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# Everybody Welcome!

*Hazel Morris*

Since re-opening its doors, the Forget-Me-Not Café has become busier and busier. It's a lovely place to come to meet new and old friends for some (very) gentle exercise, table games, tea and home-made cake and a sing-along. All of which are optional although we rarely have anyone refuse the cake!



We have some special events coming up through the year including an Easter party where we'll be entertained by the wonderful Take Note. And, of course, the Coronation won't go unmarked. Our website is a mine of information and future events will appear on there so keep an eye on that: [myforgetmenotcafe.co.uk](http://myforgetmenotcafe.co.uk)

The café is run by a team of volunteers and our entertainers also volunteer their time to accompany the singing at the end of each session. If you think you might be able to help in either capacity, please get in touch.

The Forget-Me-Not Café is open from 2.30pm to 4.30pm every Tuesday at Curry Rivel Village Hall.

Contact details: Adrienne 01458 252710, or [brian1122@btinternet.com](mailto:brian1122@btinternet.com) and Chris on 01458 396123 or [clhampton@live.co.uk](mailto:clhampton@live.co.uk)



*Take Note*



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# Sedgemoor Gardens Club

*Sylvia Goodenough*

**N**umbers at our January meeting were rather reduced by illness but those able to attend heard a very interesting talk about the gardens at Forde Abbey by Dr Paul Bygrave. As our coach trip in June is to Forde Abbey this talk was particularly relevant.

As the CRN for March goes to press, we will be welcoming our February speaker and learning all about climbers (of the plant kind!) and wall shrubs, and on 14th March we are looking forward to a talk from Tony Davies, who calls himself the original flying gardener, covering gardening from tropical heat to frozen wastes. However, our big event in March is our Daffodil Festival on Saturday March 18th. This takes place in Long Sutton Village Hall as this hall has excellent facilities and a large free car park which makes life easier for exhibitors

and visitors alike. Although the competitions are only open to SGC members, the show is open for the general public to view from 2.30-4.30, with cream teas and tempting cakes available, and a plant tombola, raffles and a plant sale alongside the most fabulous array of spring flowers, vegetables, edibles, floral arrangements, craft, paintings and photos. Entry and car parking are free and prices for teas and plants are very reasonable as we are not out to make a profit on them - so do come along to enjoy the festival - and if it whets your appetite, think about joining us! If you sign up and pay the annual subscription on the day not only will it be at the 2022 price and cover you for the 2023/4 year but you will get the remaining 2022/2023 talks and activities free - that's got to be a bargain! I look forward to meeting you there.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

conjunctivitis.com  
- that's a site for  
sore eyes

## Apology from *Curry Rivel News*

Unfortunately due an oversight on our part, an item about the very popular **Big Breakfast** in December did not appear. Apologies to *Hazel Morris* and all those involved in making the event such as success.

## WORD OF THE MONTH

### Heterodoxical

Meaning: contrary to or different from an acknowledged standard, traditional form or established religion.

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## Cheering up dark days

Carolyn Paton

**T**he January WI meeting began with a brief review of December's festive activities and was followed by the listing of, and voting on, possible National Resolutions - an opportunity for grass-root preferences to be expressed. The preferred cause will then be explored and lobbied on during the coming year at a national level. A cheerful and interactive talk given by Gerard Tucker and Mike Highfield was the main event of the morning and began with a lively rendition of 'Here we come a-wassailing' on the squeezebox.

This double-act proceeded to give an enthusiastic talk and demonstration of the history, traditions and current practice of Wassail, and incited an audience response that was both interested and involved. Versions of Wassailing have existed a very long time as expressions of hope and celebration in dark or uncertain times, and pre-date the Christian era. This very human urge to come together in difficult times (darker seasons when crops are dormant for example and food is scarce) to hope for better times, better futures, and to have a cheering celebration together, links well both with the rhythms of nature and with the Christian year. Wassailing takes place all over the country taking different forms and at different times; honouring animals and the plough, bees (so essential to pollination and therefore to crops) individual households and orchards.

Somerset being a major cider centre, the emphasis locally is on celebrating orchards. Apparently Druids and the Celts revered apple trees – these links go back a very long way. The tradition of toasting – raising the wassail cup, or presenting it to someone of a superior status to wish 'Waes hael' (wassail) meaning 'be well' or 'good health' also goes back a long way. Ancient Greek ceramics show it, and the appropriate response here is 'Drinc hael', though I am not sure that is quite how the Grecians expressed it! Wassailing songs are many and various, and many villages have their own. They usually have words that suggest that their good wishes and songs merit a donation of a little food, drink and maybe some cash. There may be cake that contains a bean, entitling the finder to be the Lord or Lady of misrule for the evening. Let us hope the mischief was not too serious! This has echoes of the French Epiphany tradition alive and kicking today, where he who finds the bean (or today, a ceramic charm in the almond pastry) wears a crown for the occasion.

The King or Queen among the revellers leads the wassailing procession to the orchard where cider is heated on a brazier by insertion of a hot metal rod (mulling) and poured as a libation

around the roots of a couple of representative trees, and a soaked slice of toast is placed in the branches - thanks for past fruitfulness and hope for future production. Noise from the pipe and tabour (and maybe saucepans too) is intended to ward off any lurking malign forces. The wassailers may then proceed to the next orchard. Mike and Gerard had us all singing along to lively and accomplished accompaniment, for which words were provided. Their dress was no less lively than their music -making, consisting of brightly coloured 'raggy jackets' and feather -adorned black hats. The origin of the jacket was explained as coming from the fact that poor villagers, having only one all-purpose coat, would turn it inside out as a kind of disguise -thus exposing their frequently torn and ragged linings to the world. Today they are rainbow-hued and attractively made for the purpose, and altogether rather removed from the originals!

Our two wassailers treated us to an entertaining hour from which we came away better informed and in cheerful spirits on what was a dark and wet day. Thank you Mike and Gerard.

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Helen Saich

**F**or a number of reasons, we are no longer able to meet regularly for Messy Church on the second Saturday of each month and, consequently, our dates are going to be rather random for 2023. The only regular thing is that Messy Church will be on a Saturday from 3:30- 5:30pm in the Old School Room most months.

The dates for the next few months are: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> May, so you could put these in your diary. I will try to put an announcement in each Curry Rivel News, so that you will know which week we will be meeting. If you are in doubt, you can phone me: 01458 762523.



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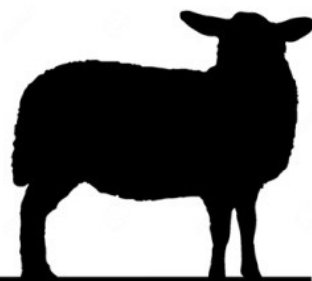
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# Thankyou honeybees.

*Carolyn Paton*

**Following the business section of February's WI meeting, Stewart Gould, award-winning Chair of Somerset Bee-Keepers Association, gave a talk entitled 'Bees and Things.' A long-standing apiarist (push for bee-keeper) and expert, he spoke most interestingly about bees, their activities, their care and how they access their raw materials – i.e. via plants. All was lavishly illustrated by very clear and detailed photographs and diagrams.**

With gentle humour, he took us on a bee-journey, beginning with some mystery 'bee' pictures which turned out in fact to show various flies and moths who adopt a disguise – and while not producing honey, do feed and pollinate as they go. There are apparently hundreds of species of bees in the UK, but only one of the European Honeybee, which is the one familiar to us. The collection of the wonderful food they produce is a very ancient activity; there are cave paintings dating from 6,000 BC which have been discovered in Spain and which clearly show the collection of honey from trees. It was highly prized as the only available sweetener for centuries.

Stewart took us through early styles of hive as man focussed seriously on the extraction of what the bees manufacture, and explained that today, honey that was raided from the bees at the end of the season is replaced by home-made candy, to enable healthy survival though the winter. He then went into more detail on how today's hives work and their inhabitants live. Facts emerged which were new to many of us. Nectar, pollen and water are collected from plants, the nectar being a solution of sugars, the pollen coming in handy for feeding young bees and as an additive to the honey (and for the fertilisation of plants of course) and the water for the cooling of the hive. Propolis (wood sap) is used for cleaning

purposes and for polishing. Bees are meticulous about cleaning up old and damaged wax ready to receive the new production.

It is widely known that differences in taste and colour between pots of honey are down to the differing areas of collection. Heather honey is dark and thick for example, and early spring blossom, and white clover honey is nearly white. Plants pull in bees by their colour, aroma, pollen or nectar, and send out a weak electrical signal that is attractive to them. Once the plant has had its store of nectar raided, it changes its signal to one that no longer attracts, and once it has replenished its stocks, the original signal is restored. Who knew?

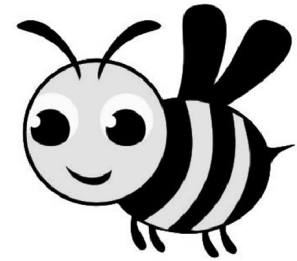
Some flowers, once pollinated, (horse chestnut, forget-me-not) may change the colour of their centre, others may simply wither. Stewart regaled the membership with many remarkable facts about bees, their world and their activities; the natural world never ceases to amaze. Thanks to the efforts

of devoted and knowledgeable bee-keepers, honeybee levels in the UK are

preserving the level of population, and consequently maintain the production of this versatile and delicious food as well as performing essential pollination so that we may all eat. Vital indeed. Stewart's talk was received with great interest, and he was warmly thanked by the membership.

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# Curry Rivel Health Walkers - In Action!

*Andrew Jordan*

Curry Rivel Health Walkers recently walked to the newly planted wood of the Curry Woods Conservation Trust. We had visited the wood some time ago whilst it was being planted and were interested to see any developments. We started at The Green, walked along Dyers Road, then along Curry Woods Way, left across a public footpath to a lane which leads to the Trust field. At the gate into the field there is a new welcome sign which gives information about the project, a map showing the layout of the wood and the public footpath through the wood, and photos of birds and plants seen in the area. The photo shows the Health Walkers by the sign at the entrance to the new wood.

We walked along the footpath and noted that there were

significantly more trees planted since our initial visit. There's a bench in a planned glade area with a view to Curry Rivel. The footpath leads into an established wood, then heads down to the moor to the north. Clearly a lot of effort has gone into the project since we last visited. We continued our walk back to The Green along Butt Lane.

The Curry Rivel Health Walkers meet on The Green in Curry Rivel at 10.15, for 10.30 start, on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We walk for about an hour in the surrounding area. All are welcome to join us. Contact Andrew Jordan 01458 250725 for information.



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# Mr Zimmersset Comes Home

Robin Wale

*[Robin lived in Curry Rivel from the 1950s through his school years and early adult life. As he married he moved away from Oath Hill Farm (but not too far) though has since returned. In a series of short articles, Robin recalls his years in agriculture, his schooldays, growing up around Curry Rivel and his eventual homecoming.]*

## School Days in 1950s Curry Rivel

My mother and father started their married life in 1942 at Berry Hill Farm, Nunny, near Frome, which was a rented farm. In 1950 they purchased Oath Hill Farm at the bottom of Red Hill and we – mum and dad, older brother Dave (who lots of you will know through working for Osmonds and Shires), younger sister Margaret, plus me and a menagerie of livestock – moved in.

Two cattle lorries arrived and the dairy cows walked calmly down the tailboard and across the yard to their new home in the cow stall. We had given all the cattle names but, when we had finished, we realised one was missing. We searched around and back down the drive there was Mary, a petite dairy shorthorn, walking towards the road as if telling us she wanted to go back home. Well, eventually we all settled in. Including Mary.

I was only four at the time and soon it would be time for me to start going to school. The day came and a car from Osmonds arrived to pick me up, usually driven by either Tim or Ken. Walking into the playground I first noticed small groups of boys playing marbles. In my later years at Curry Rivel School I became as good as the rest.

Headmaster Mr Willis blew the whistle and I entered my first class room. How lucky we were to have Miss Trott, from Drayton, as teacher. She proved to be a very kind, caring and helpful person and she took away all of those first day nerves.

We all settled in to the routine of school life starting with Assembly and singing all those lovely hymns; amongst them Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, All Things Bright and Beautiful and Rock of Ages, my favourite. Later a lunch time walk across the road to Sewers Hall, not forgetting of course our mid morning bottle of milk, sometimes very cold!

Whilst enjoying life at Curry Rivel School, I was getting to know and make new friends like David and Robin Macey who use to come down to the farm tadpoling, David Lock and Valerie Louch, who I recall coming down to the farm with a white blanket for a spaniel pup. It was the last one of the litter that I was planning on keeping, but dad annoyingly gave it to her! Sadly, three weeks later, the mother of the puppies died, so we were left with no dogs at all. The things you remember though years have passed.

I moved with my schoolmates into Class 2 with Ms Lovell, again a very good teacher though maybe a bit stricter. To be honest, being a bit older we probably needed that attention and discipline. Finally our last year with the Headmaster, Mr Willis, a very tall and well built man. Though not as big as my father who, at the peak of his working life, was 26 stone and all muscle.

I remember the last year at Curry Rivel School very well. The previous year, in the last term, each evening after we had gone home Mr Willis would give a tick on the blackboard to the boy and girl who had behaved and worked hard. At the end of that term the boy and girl that had achieved the most number of ticks became head boy and head girl. In that last year Janet Tackle and I were the overall winners and had the pleasure of sitting next to each other for that final year.

*This article first appeared on [curryrivel.org.uk](http://curryrivel.org.uk)*

Robin,  
back row,  
6th from  
right



# Quiz evening in aid of RNLI

Mary Mullineux

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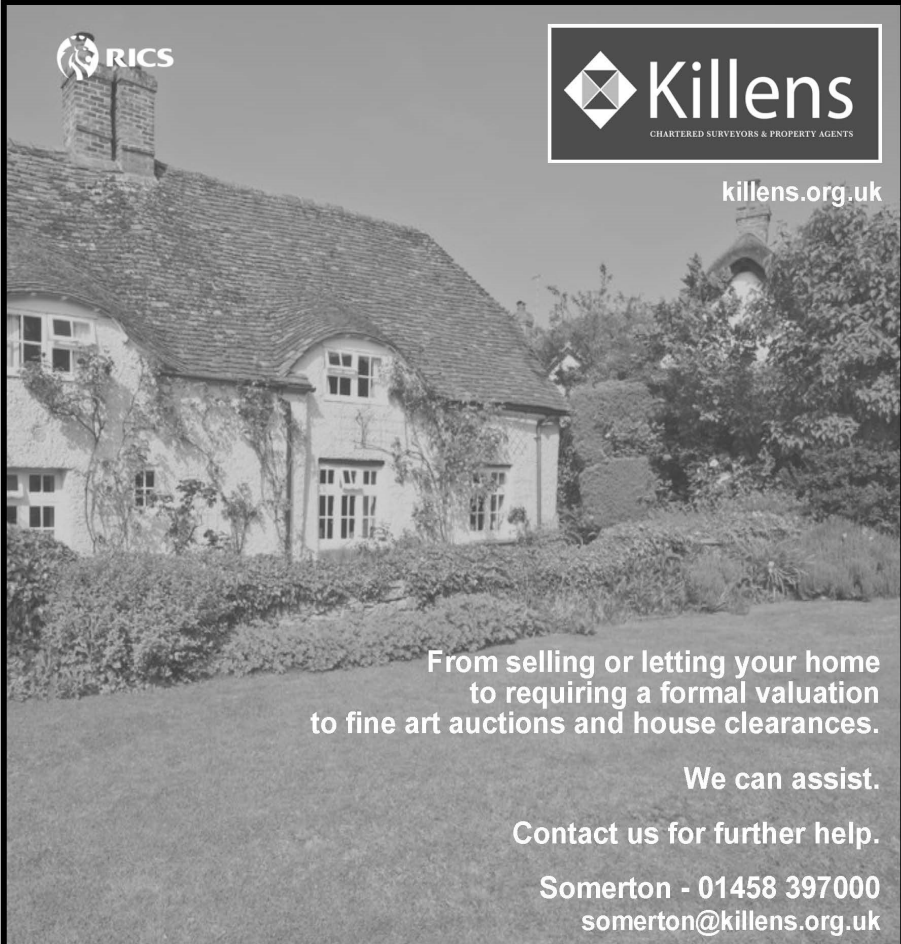
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*Alison Cockrell*

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9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW  
 + Kids Church

#### Tuesday 14th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Craft & Coffee

#### Thursday 16th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 19th - Mothering Sunday

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship

11.00 **CR - United Benefice** All Age Mothering Sunday Family Service + refreshments

12.15 **CR** - said Communion CW

#### Sunday 26th - Lent 4

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion CW

11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW  
 + Kids Church

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

### April

#### Sunday 2nd - Palm Sunday

10.00 **FH - United Benefice** Family Holy Communion

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

**CR OSR** = Old School Room, Curry Rivel, 'behind' St. Andrew's Church

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

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

### Curate's Corner

#### Is Lent for fasting or feeding?

Sometimes I meet people who think Christianity is all negative: "don't do this" and "don't do that!". Some think Christians don't like having fun, don't smile, and don't play ball games on a Sunday. If anyone is looking to confirm this view, the approaching season of Lent would seem to prove the point. Traditionally, Lent was a time where Christians gave up meat and other luxuries. Pancakes were made on Shrove Tuesday to clear out cupboards of all the goodies to remove any temptation before beginning the Fast.

So, are these negative stereotypes true? Before rejecting Lent altogether, I think it is worth digging deeper into its purpose. Lent is all about preparing for Easter, where Christians celebrate God's plan to bring all people into the fullness of life. We remember Jesus taking on the brokenness of humanity (sometimes called sin) and overcoming death itself to make new life possible.

If it's all about new life, why Lent? The point of a fast is to help focus our thoughts, reorder the priorities of our bodies, and help us to quiet our minds to focus on this Good News (that is what the word Gospel means).

I know many who take a positive approach to this season, using it as a time to care for those less fortunate than ourselves. Some friends give up alcohol and chocolate for Lent and give the money they save to charity. Others commit to the practice of hospitality, inviting people over for meals to spend quality time together, particularly for those who might usually be alone.



### St. Andrew's Rotas March

**Brass** - Nicky Barker

**Flowers**

19th - Mothering Sunday

**Cleaning**

4th - Carolyn Paton

11th - Nicky Barker

18th - Liz Rendell

25th - Lynne Comley



### Curate's Corner ctd. . .

Lent is an opportunity for us to live simply for a season, turning our thoughts to the less well-off and marginalised in our communities. These are the places where Jesus was often found in the Gospel stories. If you look to Jesus as a model for how to live, he was often eating and drinking with the outsiders. In this time of humble focus, we reassess our values.

There are many kinds of poverty in our communities but one that has become more prevalent, particularly in light of the pandemic, is that of loneliness and isolation. We live in an increasingly individualised society and although solitude can be good for a time, loneliness is very bad for our health and wellbeing.

So if Lent is about humbly aligning ourselves with the values of Jesus leading up to Easter, maybe this season is a good time to practice being less negative. It is a good time to relearn the art of living well in community, and celebrating hospitality with others, particularly those who might need a bit of company.

May we find joy in the simplicity of sharing with one another in this season of Lent.

Revd Mark McKnight

### Easter Lilies

The St. Andrew's Church Flower Guild will decorate the Church at Easter with lilies in memory of loved ones.



If anyone would like to make a donation, however small, please contact Adrienne Holmes on 01458—252710.

### Children's Society

A **huge thank you** to everyone who helped raise money for the Children's Society by collecting their small change. There are now 47 collection boxes in use in private homes in Curry Rivel.

In these boxes a wonderful £ 1,275 has been collected in 2022. At the Christingle service in our local School a further £ 70 was donated — altogether 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.

**World Day of Prayer 2023  
Reminder**

that this service will be held on  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30 am  
in the Curry Rivel URC church**

Everyone is welcome to this service, of any denomination or none, and we will be able to share a cup of tea or coffee after the service.



Come along, and find out more about the everyday lives of people in Taiwan, where this service has been put together.

For more information contact Glenys Allinson on 01458 - 251603 or [glenys@allinsonfamily.com](mailto:glenys@allinsonfamily.com)

**St. Andrew's winter warmth**

Although Spring is approaching, the cold has not totally gone, especially at night. If you are struggling to keep warm, either at home or going about your daily business, there is an area with 'Winter Supplies' in St. Andrew's Church.

There are clothing items for warm layers on a rack, also scarves, blankets, duvets etc. for anyone to take home to help cope during this challenging season.

Turn left on entering the church and the clothes rail is in the corner. Feel free to take what you need to help you and your family stay warm.

The church is open during daylight hours, to either donate or select warm layers.

**If you have items in good condition to spare please leave them by or on the rail inside the Church.**

**Yes, please:**

Slippers, warm socks, jumpers, onesies, body warmers, dressing gowns.

**No more needed just now:**

Blankets, bedding, new hot water bottles, hats, gloves, coats.

**No thank you:**

Used hot water bottles, electrical items, raincoats, shoes, other clothing.



**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. Tea/coffee is served after every service providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.

**March**

**Services at 10.30 (unless indicated otherwise) in our Chapel building and simultaneously via Zoom**

Anyone unable to attend in person who would like to feel part of a worshipping community is invited to join with us - from any denomination or none; simply email Steve Beney on [sbeney6@gmail.com](mailto:sbeney6@gmail.com) expressing your interest and he will make contact with you to explain how you can join with us on Sundays @ 10:30 am.

**Sunday 5th** - Mrs Alison Reed-Richards

**Sunday 12th** - Rev Rowena Francis  
*(incl. Holy Communion)*

**Sunday 19th** - Mid-Somerset Group Service, West Street Church, Somerton  
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**Sunday 26th** - Rev Tim Richards

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**Lent – the lengthening of daylight hours.**

The whole of the month of March sits within the period in the Church calendar named Lent which stretches from Ash Wednesday to Easter. The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon (or Old English) for 'springtime, spring'. Lent, or Lenten, literally means the lengthening of daylight hours.

So with this pre-Easter fast coming in the spring or Lent time of the year, gradually the Anglo Saxon word for spring became synonymous with and confined to the liturgical use we are familiar with. Once a period of joy and preparation, down the ages Lent has become focused on quiet inward reflection, penitence and denial.

Lent is a period of waiting, a time for Self-reflection, a Journey not a destination: perhaps, as the nights grow shorter & daylight hours lengthen, as we move toward the celebration of Easter, we might invite God to meet us in our waiting?

**A Prayer**

Will you meet us in the ashes,  
will you meet us in the ache,  
and show your face within our sorrow  
and offer us your word of grace:  
that you are life within the dying,  
that you abide within the dust,  
that you are what survives the  
burning,  
that you arise to make us new.  
And in our aching, you are breathing;  
and in our weeping, you are here  
within the hands that bear your  
blessing,  
enfolding us within your love.  
Amen.

*(Jan Richards: Circle of Grace)*

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## what's on ...In March

### Regular Events

**MONDAY**

10.00	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00	Table Tennis (kevlo@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**

10.30	Sparklers Toddler Group	Old School Room
5.30	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

**THURSDAY**

10.00	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
6.30	Yoga	Village Hall

**FRIDAY**

9.30	Pilates	Village Hall
9.30-2	Friday Club	Village Hall
7.30	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

**SATURDAY**

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

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts	(gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)
Rainbows	01823 698940
Brownies	251953
Rangers	075 07214 791
Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

**Sports Clubs**

Short Mat Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791
Yoga	07789 862548
Pilates	07769 351984

**Social**

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	0788 737 7942
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905
Women's Institute	253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Friday Club	252791
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123

**Arts**

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Art Club	253126

**Community Facilities**

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)	0771 6792760
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	07789 661288
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856

United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	259391
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**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) clerk@curryrivel.org.uk	07534 318840
District Council	01935 462462
County Council	0300 123 2224

**Religious**

Church of England Rector	251375
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## Scouts, Trees and Footpaths

*Peter Goodenough  
Curry Woods Conservation Trust*

**T**he Trust always welcomes volunteers to help with its conservation work and on 21st January we enjoyed talking to and working with a group of Scouts - the Levels group to be exact. The day was cold but bright and we planted Hazel and Hawthorn in the southern hedge to thicken it where it is too thin, and we also planted wayfarer trees along the southern margin of the new woodland and some wild cherry alongside the path to the glade.



of the escarpment to the east. These paths are not public rights of way, and the field is also used by dog walkers to exercise their pets. You will see notices have gone up asking walkers to keep dogs on leads and to use the public footpath through the field. This is because we will be trying to encourage ground nesting birds and mammals this year and they will not nest if constantly disturbed. Sad to say many ground nesting birds and mammals are becoming rare and, as domestic dogs are not threatened with extinction, they must give way to wildlife in this instance.

Here are some photographs of the day's activity including a photo of an unusual fungus found by Amy on rotten wood in the old wood. This is

*Sarcoscypha austriaca* (common name Scarlet Elf Cup) a widespread but rare red fungus- so well done Amy!

We then turned our attention to the public footpath through the old wood. In one place a natural spring opens up in the winter and makes the path very muddy. A channel had been opened to direct the water to one side of the footpath and the Scouts moved some wood chippings from a pile in the field to cover the muddy part of the footpath and soak up the water. This has been successful. We have subsequently piped the channel for a distance of about 20 meters and, as I write this, two Trustees are working with a zip wire erected by Alan to move some soil from the top of the slope to cover the rather ugly plastic pipes so that the woodland feel is not compromised.

The footpath is now in good condition along its length on the Trust land although it is very steep. We have many walkers who use unofficial paths along the eastern hedge and then along the top

