cent with a further one per cent rise for the social care precept. This compares to UK inflation in December running at over four percent and will mean that Somerset County Council continues to set one of the lowest County Tax rates in the UK.

Somerset libraries: Since libraries reopened their doors last April, Somerset Libraries have had over half a million visits and have welcomed over 16,000 new members. To encourage even more people to reconnect with library services and support communities as they start to recover from the impact of the pandemic Somerset Libraries is running two initiatives until the 31st March. Children and young people aged 17 and under will not be charged for using any library services. This includes requesting books from other libraries, borrowing DVDs and no charges for the late return of items! The service will also be happy to clear outstanding charges, for all customers, incurred before 21st January 2022, no questions asked. To take advantage of this 'welcome back' offer, visit your local library before the 31st March and speak to a member of staff.

Climate change action 1: Somerset County Council has been ranked as the top county council in the UK when it comes to taking a lead on climate change. Climate Emergency UK has ranked all 409 local authorities, scoring them against nine categories, including how well councils' plans would mitigate the impact of climate change locally, whether the climate and ecological emergency was integrated into existing policies, community engagement, climate education, scale of emissions targets, and commitments to tackle the ecological emergency. Somerset County Council was named as the top county council, meanwhile Somerset West & Taunton Council was ranked as the top district council

Climate change action 2: A grant available to help Somerset people benefit from energy efficient installations worth up to £10,000 has been extended until June 2022. The Green Homes Grant Scheme allows eligible homeowners to apply for vouchers to install climate-friendly energy saving measures such as insulation, air source heat pumps, or double glazing. The work can be worth up to £10,000, with nothing for homeowners to pay towards the cost of the works. To be eligible for the grants, the residents of the property must have a low income and the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for the property must be rated D, E, F or G. visit www.heatsomerset.co.uk for more information.

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March

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Thursday 3rd

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 6th - Lent 1

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family & Friends
 Service (refreshments afterwards)

11.00 **FH** - Said Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer CW

Sunday 13th - Lent 2

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW

Thursday 17th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 20th - Lent 3

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW

11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

Scott's spot

Seeing for ourselves

As a 'lefty' (a left handed person) I'm aware of several websites dedicated to left-handedness.

On these sites you can see what's available to help - left-handed scissors or fountain pens, for example. You can also read about famous historic figures that were left handed. One such person, who featured for many years as a celebrated lefty, was the artist Picasso. This, however, turned out not to be true. Picasso was *right*-handed, as can apparently be proven by an examination of the photographic and historical records.

So what was it that caused so many people to think otherwise? Well the answer is, they took someone else's word for it; they assumed that what they were told was true. And that's an understandable mistake; we often have nothing but hearsay to go on. Yet we need to be alert to the danger of this - perhaps even more so in this era of often pretty restricted social media groups and algorithms feeding us only what we want - for ultimately there can be no substitute for first-hand experience. Until we see the truth of something for ourselves, either by witnessing it or testing it, we cannot say that we know something.



Scott's Spot ctd. . .

There's a Bible passage that shows this is nothing new. When Jesus was beginning his public ministry, the town he came from had a bad reputation. Nazareth was not seen as a des-res. So when Jesus called Philip to be one of his disciples, and Philip went to his friend Nathanael to tell him that they'd found "*Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth*" his response was less than enthusiastic. Nathanael said "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" Before he'd even seen, met or heard Jesus, Nathanael had made his mind up. Nazareth? No way!

You can read the full account in John's Gospel (Ch. 1 verses 43 to 51) but the short version is that when Nathanael actually met Jesus, the preconceived negatives quickly slipped away. So what's my point? Well as the vicar I wonder sometimes whether many negative views about Christians and the church are also largely based on hearsay and preconceived ideas that are endlessly reinforced and repeated - things said by those who actually have no first-hand experience themselves. I'm only guessing really because people are *usually* quite restrained around vicars (!), but perhaps the word on the street, or in your WhatsApp group, is that the Christian faith is irrelevant to modern life, that Christians live in cloud-cuckoo land believing impossible things based on thin air; that the welcome at church would be lacking - even unfriendly, that the atmosphere would be cliquey, that people would point and laugh if you didn't know what was going on or what to do, and that far from being a place of warmth, love and acceptance there would be judgement.

When people investigated for themselves, Picasso turned out **not** to be a lefty. When Nathanael met Jesus of Nazareth, his prejudices slipped away.

Could it be that what you've heard about Christians and the church may similarly be less than reliable? As Philip did for Nathanael, can I warmly invite you to '*come and see*'?

With prayer for you and those you love,

Revd. Scott.

St. Andrew's Rotas March

Brass - Nicky Barker

Flowers

5th, 12th & 19th - Lent
 26th - Mothering Sunday

Cleaning

5th - Nicky Barker
 12th - Liz Rendell
 19th - Lynne Comley
 26th - Tina Geary



March ctd . . .

Sunday 27th - Mothering Sunday

10.00 **CR** - United Benefice All Age

Family Mothering Sunday service

11.00 **CR** - Said Communion CW

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

World Day of Prayer Reminder.

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

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

This year, the annual service is prepared by Christian 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.

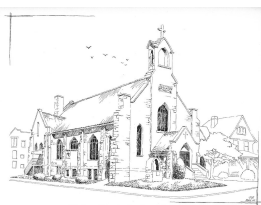
Easter Lilies

St. Andrew's Church Flower Guild places lilies in the Church at Easter in memory of loved ones.



If you would like to sponsor any lilies (cost £ 3.50 per stem), please contact Adrienne Holmes on 01458-252710 by

Saturday 26th March.



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Rest
Townsend
Curry Rivel



Bow House
Bow Street
Langport

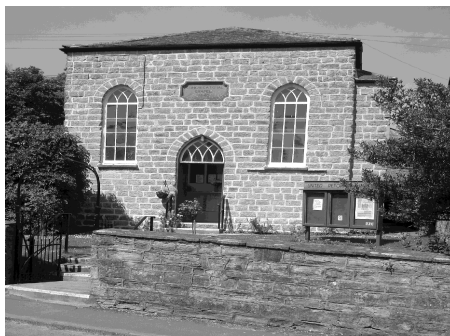
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Memorial Masonry Service



Golden Charter
Funeral Plans

United Reformed Church



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. Refreshments are served after the service, providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.

Minister: Rev. Tim Richards
01458 252799

LENT at the URC

**Giving something to (rather than
giving something up)**

**You are invited to Morning Coffee
on Saturday 9th April
URC Hall 10am-12 noon**

You've heard the familiar phrase "giving something up for Lent" – it originates with the solemn Christian observance of fasting and the giving up of luxuries in order to replicate, remind ourselves by entering into the spirit of, Jesus's time spent in the desert at the beginning of his public ministry. The Gospels record this period in the desert as 40 days – hence Lent (and any giving up we might do) lasts for 40 days (weekends don't count!). This year the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday) falls on March 2nd ending approximately six weeks later, Holy Saturday (16th April), the day before Easter Sunday.

Lent is a season of preparation: preparation for Christ's death and resurrection – preparation through prayer; repentance (or sorrow for) of sins (unhelpful acts or inaction); penance (putting right or making amends for a wrong); almsgiving (charitable giving to those in need); the denial of ego (self-denial; usually denying oneself the pleasures of life but also a recognition of others needs as more important than our own).

March

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

Sunday 6th - to be confirmed

Sunday 13th - to be confirmed

Sunday 20th - to be confirmed

Sunday 27th - Mothering Sunday

N.B. at the time of going to print Preachers had not be confirmed. Please check external Church Notice board for details

****** 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

LENT at the URC ctd. . . .

Our **giving up** at the URC during Lent this year involves **giving to** and **we invite you to join with us.**

Throughout the period of Lent, we encourage you to join us by putting something aside: we will be supporting **Curry Rivel Foodbank** by putting aside in-date, non-perishable foodstuffs etc. AND putting aside monies for the support of **Afghan Refugees in Somerset**. By putting something aside either on a daily, weekly or as-you-wish-basis, we can support our own community and those dramatically displaced from their own community and country finding themselves placed here amongst us.

This might be as an act of penance, putting right a wrong, or addressing an injustice:

It might be as part of your alms or charitable giving:

It could be part of your self-denial, putting others needs before your own or going without in order that someone else might have:

It might simply be your act of kindness or compassion.

It doesn't need to be much: five loaves and two fishes fed a multitude - 10p every day for 40 days = £4:00 will make a difference.

To say **THANK YOU** we will be hosting **FREE Coffee/Tea & Cake** towards the end of Lent on **Saturday 9th April 10-12 noon**: just bring your items for the Foodbank and/or your money for supporting Refugees with you to the **URC Hall**. Stay for coffee: we will gather, pack & transport Foodbank items and forward financial contributions for you. Thank you.

Rev. Tim & congregation
of Curry Rivel URC

Curry Rivel in Bloom

A flowering community

Gina Beauchamp cribsomerset@gmail.com 01458 762296



Plant Sale

Crib have held some very successful plant sales in the past and we plan to hold our next one on **Saturday 2nd April at 10.30** at the War Memorial - weather permitting ! It will be the usual format of bring and buy and come and buy, with plants that we know will grow in your gardens because most have been donated by gardeners in the village. If you haven't already done so, you can split your perennials that are getting too large and bring some along to the sale. Prices will be from 50p, £1, £1.50, £2.00 etc. Come along and grab a bargain ! Bring some change and some bags and boxes to take away your new plants !

Please think about helping with CRiB

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, so please get in touch and volunteer, anyone can help with any of the following: grass cutting, lawn edging, deaed 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. We will judge the Spring Front Garden Competition in 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 19th 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 March

A very busy time for Gardeners !

- Start sowing vegetable seeds in a cold frame or greenhouse.
- Start sweetpea seeds if not done on the autumn they can be in a cold greenhouse.
- Sow tomato, chilli, aubergine and sweet pepper seeds indoors.
- Finish pruning roses early in the month.
- Divide perennials that have become too large , the middles will die back otherwise.
- Tidy up your borders. Weed and mulch before plants put on too much growth.
- Plant new roses, shrubs and climbers.
- Deadhead any daffodils and other spring bulbs that have finished flowering but let the leaves die back naturally.

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 February

Regular Events

MONDAY

10.00	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00	Table Tennis (keveloe@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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Note: Article copy date has been advanced from Tuesday to Monday each month to accommodate reliable printing delivery

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer 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
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Out & About

Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905

Women's Institute

Women's Institute	253078
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Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton

Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
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PROBUS

PROBUS	252545
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Sedgemoor Garden Club

Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
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Heale Lane Allotment Association

Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
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Curry Rivel in Bloom

Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
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Get Together Club

Get Together Club	252791
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Health Walks

Health Walks	250725
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Mother and Baby

Mother and Baby	07732 197030
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Forget-Me-Not-Café

Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
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Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel	251940
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Arts

Entertainers	250311
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Music Club

Music Club	250863
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Art Club

Art Club	253126
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Community Facilities

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)	0771 6792760
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Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	07871 431706
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Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
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United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	259391
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Community Services

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

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

Parish Council (Clerk) curryrivelparish@outlook.com	07714 510828
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District Council	01935 462462
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County Council	0300 123 2224
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Religious

Church of England Rector	251375
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Churchwarden	259003
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Secretary PCC	251355
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Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
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Flower Guild	252710
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Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
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URC Minister	252799
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Messy Church	01458 762523
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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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We've been busy at the Curry Woods Conservation Trust

Peter Goodenough

This collection of pictures gives a snapshot of our work over the winter months. We have planted 400 more trees and shrubs. Both the Curry Rivel school and the CR WI took part on a wonderful Wednesday in January. The WI contingent planted their Centenary Grove, which should become a fitting celebration of 100 years of the local branch. We got most of the trees planted then and the rest came in dribs and drabs during late January/early February. Many thanks to all the school staff, young people and experienced others who did a sterling job.



Fully laid hedge

It is up to us now to cultivate the hedge so that it forms a thick, bird friendly hedge rather than the leggy thin hedges produced by flailing. The aim will be to have a hedge with a "batter". This is a traditional sloping shape



Clive Bethell preparing the hedge

Also during the same week Clive Bethell laid the hedge along the southern boundary. This has attracted some comment as those who have never seen a hedge laid in the traditional manner think it has been decimated. This is sort of literally true as only about 10% of the starting hedge has been retained and the rest cut out. This traditional way of thickening up a hedge uses the fact that hedgerow trees can be cut down or coppiced and this induces thicker growth, both from the remaining stems and also from the rootstock.



Lorna Murphy - ready for work!



Question and answer session in the outdoor classroom

which is thicker at the bottom than at the top. This allows enough light to get to the sides to encourage thick growth which is stockproof and also good for bird nesting. Watch the development over coming years.