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Route54 - a lifeline to Ukrainian refugees coming to our area

Ivor Dixon

If you are considering joining the Government Homes for Ukraine scheme and live in the Curry Rivel area, we'd like to hear from you.

There are local support groups for hosts and potential hosts, so there is help for finding a suitable match and through the complicated visa application process. But what happens when the guests arrive? That's when we need to rally round and help.

We set up Route54, along the 54 bus route from Fivehead to Somerton, to ensure our Ukrainian guests of all ages are well supported and can access the services they need. Our WhatsApp group links hosts, who face many changes to their daily lives, as well as the families joining us, whether presently in Poland, Ukraine or elsewhere, so that they can, with their compatriots, prepare for their time in England. We will open a Community Centre, initially in Somerton, where they can organise their own activities and can access English classes, mental health support and a safe, secure mother and toddler group.

To do this we need volunteers and support from the community as a whole. If you can help, or if you are a host, text your details to 07976 308302.

Background information.

The Homes for Ukraine scheme opened in mid-March and was immediately inundated with offers of potential hosts, but it did not include any form of matching to families fleeing Ukraine. That was left to various established Refugee agencies and a number of quickly-formed social media groups with direct contacts in Ukraine. As these are largely operating on a voluntary basis they quickly become over-subscribed and less able to cope. Locally, there are Facebook groups in Taunton (Homes for Ukraine - Taunton Hosts) and Somerton (UKRIS - Ukrainian Refugees in Somerton). There is also a WhatsApp group (Ukrainian Hosting Group) covering the immediate area around Langport. All of these concentrate on finding a matching Ukrainian family and the visa application process.

Because of bureaucracy, inadequate resourcing and a difficult English-only online interface, the British visa application process is a major hurdle for those wanting to enter the country. Other European countries have largely waived visa requirements, or allow refugees in and process them once they have arrived. For the UK it is taking three weeks as a minimum to obtain a visa and arrange travel permits, (as of 10/4/22) and there is no guarantee that all members of a family will be processed at the same time. To date, very few refugees have arrived in the area.

Route54 has the offer of premises in Somerton (West Street Church, near the Market Square, so on the bus route and close to parking) where a Community centre could run at least one day a week. We have offers of potential help and support both from the local community and our Ukrainian friends. To quote one of them on being told about it *'This is great news! It is very necessary for Ukrainians to have a place for meetings and mutual support. I am happy to help in this centre. I can provide psychological services to Ukrainians. This will help me adapt more easily - by helping other people.'*

We are now trying to put the Ukrainian families in touch with each other so that those coming to our area can build relationships and get to know each other before they actually arrive. Where possible these will be in age-related peer groups, so teenagers (who will probably mostly be attending Huish Academy) can talk to each other, as can mums with small children, Grandmothers etc. We will be advised by them of the facilities they might need, and do our best to put suitable arrangements in place. In a rural area like ours it would be easy to become isolated, away from your compatriots, your extended family and spouses, in a foreign language environment with a different culture.

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Curry Rivel in Bloom Plant Sale

Sat 7th May 2022 at 10.30am at the War Memorial

- Bring and buy or come and buy
- Bring bags or boxes for your purchases. Prices will be 50p, £1.00, or £2.00
- Bring along any plants you would like to donate
- Contact Gina on 762296



Curry Rivel Open Gardens 2022

SUNDAY 19th JUNE 1-5 pm

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I am really pleased to say that we have 11 gardens that will open and this event can now take place. Please do come, it is a very enjoyable afternoon which also raises funds that are distributed around the village.

Ticket Sales (programmes) and lunches will be available in the village hall from 12.00 noon then teas and cream teas will be available from 2.00 -4.30 pm. The village hall will be open 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, Curry Woods, the Churchyard the school gardens and the village green.

This year we are introducing a **Front Garden Trail**. It will include pretty and interesting front gardens that can only be viewed from the path or gate. There will be no entry to the garden. If you would like to be included on this trail then please do get in touch as soon as possible please so it can go into the programme.

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 on the fence, securely, and you have entered. Please put them in place by **Friday 17th June**. There will be prizes !! The school children will also be taking part and usually provide a scarecrow for each garden.

Front Garden Competition: We would like to hold this event slightly earlier this year so that the results are ready for the Open Gardens. Please contact Gina to enter. Email or phone and give your address & postcode, email address and a contact number. Remember that the theme is the Queen's Jubilee and the main colours are purple & platinum. (I am sure that red, white and blue would do as well!) **Entries by June 1st please!** We hope that all entries will be part of the Front Garden Trail.

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 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 up to 18 please apply! **Closing date for entries is June 20th.**

Jobs to do in the Garden in May

- Plant up hanging baskets but keep in a greenhouse until the risk of frosts has passed.
- Feed bulbs that have finished flowering with a liquid feed, deadhead but let the leaves die back naturally for good bulbs next year.
- Plant out summer bedding, plant out dahlias and cannas or keep in pots to place in the garden when gaps appear.
- Stake tomatoes in the greenhouse and plant french marigolds in the grow bags or pots to keep white fly away.
- Keep the snail population down by going on a hunt at night with a head torch.
- Take cuttings from fuschia, geraniums and dahlias.
- Sow radishes and salad leaves at regular intervals for a continuous crop all summer.
- Put saucers under all your pots to save water and keep the patio clean.
- Sow runner beans and French beans directly into the ground or plant out those grown in pot a bit later in the month.



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Curry Rivel Village Hall AGM Report and Big Breakfast 29th May

Hazel Morris

The Village Hall Management Committee held its AGM on Monday 14th March and was pleased to welcome some non-committee members to the meeting –new Curry Rivel residents - two of whom were there to offer help with fundraising for the hall. The usual reports were given by the Chair and Treasurer, the Annual Accounts were approved, and the Committee Officials and Members were re-elected. It has been another challenging year, but we are pleased to report that the future looks bright with most of our regular hirers having returned and some new ones coming in including a new yoga class on Wednesday mornings. Do check the What's On schedule in this publication for the wealth of activities that take place at your Village Hall. Two new members were welcomed onto the committee; Debs Hockley who joins us as our new Bookings Secretary and Martin Smith. A full list of the Management Committee with contact details is posted on the noticeboard at the hall.

Immediately following the AGM, we held a committee meeting at which we agreed the date of the next BIG BREAKFAST. This proved quite difficult as we wanted to ensure as many of us were available on the day to help make it as much of a success as the last one. We finally settled on SUNDAY 29TH MAY 8.30am until 12.30pm. So get the date in your diaries and come early to avoid disappointment! We thought it would be a great way to kick off the Jubilee celebrations taking place the following weekend so there will be some special treats available as well as the usual tombola and fabulous food! We look forward to seeing you. Everybody welcome!



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Some Tips for Gardeners

Gina Beauchamp

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You can make a chemical free slug and snail deterrent by crushing 3 cloves of garlic, put them into an empty spray bottle add hot water and leave to develop for a day or two, spray on to any plant leaves that are being eaten by pests. You can also boil the garlic in water, leave to cool and then spray. Works well on my hostas!

Save ice lolly or magnum sticks and reuse them as plant labels. Clean old white plastic plant labels by soaking in dilute bleach for a few hours then just brush off the old writing. Cut a plastic spray bottle into strips and use as labels. Yes, I seem to be mentioning plastic a lot, but at least we are reusing and repurposing it.

Re-use plant pots in trays instead of seed trays. They are deeper, and seedlings need less pricking out. You can recycle plant pots purchased at Northwing nurseries in the village, just take them back!

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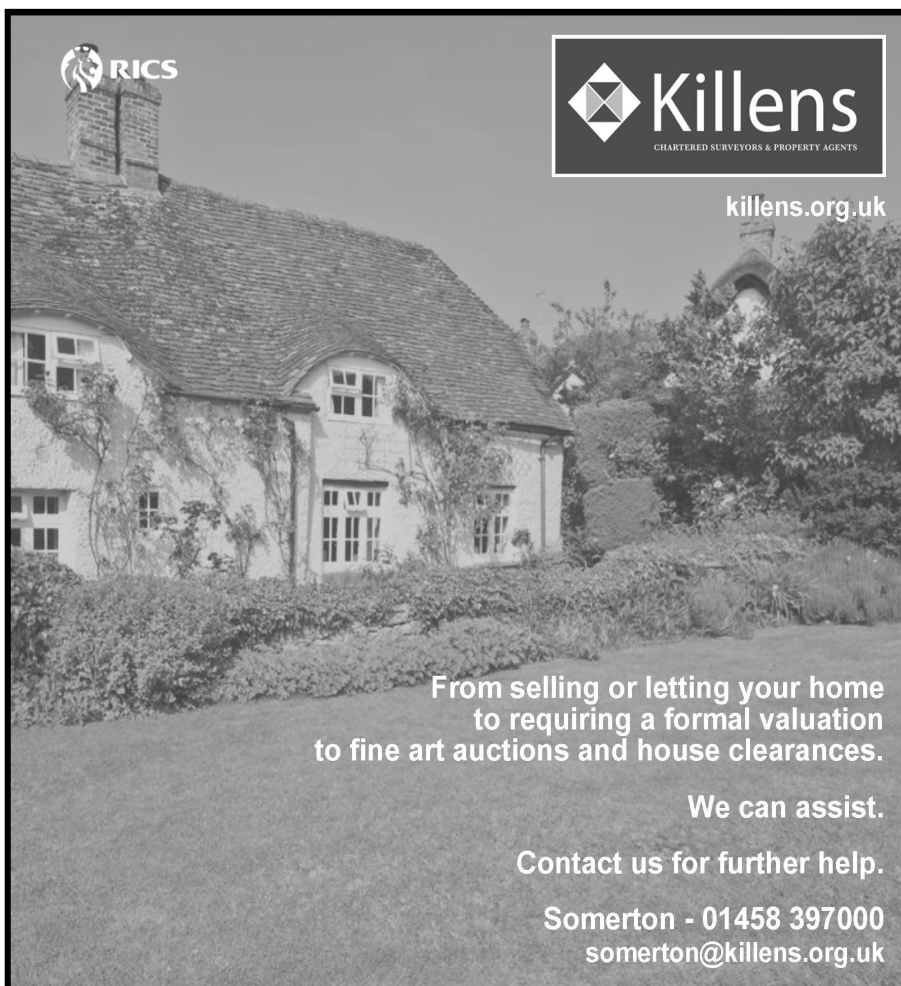
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- What do you like most about CRN?
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Letters to the Editor

19th March 2022

Dear Editor

May I through your publication thank the shoppers at Langport Tesco who last Saturday generously donated £1215.50 to our Red Cross Ukraine Appeal bucket collection.

Thanks are also due to the 18 volunteers who held the buckets and smiled at every customer, and of course to the Manager and Staff at Tesco Langport who always make us so welcome.

Our volunteers and customers at our Langport Red Cross Centre Shop have to date donated £3319.50 to the Ukraine Appeal, all of which will support our fellow Red Cross volunteers in the countries affected by the war.

With thanks

Chris Cox, Group Leader
Langport & District Red Cross

Dear Editor

My daughter, Lilia, needs to fundraise in order to help her travel to Africa with the scouts next summer. She doesn't know anyone who is going as they are mainly based in Taunton and Frome. We have provisionally booked the village hall for bingo in the October half term where we are hoping to gather gifted donations from local businesses as prizes. She is also doing a car boot and is offering to do small jobs around the village such as organising shelves, walking a friendly dog, painting and babysitting etc (with my support) advertised in 'One Stop'. My phone number is 07554896607

She attended Curry Rivel school and we have lived here for 6 years.
She currently goes to Huish and is in year 8. She has been on stage with Curry Rivel Entertainers a few times too!

Serena Patten

Lilia says, "In August 2023 I hope to have raised enough money to be volunteering in Kenya. This will be alongside 40+ Explorer Scouts and Leaders from all over Somerset, supporting underprivileged primary age children (volunteering in 3 charity schools for children whose parents can't even afford the basics). I'll experience a little of the brighter side of life in the developing world, volunteering with children keen to be in school, along with seeing the harshness that poverty can bring. I am currently 12 (but will be 14 by the time we travel to Kenya) and have never done anything like this before, so it fills me with a mixture of fear and excitement. Covid has stopped a number of trips that were planned by our school and scouts, and I hope this opportunity will not only make up for it, but then some! But more importantly, I hope it will help me to develop even more compassion, empathy and love for others, and show me how very lucky I am. I'm a sixer in my scout group and I work hard at school. I would endeavour to work hard for the people we meet and volunteer with. In return for our hard work, our leaders will organise a few special trips that will merit memories of a lifetime: going on safari for a day, visiting the equator and the largest volcano crater in Kenya!

Please could you consider helping me in my personal mission, I'd really appreciate your support."

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Yours Em

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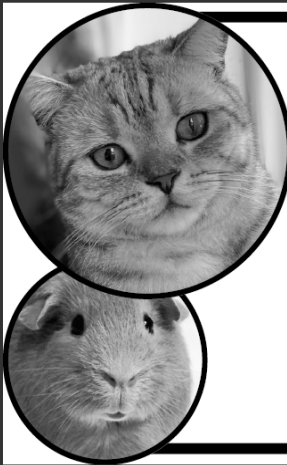
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Peter Goodenough

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I am sure most of you know the story of Pynsent and the Burton estate. We re-enacted some of the story for the judges in our 2017 Curry Rivel in Bloom entry. In the eighteenth century, as with many land owners in the West of England, cider production was a major industry on the Burton estate. Many varieties of cider apple tree, Dabinet being a popular type, grew very well here. The resulting cider was a mainstay of the local economy, often being used to reward workers on the farm in lieu of cash, as well as being sold commercially. You may have seen Nick Showering on the recently ended "Apprentice" TV show. He is a scion of the Somerset Showering's cider dynasty. His new business involved novel alcoholic drink production. However I digress! Back to the 1700s, when the production of cider was not taxed but the Governments of the day had its eye on the potential revenue it could get from West Country cider. There was a lot of opposition but notably from William Pitt the Elder, who had been lobbied for help by William Pynsent. Despite his eloquent opposition the tax was imposed but when Pitt became Prime Minister he lived up to

his word and reduced its impact. Pynsent was so grateful that he bequeathed the Burton estate to William Pitt in his will and after his death Pitt duly took his legacy and arrived in Curry Rivel with his retinue of retainers all dressed in his colours of yellow and purple (the colour theme of our In Bloom entry in 2017). Pitt then erected the monument in recognition of the big hearted and generous act of Pynsent. So the monument is known as the Burton Pynsent memorial monument and also the Cider Monument! *[This is a great story but, although William Pitt was left the Burton estate by William Pynsent in his will, the will was signed several years before the cider tax was proposed. Pitt really opposed the tax because it would have allowed the Revenue Men to enter people's homes to inspect them for evidence of cider production. Pitt believed that an Englishman's home was his castle and no-one else should have the right to enter uninvited. Ed.]*

So do come along in the afternoon of the 3rd June and celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the greatest monarch Britain has ever had by climbing the monument and pausing at the top to remember the generosity of a great man, the genius of a British Prime Minister and his grateful gesture for his good fortune, though mainly to celebrate the love and dedication one woman has had for her Country for 70 years. Although leading a life of privilege Queen Elizabeth has always behaved impeccably in doing her duty as Head of State. No other man or woman in history has held such an onerous position for so long and managed to do so with such discretion and humility. Whether you are a monarchist or republican you must surely agree.

There will be a reminder about this event in the June issue of the CRN, and the Trustees look forward to seeing you on the 3rd when they will be delighted to tell you about our conservation work in Curry Rivel

The Curry Rivel Flower Show is back!

Kevin Loe

The Curry Rivel Flower Show is back for 2022. On Sat 7th 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 later in the year. There are competition classes for vegetables, flowers, crafts, baking, photography, painting and much more, plus lashings of tea, coffee and cake.



Curry Rivel Live 2022

Brett Ashworth

Way back on 18th August 2012 a small music festival was born in Curry Rivel. This was the brainchild and passion of husband and wife Simon and Kirstine Champion, who both lived in the village for many years. Since 2012 Curry Rivel Live has run every year, except for 2020 due to the covid pandemic. We were even one of the first music festivals in the country to start back up as soon as we were allowed to last year in July. After Simon and Kirstine emigrated to the Canary Islands back in 2019 they left the festival in the safe hands of Brett from Wizard Marquees and Events. Brett has been supplying the marquees and infrastructure since the very first Curry Rivel Live and has got to know quite a few of the locals from the village over the years. People of Curry Rivel run our food outlets and all profits go back to the village, Jeff and Debbie Haines take care of this and have done so from the beginning.

We had a big change to the festival last year as we had our stages outside rather than inside the marquee as we have done since the festival first started. We have had all kinds of musical acts throughout the years from every genre of music with some truly awesome headliners closing the show. In addition to this, we have had plenty to keep the children occupied with face painting, inflatables, fairground rides and much more.

On to this year's festival, where you will not be disappointed. We have 12 acts across 2 outside stages starting at 12 midday and ending at midnight. With covid in mind we thought it would be better to keep the idea of the open-air stages for at least another year and utilise all of the space we have in Westfield. We thank the Curry Rivel In Bloom people for the use of a part of their field in Eastfield that we use for car parking. We would also like to thank the committee of the parish council for

their continued support of the festival.

The line-up for this year's festival is as follows:

Jack Humphries – Local lad Jack returns to play for us again this year, you'll hear some amazing covers from him and some of his own music.

The Jamestown Brothers – This fantastic band will be treating you to soul-stirring foot-stomping original songs drawn from the well of country blues and folk.

Electric Peach - High energy, bright colours, 80's glamour and of course, the very best music from these classic times, meet Electric Peach!

The Haus Band – A high end, high energy band, playing their own covers of tunes from the 70's through to the present day.

Snakebyte – What an amazing band. All we know is to get loose and stay hungry!

Wrecking Ball – An all-live band playing some amazing country tunes! Fronted by the BCMA Multi award-winning Artist Mark Hills.

The Break Beat Bandits – this outstanding band headline for us again this year. A new collective has emerged. Think high octane Brazilian percussion mixed with massive dance riffs and enjoy!

Antix Music Network are running our second stage this year and the acts are:

Darryl Twitch, Miles Peckover, Maelei, Dave Woan, and Lizzie Pawsey

Put the date in your diary for this year's festival Saturday 23rd July. Tickets are now available through [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

LOCAL BUSINESS

Looking and feeling great naturally

The Country Clinic is a private, nurse-led aesthetics clinic offering a wide range of non-surgical procedures for both men and women.

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Before

After



Before

After

St. Andrew's Church

To find out more, please visit us at:
www.curryrivel.org.uk or
www.achurchnearyou.com



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

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.

May

Sunday 1st

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family & Friends Service (refreshments afterwards)
 11.00 **FH** - Said Communion CW
 6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer CW

Thursday 5th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 8th

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

Tuesday 10th

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

Sunday 15th - Rogation Walk Sunday

9.15 **FH** - Refreshments, introduction, start of walk to Swell
 @ 10.45 arrive **SW** - Prayer, praise, Communion, continue walk to Curry Rivel
 @ 12.30 arrive **CR** - final prayer, closing hymn, bring & share lunch in **OSR**

Thursday 19th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

Scott's spot

One Solitary Life

Consider this. He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in yet another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born; he did none of the things that we usually associate with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion suddenly turned against him. One of his closest followers betrayed him for money, one publically denied him, and all ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and faced a mockery of a trial where a murderer was released in his place. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on the earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed tomb through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of faith for a third of the human race - followed by 2.4 billion people - and the influence behind much of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the shape of humanity on this earth as much as this **one solitary life**.



Scott's Spot ctd. . .

Have you ever asked yourself why?

Easter Day says it is because Jesus rose again, transforming running, hiding disciples into fearless gospel warriors and martyrs. The church says it is because of his living presence, power and hope at work within his people - power to change, power to heal, power to know courage and peace amongst the trials and challenges of life. Individual Christians say it is because he brings the new start we all yearn for, he brings the gift of a conscience wiped clean, and he brings certainty that the best is yet to come.

But what about you; how do you account for his influence?

May you know the grace and love he offers to all.

Rev. Scott.

St. Andrew's Annual meetings Monday 9th May 7.30 pm, in the Church

- Annual Meeting of Parishioners (**AMP**) for the election of Churchwardens, followed by the
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting (**APCM**), with reports about church life; PCC proceedings; the church's financial affairs over 2021, and the election of PCC members (**3 vacancies**).

St. Andrew's Rotas May

Brass - Sue Blackwell

Flowers

30th **April** - Adrienne Holmes
 7th & 14th - Adrienne Holmes
 21st & 28th - Sue Randall

Cleaning

30th **April** - Nicky Barker
 7th - Liz Rendell
 14th - Lynne Comley
 21st - Tina Geary
 28th - Wendy Graves



May ctd . . .

Sunday 22nd

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

Sunday 29th

10.00 **FH** - United Benefice All Age Holy Communion CW

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

To advertise

in Curry Rivel News

call 07734 226000

Rogation Sunday and 'Beating the Bounds' Sunday 15th May

An invitation to everyone to join our three Benefice church families for this Rogation Sunday celebration on **15th May**. Starting at **9.15** at St. Martin's in Fivehead for bacon butties and a short opening service; then a 'beating the bounds' walk (incl. toilet stop) to Swell for a short Communion Service, before continuing on to Curry Rivel for a final hymn & prayer followed by a bring & share lunch in the OSR.

Dogs on leads are welcome.

See the diary on opposite page for approximate timings, so that any non-walkers can meet us at various points.

The Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce food. Rogation days (the 3 days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest, starting on the preceding Sunday.

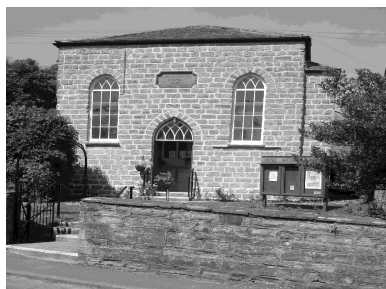
'Beating the boundary' goes back to medieval times, when a 'beating party' walked the boundary of a parish, checking the boundary markers and beating them with long sticks, also praying for the protection of the land.

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United Reformed Church



May Services at 10.30 in the Chapel (unless indicated otherwise) and via Zoom **

Sunday 1st - Rev David Huggett

Sunday 8th - to be arranged

Sunday 15th - Combined Mid-Somerset
Group Service at Street URC

Sunday 22nd - Rev Evelyn Rodout
(including Holy Communion)

Sunday 29th - Rev Rowena Francis

****** 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. We respect the traditions of our past, engage with present and look forward to the future, believing that Christian truth is not contained in static prepositional statements but is ever changing and constantly evolving. Tea/coffee is served after every service providing the opportunity to meet and chat with each other and the preacher.

Minister: Rev. Tim Richards
01458 252799

"Thank you, Curry Rivel!"

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who came along to **Morning Coffee on Saturday 9th April at the URC** - it was such a pleasure being able to sit, share coffee and cake, catch up with friends and neighbours, in what felt like near normal circumstances after a period of separation, isolation and distance. What a buzz!

An even **BIGGER THANK YOU** for responding to our invitation to 'give to' rather than 'give up' something during the period of Lent this year - either brought in person, popped into our letterbox (thank you 'Munchie'), or handed to URC members. Items for the foodbank filled the table, and were much appreciated by our **COMMUNITY FOODBANK**, a public thank you offered by Steve Allinson (Chair of the Foodbank Committee) as the morning drew to a close; **£192** will be forwarded to Taunton Welcomes Refugees who support **AFGHAN REFUGEES** who have been relocated to Somerset; **£730** will be forwarded to the **DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE APPEAL FOR UKRAINE**.

A special Thank you to those who baked and provided cakes, served drinks and washed up afterwards - such events couldn't happen without you.

A Prayer.

God, we pray for the people of Ukraine
& Russia;

We pray for all those suffering or afraid
throughout the world;

We pray you will be close to them and
protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for
compassion, strength and wisdom to
guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this
moment of crisis, we may reach out in
solidarity to our brothers and sisters in
need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace
and justice become a reality for the
people of Ukraine and for all the world.

We make this prayer in the firm faith
that your light shines in the darkness
and the darkness cannot overcome it.
Amen.

Rev. Tim & congregation of Curry Rivel
URC.



includes
refreshments,
activities and
crafts, a bible
message, songs
and a meal **all
very informal.**

Saturday May 14th 3.30-5.30pm in The Old School Room

To find out more contact Helen 07880706517 helen@saich.co.uk



Messy Church Curry Rivel

You're very welcome to turn up on the day but if you can let me know you intend
coming beforehand it really helps with catering and resourcing the many activities.

For all ages - children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Entry is free, donations are appreciated.

Messy Church is sponsored and supported by local Christian churches.



Movies in the Village Hall

mvh.curry.wix.com/films

Alison Cockrell

Belfast (12A)

Friday 20 May 2022

Directed and written by Kenneth Branagh, *Belfast* tells the story of an Ulster Protestant family through the perspective of nine-year-old Buddy during the 1969 Troubles.

Surrounded by violence and danger, Buddy witnesses increasing sectarian conflict in his once-peaceful neighbourhood and tries to make sense of the turmoil.

His family must come to a life-changing decision – should they stay or leave Belfast for good?

Stars: Jude Hill, Caitríona Balfe, Jamie Dornan, Judi Dench and Ciarán Hinds. Doors open at 7.00pm; show starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets £7 are available at the door.

Curry Rivel Music

Malcolm Cotterill

QUINTESSENTIAL QUARTET

The appetite for good music performed by brilliant artists of international stature could not have been better demonstrated than it was on Saturday 26th March at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel. An astonishingly large and enthusiastic audience was present at the society's first concert in over two years and was rewarded with the captivating charm and brilliance of the Ruisi Quartet with a programme covering composers born in 1685, 1732, 1770 and 1990,

The second of these, Joseph Haydn set off the programme. This was a sparkling, exuberant performance of his Quartet Op. 20 No 1 written in 1772 – a work which contributed greatly to his becoming known as the “father of the string quartet”. In short, he put down a marker but in 1740 or thereabouts JS Bach had also established his own marker for aspirant composers. His Art of Fugue comprised a collection of 18 works which were an “exploration in depth of the contrapuntal possibilities of a single theme”. He never specified by what instrument or combination of instruments each was to be played but the depth and complexities of the work still tax the skills of those who approach the challenge and one well met by the Ruisi with consummate skill. These two geniuses' works were separated by something completely different. The fantasy of Oliver Leith was commissioned by the Ruisi and given its world premiere in 2021 – since performed again by them in the Wigmore Hall.

After a convivial interval – free wine and coffee! - we hit the

high spot of the evening. This was one of Beethoven's late quartets, his Opus 132 – indeed, one of his last works as he died two years later. In April 1825 he was bed-ridden and, of course, profoundly deaf. Precisely what laid him low at that time is not recorded but he is known to have suffered from inflammatory bowel disease, Paget's disease, kidney disease and liver disease – all of which became obvious at his post-mortem. There is little doubt that he believed he was close to death when he wrote the quartet. The trepidation, the turmoil, the turbulence and the terror are all there in the music. The tension generates a frisson in the listener – contemplating disaster while clinging to the ever-present unquenchable, inextinguishable spirit of hope that permeates the whole piece – eventually emerging triumphant! In short, there is no piece that better encapsulates the experience of Ukraine. All we await is the triumph and the basis for that thanksgiving with which Beethoven celebrated his own emergence from the jaws of death.

It was an altogether memorable evening.

Full details are on our website, curryrivelmusic.org or contact our Secretary, Anne Michell on 01458 250863 or email anne.michell@btinternet.com



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 (kevlloe@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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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
Out & About	0788 737 7942
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905
Women's Institute	253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
PROBUS	252545
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	252791
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
Inner Wheel	251940

Arts

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Art Club	253126

Community Facilities

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

Community Services

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

Education

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

Local Authorities

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

Religious

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

Pick up your Prescription from the Post Office

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



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Somerset Wildlife Trust launches a unique new open gardens scheme for wider participation

Lucy Mannion

Wilder Open Gardens to celebrate gardens and green spaces of all sizes that provide special places for nature to thrive, to inspire others to garden with wildlife in mind, and to raise vital funds for nature at the same time



C-Tom Marshall

Somerset Wildlife Trust is delighted and excited to launch a unique new open garden scheme for garden lovers and wildlife enthusiasts across the county. **Wilder Open Gardens** will give amateur gardeners and anyone with even slightly green fingers in their communities the chance to be loud and proud of their gardens and outdoor spaces and share some of the special things they are doing for nature in them. From balcony and patio gardens to large private estates and everything in between, anyone with a love of wildlife is encouraged to get involved.

The aim of the scheme is to inspire others to make their outdoor spaces more friendly for wildlife, no matter what size, in order to combat the huge decline in nature across the county – and to raise funds for Somerset Wildlife Trust at the same time. The scheme provides a wilder and greener alternative to the normal charity coffee morning fundraiser and to

bigger national open garden schemes that can be daunting for people to undertake.

With an estimated 124,500 private gardens in Somerset, gardens with even just a few simple tweaks can act as vital stepping-stones for wildlife across the county. From hedgehog holes in fences, swift boxes, pollinator friendly window boxes, mini ponds and small patches left wild, all actions add up to help nature thrive. Whether you've done something large or small the Trust wants you to share it all – with family, friends, community group, neighbours – even your entire street. You can host a Wilder Open Garden as a one off event, over a weekend or it could become part of an existing regular social fixture over the warmer months – it's whatever you have time for.

Perhaps you have an amazing patch of wildflowers that comes up each year, a homemade insect hotel that's fully booked or a window ledge of colourful pollinator friendly plants – so long as you've made a change or two for wildlife, anything goes. So open the garden gate, put the kettle on, bake a cake or two and show off your wilder garden this spring and summer!

Taking part and hosting a Wilder Open Garden is incredibly easy as the Trust has created a special Wilder Open Gardens pack for download online (somersetwildlife.org/wilder-open-gardens) with all the information to make your Wilder Open Garden event a success from invitations, to signage, ideas for fundraising and lots of tips of how to promote your event.

Somerset Wildlife Trust's Community Fundraiser, Kate Wilson, explains, "Nature is in huge decline and climate change is exacerbating the rate at which this is happening. Literally every space for nature counts, large or small, so our gardens have a really important role to play in terms of reversing that decline and putting nature back into our gardens – and into our lives.



"We're a green-fingered nation and we know there's a huge number of people out there doing some pretty amazing things for wildlife in their own homes and we want to give those people's efforts a chance to shine. Size really doesn't matter – micro gardens are welcome, balconies, green walls, fabulous pots and hanging basket collections. It's also about having a brilliant excuse to catch up with the people around us that we have not seen as much as we would have liked, with whom we can share ideas and tips and just enjoying nature on our own doorsteps in good company – any excuse for cake must be welcomed! The fundraising element is equally as vital as Somerset Wildlife Trust cannot do the work needed across the county without the help of generous supporters. Hopefully the new scheme will provide an easy, enjoyable way for people to do their bit for nature on their own patch. I am really looking forward to supporting our hosts this year so do get in touch."

Alongside the launch of Wilder Open Gardens, the Trust has also launched a range of new wilder gardening resources on its website to give people practical ideas and help in putting nature friendly features into their gardens and outdoor space, information about its wilder gardening group and also an interactive map where community garden owners can feature their community garden so people can visit and even volunteer to help

Lauren Heather

