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The existing busy stretch of the A378 between Curry Rivel and Langport is unsuitable for cyclists and pedestrians due to being very narrow in places and the volume and speed of traffic. Residents of Curry Rivel and surrounding villages rely on amenities in Langport and Huish Episcopi such as local shops and businesses, doctors, the library, the secondary school and Huish Leisure Centre, but the vast majority use their cars to travel there and back.

The need for an improved transport link is clear and the proposed project would bring a wide range of benefits to cyclists, pedestrians and the wider community, for example:

- an accessible, safe and traffic free path for cyclists and pedestrians
- increased opportunities for exercise, contributing to a healthy lifestyle
- reduction in volume of traffic and dangerous emissions on this stretch of the A378
- increased trade for local shops and businesses
- a link to a possible future rail station at Langport
- a solution to the need for a safe route for students to get to the school, academy and leisure centre

The project is now being taken forward by a small group of volunteers who are investigating feasibility, possible routes for the path, and funding opportunities. As the grant has been awarded to the project on a matched funding basis, the group are now seeking financial and other support from a wide range of sources including councils, businesses and voluntary organisations, as well as the public.

Please help us build a safe, secure and traffic free path between Curry Rivel and Langport.

Here is the link for donations.

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Sedgemoor Gardens Club

Sylvia Goodenough

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” - and for gardeners such an exciting season as, as well as harvesting the fruits of our labours this year, we are planning and planting for next year!

As I write, Sedgemoor Gardens Club members are also looking forward to the start of the new club year in September, when we will be meeting as usual in All Saint’s Hall, Langport on the second Tuesday of the month, which is 12th in September. We always arrive between 7-7.30pm to allow time for chatting and displaying exhibits for the competition classes. By the time you read this, members will have received their programmes for the year and will have been able to see what an interesting programme John has organised for us. They will also have been pleased to find out that we have been able to hold the membership fee to last year’s £15 per single and £25 for a couple. Included in membership are the daffodil bulbs which are intended to be nurtured over winter and then entered into the Club competition class at the Daffodil Festival in March 2024. These will also be available again in October for anyone unable to make the September meeting, as will a selection of tulip bulbs to purchase.



Our September speaker is Helen Toon, who will tell us “All about Badbury Flowers”. We gather she is also doing a demonstration and we are looking forward to that. We intend to follow her talk with the AGM, when members will hear about Club finances and have a recap of the last year’s activities, before our President, Peter Goodenough, presents the prizes for the monthly competitions in 2022-3. As usual the evening will end with refreshments, which always go down well and allow more time for chatting!

On 10th October, we have a talk entitled “Lift the latch - the story of two gardens” by David and Pauline Wright. The couple took on an overgrown 0.75 acre plot back in 1984 and turned it from wilderness to paradise. Then, like so many of us, circumstances forced them to downsize and their bungalow garden near Yeovil has produced different challenges of its own. It sounds intriguing - why not come along to hear all about their journey? Visitors and potential new members are very welcome - either turn up on the night, when we promise you a warm welcome, or ring Jean, our secretary, on 01458 259023 for more details.

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CRPC Heating Initiatives

Village meeting, Thursday, 12th October at 5.30 pm, Old School Room, Curry Rivel

The way that we heat our houses in Curry Rivel has become a major issue. The village has been identified as a hot spot of fuel poverty (the gap between the cost of energy and the ability of people to pay for it). The news is filled with stories of the world's climate becoming more extreme, and most scientists who have studied this agree that it is related to increasing amounts of carbon dioxide in the air.



Somerset organisations who are working in this area. You are welcome to drop in at any time.

The technology of heating, and the financial aspects (costs, grants), are changing fast, and we all need expert advice. Many of the houses in the village might not be immediately suitable for fitting new heating systems, and insulation is a big part of the solution. The buzzword that applies here is "retrofit".

7.30 p.m., followed by questions and discussion. The event will finish at 8.30pm.

Contributing organisations are expected to include:

- RenewEV
- Retrofit Somerset
- Centre for Sustainable Energy
- Climate Action Taunton
- Curry Rivel Parish Council Heating Initiatives team

Everyone is very welcome. If you need advice to save money – and maybe the planet too – then this could be the event that you need.

About half of the



carbon dioxide that we generate in Curry Rivel comes from heating our houses. So, when Somerset County Council offered grants to local councils to address climate change, Curry Rivel Parish Council bid for, and was awarded, money to have a detailed look at heating in the village.

On Thursday, October 12th 2023, from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., in the Old School Room, Church Road, Curry Rivel, TA10 0HQ, the Heating Initiatives project team are holding a meeting to present the findings of the project to the village, in collaboration with other

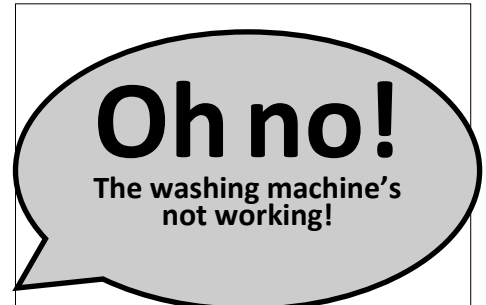
The Parish Council contracted RenewEV Ltd. to report on heating in the village and make suggestions. Their report can be downloaded from <https://www.curryrivel.org.uk/campaigns/heating-initiatives-project.html>.

RenewEV will present their findings and answer questions. We have also invited several other organisations that are working to give advice on energy and heating to people in Somerset.

The experts will be on hand from 5.30 p.m. to give advice. A series of short talks and presentations will be given at



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The Launch of the Somerset Tree Strategy

The latest news from Curry Woods Conservation Trust

Peter Goodenough

A ten-year plan to enhance and protect Somerset trees and woodland has been proposed by a consortium of organisations led by Somerset County Council. Thankfully at last one of the council's priorities is to put our money (that's us the taxpayers) to create a greener, more sustainable Somerset. The strategy recognises their essential role in helping to tackle the crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. A partnership has been established between the Environment Agency, Somerset Local Nature Partnership, Exmoor National Park, Quantock Hills, AONB partnership, Forestry Commission and the Woodland Trust.

As I have pointed out in previous articles about our Trust, Somerset has 8% tree cover, much less than the national average and southern Somerset has even less than that. The Curry Woods and their connection to the woodland running along the escarpment above the West Sedgemoor wetland area form an ecological corridor, allowing animal and plants to migrate without human interference. Although this came about as a happy accident because of the steepness of the slope, much effort has been made in the past to cultivate as close as possible to the steepest slopes, thus making the corridor narrow. Now is the time to expand this corridor and plant in such a way as to capture carbon, help to ameliorate the chance of you burning in the summer, soak up water in summer and winter, help to stop the chances of you flooding and to greatly increase the biodiversity; giving some hope that your grandchildren will be able to understand the cycle of life and the role plants (in particular as they produce all our oxygen and food) and animals play in it.

Work is already under way with the creation of three new posts, with funding assured by DEFRA. In particular, their roles will be to support existing tree groups (like us) and encourage new ones. The full tree strategy is available on the Somerset Council website.

The five themes are:

- Create a wood culture enabling everyone to understand the importance of trees to the county, its natural environment and its communities.
- Make our trees more resilient and adaptable by protecting, expanding, managing and diversifying our existing treescapes.
- Expand tree coverage in Somerset.
- Create a range of services and products.
- Create a sustainable and flexible governance structure.



As many will recognise, these themes, especially the first three, have formed the backbone of what I have been arguing for in CR since 2016. You have all responded magnificently and I thank you for your support. We were ahead of the game and have, by establishing the charity and setting up the Trust, put our community at the very front of this ambitious strategy. We have already established a good working relationship with the new post holders and will be working hard to identify new areas to plant trees and increase biodiversity in Curry Rivel. We have worked together to already identified SCC land which may form the next area to be planted.

Finally, please visit the Trust land and as you walk the footpath look for the large anthills alongside the path. This is the increase in biodiversity happening already. There are now many anthills across the site and these form an important food source for yaffles (green woodpeckers – Britain's largest woodpecker). Is it a coincidence that I have seen an increase in young yaffles in the last two years? I don't think so.

I look forward to writing about the progress of this vital work over the next few months. Meantime, check out our website:

(currywwoodsconservationtrust.com)
for up-to-date news.



The Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Drayton Branch of The Royal British Legion (RBL) needs you!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Susan Willis

We are currently 76 members strong, but our Branch is in need of more members to maintain a strong spirit of this Charity. Anyone can join!

We welcome all supporters of the Armed Forces community. You do not need to have an Armed Forces background to become a member. You can support the Charity by being a member and, if possible, by volunteering to help the Service personnel in need after serving their Country to help keep it safe.

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Our Branch supports the local Service community by raising money for the RBL Dunkirk Memorial House in Bishops Lydeard. We also have Branch Community Support which reaches out to the isolated and lonely in the local Armed Forces Community, offering Telephone Buddies, Home and Hospital Visiting, bereavement support, including

representation at funerals and signposting.

Our fundraising events are open to all in the community. Our latest Charity lunch in June raised £656. Future events are planned. The next one is a Horse Racing Night which will be held at The Crown Inn Fivehead on Saturday 21 October at 7pm. Come along for a guaranteed exciting evening! Place your bets! Win some! And raise funds for the RBL! We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are interested in becoming a member, a volunteer or need support please contact any Committee Members:

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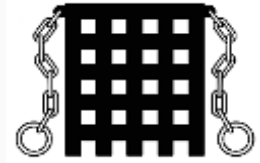
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BYGONE DAYS

Janet Seaton



This curious tale from the *Taunton Courier* raises all sorts of questions:

An American sailor, who had lost part of his left arm and the flesh of his right, was apprehended on Wednesday at Ilminster charged with robbing a young woman of the name of Laver, of Curry Rivel on Tuesday last, of a bundle of clothes, and her pocket, containing some silver and other articles. Having clasped her neck with the stump of his left arm, he took a knife from his pocket with his hand, and opening it between his teeth, threatened to murder her if she made the least noise. He was examined on Wednesday last and committed the following day to Wilton Gaol, his person being sworn to by the girl. *Taunton Courier*, Thursday 14 August 1817.

So, who was this 'American sailor', and what was he doing in Ilminster? How did come by his injuries? Did they bother with an identity parade?

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Our next talk will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2 October at the Sports & Social Club, Eastover, Langport. Janet Seaton & Barry Winetrobe will present a talk on *The Stuckeys and Stuckey's Bank*. All welcome; non-members £4.

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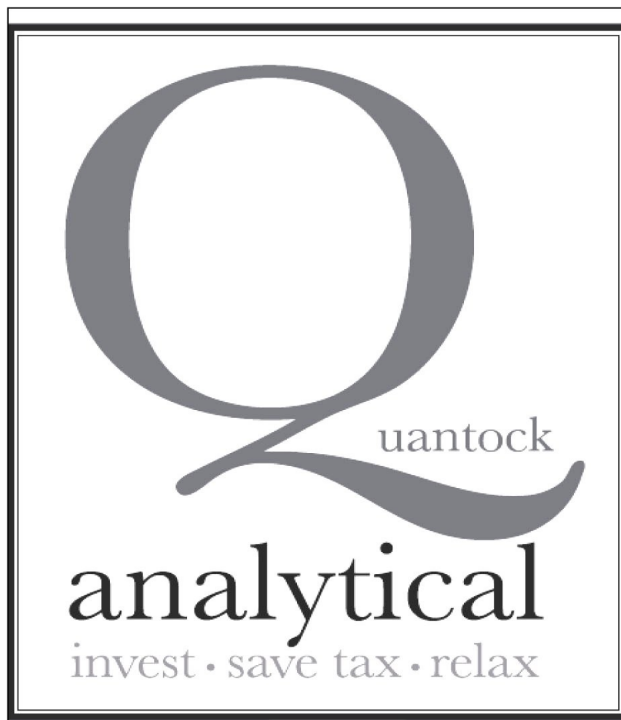
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October Meeting

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Wright

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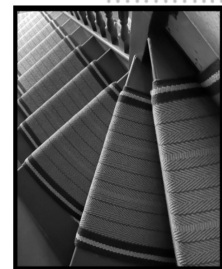
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Hazel Morris

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For more information about the café please visit our website:

<https://myforgetmenotcafe.co.uk/>

Every session ends with a sing-along and this part of the afternoon is a highlight for many of the café's visitors.

The volunteer musicians who lead these sessions are invaluable but we urgently need more. **CAN YOU HELP?** It's just half an hour, once a month. There's a piano on site you can use or you can bring your own instrument – guitar, keyboard etc

The cafe is run by volunteers who work on a rota basis (approximately 3 hours every month). **CAN YOU HELP?** Duties involve setting up the room with tables and chairs ie some light to heavy lifting, chatting with the visitors and helping with the activities, making and serving tea and then clearing away at the end.

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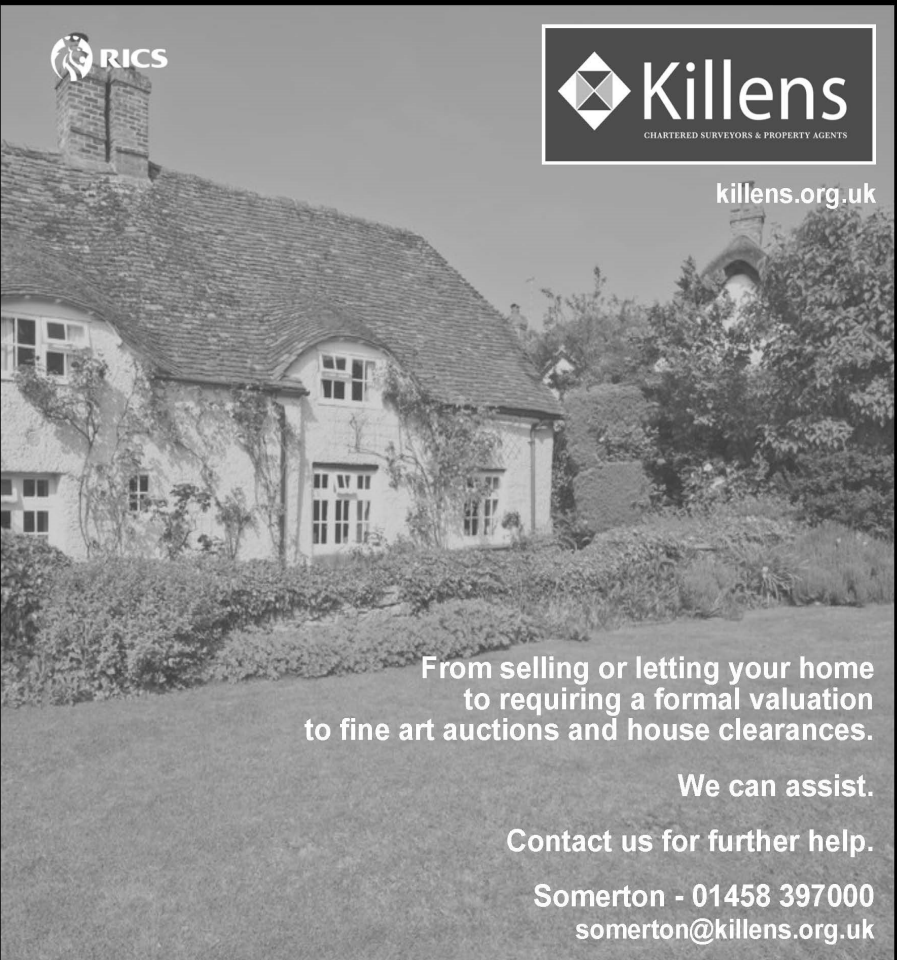
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Letter to the Editor

The photo in the September Curry Rivel News, was taken by Godfrey Barnard (my Uncle) but the man shown on the binder must be Farmer Jim Summerhayes as it was in his field that the shot was taken.



My Uncle was a keen snapper and captured images around the village and county; many now with other members of my family. Plus, he was good friends with Jim Summerhayes so I can only imagine a conversation going (probably over a pint at The King Willy) as - "I'm going to be binding the wheat tomorrow half-ter-nun, in thic ground behind the church, so if thee want to take some photees with thic Cam-er-or of thine best come along drectly".

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October

Sunday 1st

- 10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments
- 11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW
- 4.30 pm **CR OSR - NEW**: Café Church *(see information in right-hand column)*
- 6.00 pm **CR** - Harvest Songs of Praise followed by cheese & wine

Sunday 8th

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

Tuesday 10th

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

Saturday 14th

- 3.30-5.30 pm Messy Church **CR OSR**

Sunday 15th

- 9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship
- 11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments
- 12.15 **CR** - said Communion CW
- 4.30 pm **CR OSR - NEW** Café Church *(see information in right-hand column)*

Sunday 22nd

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

Sunday 29th

- 10.00 **SW** - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

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

'Learn from the Master'

A recent article by our Diocesan Bishop Michael Beasley

When you hear the word 'disciple', what comes into your mind? A learner? A follower? A super Christian? Someone kitted out in Biblical dress complete with robe, sandals, tea towel head covering and beard?

The New Testament's word for disciple doesn't quite match any of these descriptions. It's much closer to the word we'd use in English for 'apprentice'.

Back in history, and still today, to be an apprentice meant spending time in the presence of a master in order to learn a craft – maybe carpentry, or blacksmithing, baking or butchery. You'd start out doing the simple stuff – sweeping floors or sharpening tools. Then gradually you'd acquire more and more skills until you learnt to work confidently with materials producing beautiful things, products of utility and worth. Apprentices often learnt their craft while living alongside their masters, becoming members of their trade through time spent together at work and rest and play.

Jesus was often called 'the carpenter's son' – apprenticed to his worldly father Joseph, growing in skill at the plane and the lathe. He was also the apprentice of his heavenly father. The Gospels speak of Jesus withdrawing to spend time with God in order to know God's mind, hear God's voice, grow in God's ways.

Apprenticeship was and is a story of growth, development, discovery and change. It's the journey that Jesus invites us to take with him too – of baby steps and toddler stumbles, of emerging skill and increasing understanding.

Learn from the Master ctd. . . .

Churches near you are offering opportunities to apprentice yourself to Jesus this autumn - from practical action that gets you involved in Jesus' service to the world, to opportunities for discussion and learning in informal settings.

Why not sign yourself up and begin to learn from the Master?

Every blessing,
 Bishop Michael

From Rev'd Scott – with the above in mind why not consider our new fortnightly **Café Church** gatherings exploring faith, God and life'?

These will be held fortnightly in the Old School Room, Curry Rivel on **Sunday afternoons starting at 4.30pm**. In September's Curry Rivel News, our Curate Rev'd Mark, described these gatherings as 'opportunities to explore and discuss faith in everyday life'.

He would love to hear from you if you'd like to know more (markmcknight5@gmail.com) or just come along. In October the gatherings will be on the **1st** and **15th**. You'd be very welcome, and there's pizza!)

From St. Andrew's Registers Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.
 22nd August - Celebration For The Life of Mr Nicholas David (Nik) Smith († 25th July) followed by interment in the cemetery
 1st September - Memorial Service for Mr Roger Harry Deans († 9th August) followed by burial in the churchyard

St. Andrew's Rotas October

- Brass** - Sue Blackwell
- Flowers**
 7th - Harvest flowers
 14th & 21st - Marie-Anne Owen
 28th - Adrienne Holmes
- Cleaning**
 30th September - Tina Geary
 7th - Wendy Graves
 14th - Anne Goff
 21st - Jackie & John de Ronde
 28th - Carolyn Paton



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Music Music Music

Come and join us at St. Andrew's Church on **Sunday 8th October at 3pm** to listen to a *Medley of Music* performed by organists from Curry Rivel, Huish Episcopi and Fivehead.

Plus, enjoy luscious homemade tea and cakes!

An afternoon's entertainment, helping to raise funds toward the restoration of our beautiful church windows. Any donations greatly appreciated.

St. Andrew's Autumn Fayre

This year's Autumn Fayre will take place in the **Old School Room** on **Saturday 21st October 10.00-12.30**

There will be stalls with a variety of hand-made craft items --- cakes --- books --- plants and bric-à-brac.

May be you can find that early Christmas present.

Refreshments will also be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Shoe Box Appeal 2023

This year will again see the annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for **Blythwood Care**, a Christian charity based in Scotland. Since the first appeal in 1993, more than 2,5 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

Leaflets with a list of items and other information will be available in St. Andrew's Church or they can be downloaded from the Blythwood Care website at <https://blythwood.org/shooboxappeal/>.

Please deliver your filled shoe boxes to Jackie de Ronde or Ginny Smith by **the end of October**.

Anyone who would prefer to donate money rather than fill a box, please note that the donations will be sent to Blythwood Care, towards the cost of transportation. You can also donate directly via their website.

Any queries or for those not able to download the leaflet, contact Jackie on 251355 or Ginny on 250997.

United Reformed Church



We are a small, inclusive, outward looking group of people and we welcome all wherever they are on their life/spiritual journey, without regard to age, gender, denominational background, sexual orientation, race or ability. We respect the traditions of our past, engage with the present and look forward to the future, believing our work together is rooted in our relationships with God, each other, and the world around us.

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

URC Minister: Rev. Tim Richards 01458 252799

Harvest Festival: an annual celebration of God's provision for us through crops, fruit & grain which traditionally takes place around the time of the main agricultural harvest of any given region. It is a celebration marked by a spirit of gratitude and of sharing the harvest with the whole community. This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving on **Sunday 15th October** and bringing food items to donate to the Community Foodbank. If you have donations you would like to bring everyone is welcome.

A View from the Orchard....

It must be October; the trees are falling away & showing their true colours. We are at the time of year when nature's colours are bright, deep, different – a last and beautiful flourish before the year draws to a close. Days are crisper, the nights cooler. It is time for warm socks and sweaters, walks in the woods, hot chocolate and firelight, hunkering down with a good book. October: the month of pumpkins and all hallows eve – that ancient religious vigil for departed souls which took place on 31st October, the eve of All Saints (Hallows) Day. Not a festival the reformed and nonconformist church denominations observe but you can see where the word Hallowe'en and some of its themes has originated.

October

Services are now taking place in our Chapel building only (no longer available via Zoom).

All below Services start 10.30.

1st - Prayer & Fellowship

8th - Joining with Mid-Somerset URC Group Service at **Glastonbury URC** with Rev Tim Richards

15th - **HARVEST FESTIVAL** with Rev E Ridout
(incl. Holy Communion)

22nd - Mike Mason

29th - Rev Tim Richards

A View from the Orchard ctd

What I notice in October is the vistas that begin to open up as tress and shrubs shake off their summer wear; the baring of branches begins to reveal a view thus far hidden during spring and summer. As days shorten so time has a tendency to foreshorten – or to look at it from another angle, as the evenings lengthen so time stretches out before us, time that is not taken up with 'doing' or 'going' but with settling in, hunkering down. Perhaps we have more time to reflect on the year so far, to set intentions for the months ahead, or to reflect on what God has to say to us about what is necessary, needful or unnecessary & unhelpful, what to put down, what to take up, what to let go..... Autumn is the time of year when we might hear God through Mother Nature say, "Look how easy, how healthy and how beautiful letting go can be!"

Ali Richards.



Movies in the Village Hall

mvh.curry.wixsite.com/films

Alison Cockrell

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)

Friday 20 October 2023



Based on the 2012 novel of the same name, this British drama stars Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.

Retired Harold Fry lives in Kingsbridge, Devon with his wife Maureen. He receives a letter from his old friend Queenie Hennessy who tells him she is dying and living in Berwick-upon-Tweed. Much to Maureen’s exasperation, he sets off to walk the length of England to see his friend. During his journey he encounters a variety of people who offer him support in his quest.

Also stars: Linda Bassett, Joseph Mydell and Earl Cave.
Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall.

Tickets £7 are available at the door. Refreshments available



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...In October

Regular Events

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10-11am	Movement to Music (Age UK)	Village Hall
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
Movement to Music, Becky Bostock		07706 734604

Arts

Entertainers		250311
Music Club		250863
Art Club		253126

Community Facilities

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)		07714 265384
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)		07789 661288
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)		250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.		259391

Community Services

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

Education

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

Local Authorities

Parish Council (Clerk) clerk@curryrivel.org.uk		07534 318840
District Council		01935 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	07483 120 603	
URC Minister		252799
Messy Church		01458 762523



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Art exhibition and sale

Old School Room

November 4th

David Mowat has been coming from his Bristol home to Curry Rivel for over 30 years since his parents Hugh and Camille Mowat moved to the village. Also Catherine, his ecologist and fiddle-playing sister, lives with her husband Matt in the village, on Dyers Lane.

Inspired by his great uncle Thomas Picher a well-known water-colourist of south England landscapes whose paintings hung in the family house, David has always painted in situ.



“My work veers from carefully observed traditional landscapes and urbanscapes to impressionistic and now sometimes expressionistic work. I think of my work as a moment in space and time when painter and the object that

catches my eye meet in a visual embrace, a sloppy mess of colour or a carefully placed kiss of paint, not to be revisited” he explained.



His work is in private collections in England and in Switzerland and he sells at occasional exhibitions such as this one, which is actually his first in Curry Rivel. You can meet the artist at the exhibition and, he suggests “haggle if you like”.

The exhibition is in the Old School Room in Butt Lane by St Andrews Church, from 11:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday 4th November. Entry is free.



...thank you Tony Greenaway