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Local artist will open his studio to the public

Curry Rivel artist Sebastian Chance will be opening his studio to the public during Somerset Artworks Art weeks Open Studios event 18th September - 3rd October.

Sebastian's primary medium is sculpture. He works with a variety of materials including wood, metal, plaster, resin and found materials. The sculptures reflect Sebastian's interest in how materials and constructed forms can work to create meaning, sometimes with a sense of playfulness and ambiguity. Sebastian uses printmaking techniques - lino cuts, etching and wood cuts - and collage to explore ideas in two dimensions. Personal encounters, life experiences, memories and things observed and felt are at the core of his art. The title of a work is there to suggest its subject and meaning, though much is left open to the viewer's own interpretation.



3 plovers - Sebastian Chance Rain coming - Sebastian Chance

Full details of the event with a location map of studios can be found on the Somerset Artworks website:

<https://somerseartworks.org.uk>

An app is also available to download onto mobile phones.

Nicki Hughes – www.nickihughes.com – another Curry Rivel resident, will also be participating in the Somerset Artworks Week.



Cherries - Sebastian Chance



Tipping Point - Nickie Hughes



Sapphire sea - Nickie Hughes

Nicki Hughes is an inspirational contemporary artist working with the energies and vibrations of Mother Earth. The work showing during Arts Week has been created during our time of Pause during Lockdowns. We have emerged, and so has her work.

Curry Rivel residents care for the environment

***REUSE *REPAIR * RETURN * RECYCLE * REPURPOSE ***

Gina Beauchamp

The new recycling and rubbish collection schemes are still beset with problems but in general most people are having their bins emptied on time. It is very frustrating for those who haven't and the only way to report a missed bin collection is to do it online on the SSDC website within 24 hours of the bin being missed.

It seems that the village is divided into sections with one half having their black bins emptied a week later than the other. Some people have been sent the wrong leaflet with the wrong dates! Let's hope it is soon sorted out.

Bonfires

Garden waste collection has been suspended until September and we will see how that goes when it resumes. It has of course meant that more people are having bonfires and in the warm weather this has meant that many houses in the village have been inundated with smoke, which is very unacceptable. There are elderly people, children and those that suffer from asthma and COPD who find it hard to breathe when someone has a bonfire. Plus, it makes the whole house stink of smoke and washing on lines needs to be rewashed. Although there is unfortunately, no law against having a bonfire, please note the following. It is much better to take your garden waste to the tip. It is illegal to burn commercial

waste. If you have to have a bonfire it is also more neighbourly to have your bonfire, after dark, when people are

indoors and washing is in and windows are shut. Thank you for being considerate to your neighbours.

Soft plastic recycling

We can now recycle most plastic containers in our new blue bags.

Items that they won't collect can still be taken to TESCO to the mixed plastic bin in the car park.

Plastic wrap, clean cat and dog food pouches, crisp packets, cellophane can be taken to TESCO plastic wrap recycling, there is a large bin by the exit inside the store at Langport Tesco. Keep a bag in your kitchen and take it with you when full.

Flower pots are still not recyclable, so reuse them, offer them on Next Door or The Curry Rivel Facebook page, someone will always take them.

Electrical items

Small electrical items can be left out with the recycling.

Larger Items

To save items of furniture etc going to landfill, use local sites to give away or sell the item. Use Freecycle.org.

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Volunteer needed at Langport Red Cross Centre

Langport Red Cross Centre is in need of a volunteer one morning a week. We serve hot drinks and sell donated goods whilst providing a meeting place for a chat and company. If you can spare a few hours please contact Chris Cox on 01458 273085 or cox.cj@btinternet.com



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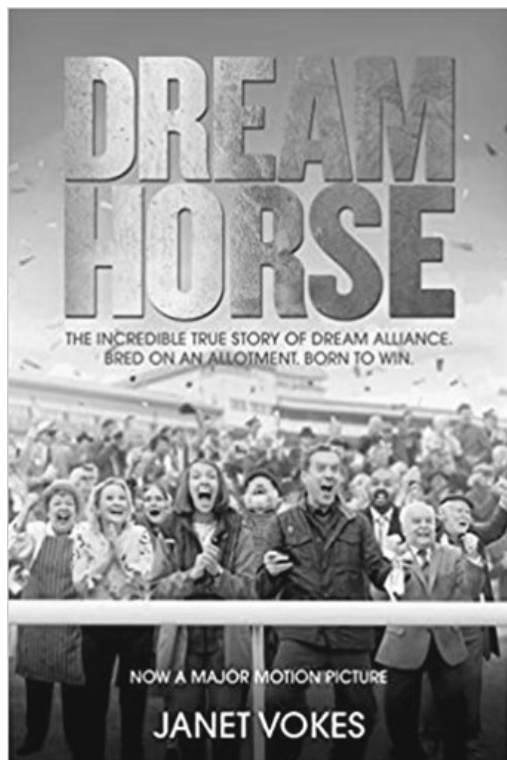


Movies in the Village Hall

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Dream Horse (PG)

Friday 17 September



Movies in the Village Hall returns! Yes, Curry Rivel Movies in the Village Hall will be back in September.

Dream Horse is based on the true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by bar tender Jan Vokes. Having no money and little experience, Jan persuades her neighbours to chip in their earnings to help raise Dream in the hope that he can compete with the top racing horses. The group's investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks with grit and determination.

Stars: Toni Collette, Damian Lewis, Owen Teale, Lynda Baron and Alan David.

Doors open at 7.00pm; shows starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets £7 are available at the door.

Please note, we are aiming to run this event as "normally" as possible, but we would request that you sign in with your contact details / use the QR code posters on arrival. We would also ask that you wear a mask when moving around the Village Hall.

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Sedgemoor Gardens Club

Sylvia Goodenough

We have enjoyed our Zoom meetings during the 2020-21 season but are nevertheless really looking forward to being able to go back to meeting face to face this season. Chatting before and after our talk, taking part in competitions and often being able to buy plants from speakers as well as appreciating a cup of tea or coffee with cake or biscuits to round off with. These are things not so

easily done on Zoom! We also missed our annual Daffodil Festival and the trip to Exbury Gardens, which had to be postponed for the second time - surely

that will now be third time lucky!

Our first meeting is at 7 for 7.30 on September 14th and we are going to hold it in Long Sutton Village Hall (where we also hold the Daffodil Festival), hoping that some Long Sutton residents will join us. It's a bigger hall than our usual All Saints in Langport and has lots of parking so we thought it would also make a pleasant change for members.

Besides our brief AGM we will also have a talk from Shelly Easton, who is the Climate Change Adaptation Officer for Somerset Wildlife Trust. There is more information about climate change and how it will affect us all, in the article from the Curry Woods Conservation Trust. We will be delighted to welcome any visitors who would like to hear her talk, or even more happy to welcome new members to our club. Please see our website at sedgemoorgardens.simplesite.com for details about the club and our programme for the coming season. Alternatively ring 01458 259025 or 01458 250091 for more information.

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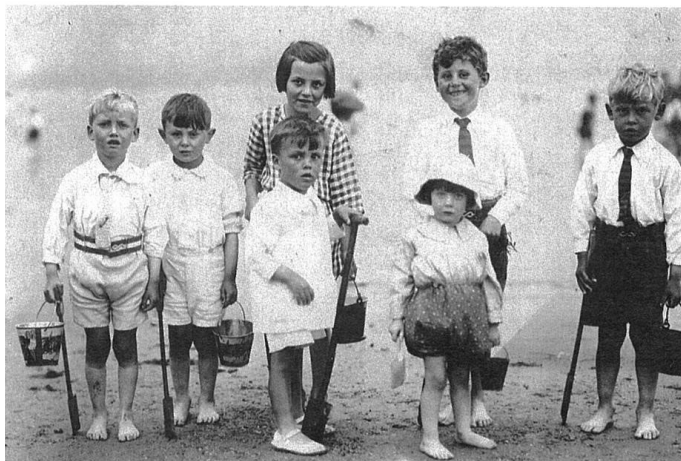
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Did you get to the seaside this summer?

This photo from Curry Rivel: A Century in Photographs which was published in 2000, shows a Sunday School outing to the seaside in the late 1920s. In those days it was a unique opportunity for the children of the village to go to the beach. As you can see they were well prepared with their buckets and spades!

L to R: Fred Perry, Hugh Perry, Betty Payne, Dennis Payne, Les Chorley, Hazel Perry, Don Chorley. Unfortunately we do not know which beach they visited that year.



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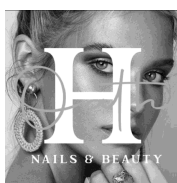
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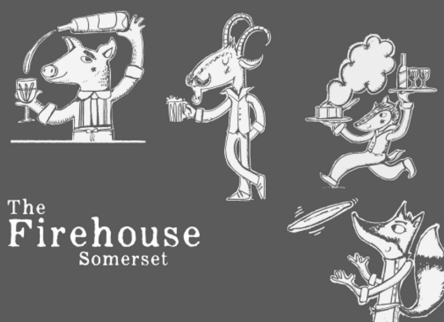
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Pedestrian/cycle path study update

Tony Greenaway

Following the appointment of our chosen consultants, PJA Ltd., an inception meeting and site visit attended by the project manager, Matt McFeat, took place in mid-July. This provided an opportunity to meet the members of the working group. At the meeting we confirmed the programme and methodology including the plan for engagement and consultation with key stakeholders and the wider community.

The site visit was undertaken by bike and on foot, and members of the working group joined in to provide local insight and an update on the progress made to date with



regards to route choice and landowner discussions.

Following this visit, the technical work within stage 1 will consider no more than 4 potential route options between Curry Rivel and Langport/Huish Episcopi. The next stage will involve site surveys, information collection and review, and digital OS mapping.

Existing data will be used to provide information which will be needed to develop the proposals and to provide evidence which would strengthen an eventual funding bid. The data would include: traffic flows; vehicle speeds; highway safety; highway extents; land ownership, utility surveys; TROs, school census/catchment information. Much of this information will rest with the County or District Council.

Additional site visits will be undertaken as necessary to photograph, measure and document elements of the routes. PJA will also undertake a desktop review of the available data and consider national and local planning policies. Plans will be produced setting out potential opportunities to improve pedestrian and cyclist amenity within the village, including the identification of measures to reduce the severance caused by the A378.

There are three further key stages to the project and I will report progress on these in future editions of CRN and on the community website.

Enrolment 2021/22

As with last year, enrolment will not be carried out face to face. Payment is by cheque made out to Somerton u3a, or by Bank Transfer to Account No: 82483286 Sort Code: 09 01 53 giving your name as a reference. Cash will not be accepted.

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Also....

We will be holding our first meeting back in the Edgar Hall on 24th September when our guest speaker will be comedy writer Brad Ashton. If members do not feel comfortable meeting face-to-face the meeting will also be available in your home via Zoom.

Sue Haigh, Secretary

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Future Plans

CRiB hope to enter the South West in Bloom competition in 2022 and will start having meetings again soon to plan for the year ahead. We have kept our planting going this year, thanks to our volunteers around the village who plant, deadhead and water the displays. We are always looking out for new sites to develop, so please let us know if you see an area in the village that we haven't yet discovered. Next year we will also continue with the Front Garden Competition, bring back the Young Gardener of The Year award and hope to resume The Open Gardens.

Colour Scheme for 2022

Next year sees the 100th Anniversary of The W.I. in Curry Rivel and we would like to celebrate this with the colours of the W.I. which are green, white and purple. This information may help those who order plants and seeds well in advance for next year. This will also be our colour scheme around the village and for the Front Garden Competition. There will be more information about all these in future months.

Open Gardens 2022

I will be contacting all garden owners who have volunteered previously and some new ones to see if people are happy to do the event next year. Obviously it will be subject to the status of Covid 19 at the time, but the usual date, of the first Sunday in June, would make it Sunday 5th June, but maybe 12th would be more suitable to have more plants flowering. We will see what other events are on at the same time before deciding a date. If you would like to consider opening your garden and would like to know what is involved, please get in touch. It would be lovely if we could combine it with a Big Breakfast in the village hall as usual, but again we will have to see about Covid 19 !

Theft from Gardens

Sadly plants and ornaments and pots have been stolen from front gardens in the village recently. This has happened to CRiB quite a few times and to more people than actually report it. Apart from having pots and troughs screwed to the ground, which isn't always practical, you can try painting your name and post code inside the pots under the soil line, at the back of the pot where not visible, putting bricks or heavy weights inside to make it difficult to lift and carry. Chain or link pots together. Security cameras may help and a doorbell system that records when someone is at your front door. Please do let the police know and also report it to your local Neighbourhood Watch representative in the village, even if they can't do anything to return your stolen property, this will help to build a picture of local crime. Contact details for local police are as follows: Dial 101 and press 9 to report the theft, they will then create a log of thefts and possibly get back in touch with you.

Jobs to do in the Garden in September

Autumn is nature's natural planting time, so it is a good time to plant trees and shrubs as well as let seed disperse naturally for next year. Plant early enough and water well to let roots get established before the frosts arrive.

- Keep watering and feeding everything. Put out extra buckets and bowls when it rains to save rainwater. Use a water butt to save using tap water. Put saucers under pots to save water escaping.
- Keep deadheading regularly to keep late flowers blooming. The butterflies and bees will thank you.
- Scatter seed from annuals and any plant you want to have next year. Keep some to dry for the spring as well in case of a hard winter.
- Cut back stems of perennials that have finished flowering.
- Order bulbs and seeds and plan for next year !

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The Olympic Games

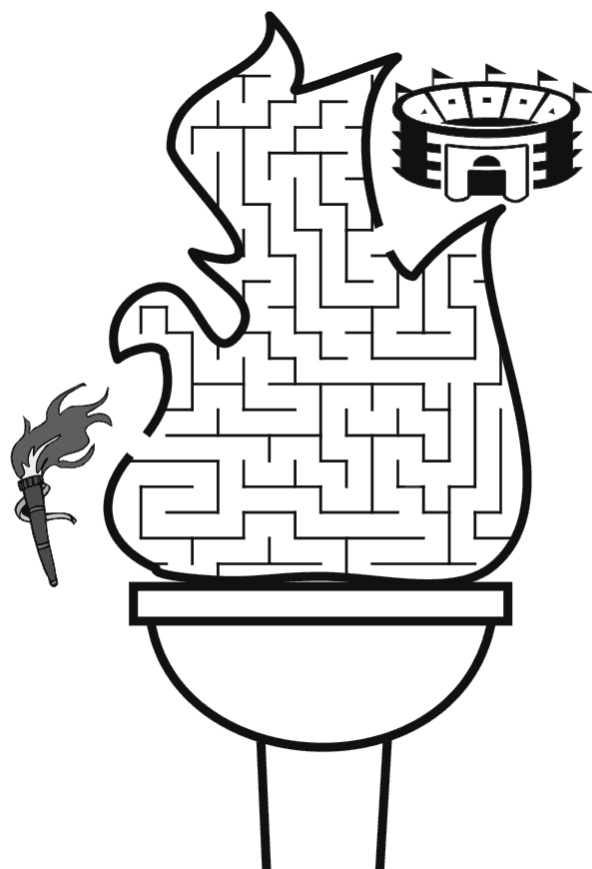
History of the Olympics

- The Games originated in ancient Greece as long as 3,000 years ago .
- From the 8th century B.C. to the 4th century A.D., the Games were held every four years in Olympia, located in the western Peloponnese peninsula, in honour of the god Zeus.
- The first written records of the ancient Olympic Games date to 776 B.C., when a cook named Coroebus won the only event , a foot race.
- More events were added so that by 648 BC there were foot races of different lengths, the pentathlon (consisting of five events: a foot race, a long jump, discus and javelin throws and a wrestling match), boxing, and chariot racing amongst others.
- In A.D. 67, the Roman Emperor, Nero entered the Olympic chariot race. Despite falling off the chariot he declared himself the winner!
- The Ancient Olympics ended in A.D. 393 when the Christian Roman Emperor, Theodosius I, banned all Pagan celebrations .
- The first modern Olympics took place in 1896 in Athens, and featured 280 participants from 12 nations, competing in 43 events.
- A new city is chosen to host the event every four years by the International Olympic committee (IOC)
- The official symbol of the modern Games is five interlocking coloured rings, representing the continents of North and South America, Asia, Africa, Europe and Australia.
- The Olympic Flame first appeared in the modern era in the 1928 Amsterdam Games and the Berlin Olympics of 1936 was the first torch relay where the flame is carried from Olympia to the host Stadium.
- The Olympic torch relay has travelled by foot, bicycle and aeroplane; it has been underwater and even gone into space!



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British Olympic Medal Winners (Tokyo 2020)

Gold medallists:

Thomas Pidcock, MTB, men's mountain bike
 Tom Daley and Matty Lee, diving, men's Synchronised 10m Platform
 Adam Peaty, swimming, men's 100m breaststroke
 Tom Dean, swimming, men's 200m freestyle
 Great Britain, swimming, men's 4x200m freestyle relay
 Bethany Shriever, BMX racing, women
 Great Britain, triathlon, mixed relay
 Great Britain, swimming, mixed 4x100m medley relay
 Max Whitlock, artistic gymnastics, men's pommel horse
 Charlotte Worthington, BMX freestyle, women's park
 Great Britain, equestrian, eventing team
 Giles Scott, sailing, men's One Person Dinghy (Heavyweight) - Finn
 Great Britain, sailing, men's Skiff - 49er
 Great Britain, sailing, women's two person dinghy - 470
 Ben Maher, equestrian, jumping individual
 Matthew Walls, cycling track, men's omnium
 Kate French, modern pentathlon, women's individual
 Great Britain, cycling track, women's madison
 Joseph Chong, modern pentathlon, men's individual
 Yafai Galal, boxing, men's flyweight
 Lauren Price, boxing, women's middleweight
 Jason Kenny, cycling track, men's keirin



Jason and Laura Kenny have won 12 Olympic Gold medals between them.

Silver medallists:

Duncan Scott, swimming, men's 200m freestyle
 Bradly Sinden, taekwondo, men's -68kg
 Lauren Williams, taekwondo, women's -67kg
 Alex Yee, triathlon, men's individual
 Georgia Taylor-Brown, triathlon, women's individual
 Great Britain, rowing, men's quadruple sculls
 Mallory Franklin, canoe slalom, women's canoe
 Kye Whyte, BMX racing, men
 Duncan Scott, swimming, men's 200m individual medley

Great Britain, swimming, 4x100m medley relay
 Tom McEwen, equestrian, eventing individual
 Emily Jade Campbell, weightlifting, women's +87kg
 Keely Hodgkinson, athletics, women's 800m
 Pat McCormack, boxing, men's welter
 Great Britain, cycling track, men's team sprint
 Great Britain, cycling track, women's team pursuit
 Great Britain, sailing, mixed multihull - Nacra 17 Foiling
 Benjamin Whittaker, boxing, men's light heavy
 Great Britain, athletics, 4x100m relay
 Laura Muir, athletics, women's 1500m
 Great Britain, cycling track, men's madison

Bronze medallists:

Chelsie Giles, judo, women's -52kg
 Great Britain, artistic gymnastics, women's team
 Great Britain, equestrian, dressage team
 Bianca Walkden, taekwondo, women's +67kg
 Charlotte Dujardin, equestrian, dressage team
 Matthew John Coward Holley, shooting, trap men
 Bryony Page, trampoline gymnastics, women
 Great Britain, rowing, men's eight
 Luke Greenbank, swimming, men's 200m backstroke
 Kariss Artingstall, boxing, women's feather
 Emma Wilson, sailing, women's windsurfer RS:X
 Declan Brooks, BMX freestyle, men's park
 Jack Laugher, diving, men's 3m springboard
 Sky Brown, skateboarding, women's park
 Frazer Clarke, boxing, men's super heavyweight
 Liam Heath, canoeing, men's kayak single 200m
 Holly Bradshaw, athletics, women's pole vault
 Great Britain, athletics, women's 4x100m relay
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Sky Brown, Britain's youngest Olympic medallist aged 13

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Chris Cox

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

Covid effects

Following the lifting of most Covid restrictions in July and in line with subsequent guidance from the Church of England and national 'Places of Worship Taskforce', St. Andrew's Church is open to everyone on a daily basis.

Also, 'live' services are more relaxed, although the use of face masks and sanigel are required in some circumstances - see the notice board in the porch. As before, if local conditions dictate, short notice changes to services may be necessary. It is therefore recommended that you check the notice board in the churchyard by the Green, in the church porch, on the village website, or on our 'A Church Near You' web page.

September

Sunday 5th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family Service
10.45 **FH** - Said Communion CW
6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer CW

Thursday 9th

10.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 12th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP
11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW
6.00 pm **FH** - Evening Worship

Sunday 19th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Prayer CW
11.00 **CR** - All Age Family Service
11.45 **CR** - Said Communion CW

Thursday 23rd

10.00 **CR** - Holy Communion BCP

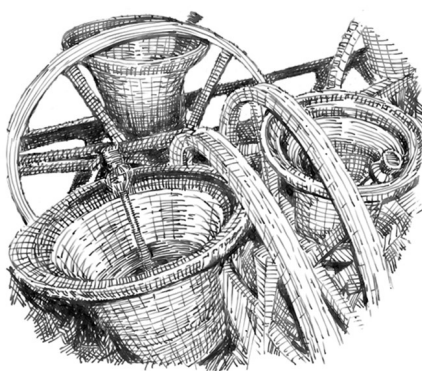
From the bell-ringing chamber

The Art of Change-Ringing

The sound of bells ringing out from clock towers, carillons and churches is embedded in cultures world-wide, and has been for centuries. Change-ringing however - the art of sounding diatonically tuned bells in a strict rhythm and in ever changing musical patterns - remains almost unique to the country in which it was first practised - England.

The bells themselves must be hung to swing full circle. They must be cast and tuned to form a balanced sound - the higher pitched bells being much smaller than the deep sounding ones. Such a collection of bells is known as a peal - sometimes just five or six bells, often a dozen or more, but forming one single musical instrument, perhaps the largest, heaviest, and loudest musical instrument there is.

In England, even very small village churches have peals, and our larger towns may have many, so the music of change-ringing will be a familiar sound to anyone walking the dog on a Sunday morning in town or country, and a key element of the Church of England's outreach.



Bells in action, swinging upwards.

September ctd.

Sunday 26th

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

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead

SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

From the bell-ringing chamber ctd.

The bells at St. Andrew's church, a peal of eight (or a full octave musically speaking), consist of more than three tons of bell metal. The mental and physical exercise alone of controlling these musical giants, and coordinating them in a manner to produce these musical permutations is quite substantial. Perhaps this alone attracts people to the art of change ringing, but there is more - being part of celebrations, national, religious or personal, can in itself be so rewarding.

Whether the muffled ringing on Remembrance Day, the joyful ringing for a Royal Jubilee, or a local wedding, the bells say something very special. When a newly married couple walks from the church, the music of the bells follows them into their new life together. Moments like this are beyond words.

At the moment, the teaching of bell ringing is not possible, due to still having to maintain some social distancing. But, hopefully, recruiting of anyone interested in learning to ring can begin in the new year - watch this space.

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

We wish them God's blessing at the start of married life

17th July - Amelia Louise Hinds and Thomas Edward Blunt

6th August - Lauren Louise Mileham and Joe Laurence Walsh

Funerals

May God grant them eternal rest.

17th August - Interment of ashes of Lorna Deacon († 2nd July)

Granddaughter of
Revd and Mrs Maude-Roxby
(Vicar at St. Andrew's 1934-1959)

St. Andrew's Rotas September

Brass - Julia Gauler

Flowers

4th & 11th - Annette Stein
18th & 25th - Diana Talbot-Williams

Cleaning

3rd - Nicky Barker
10th - Liz Rendell
17th - Lynne Comley
24th - Tina Geary



United Reformed Church



September

Services start at 10.30 am.

They take place in our Chapel building and simultaneously live via Zoom.

Anyone unable to attend in person who would like to feel part of a worshipping community is invited to join us -from any denomination or none; simply email Steve Beney on stevebeney@yahoo.co.uk expressing your interest and he will contact you explaining how to join us on Sundays @ 10.30 am.

September

Services start at 10.30 am.

Sunday 5th - Local Arrangement

Sunday 12th - Zoom Service

Sunday 19th - Rev Evelyn Rideout

Sunday 26th - Rev Tim Richards
(incl. Holy Communion)

At the time of submitting to CRN these are considered provisional: any changes or additions will be posted on the Chapel Notice Board.

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. At the moment, conversation takes place outside after the service rather than over coffee. All are Welcome.

Minister: Rev. Tim Richards
01458 252799

I wonder if you, like me, found yourself watching the televised Olympics last month? We thoroughly enjoyed the evening roundup and I even found myself tuning in on the lunchtimes I was at home.

Two aspects of the Games particularly caught my attention. One was taking notice of sports I was previously unaware of; Taekwondo and the cycle sprint, if I've got the name right, where they start off as if it's a slow bike race then a sudden dash to the finish line. In both sports I was intrigued, learning about the intricacies of rules and tactics employed to gain advantage and win the bout or race. What started, to my eyes, as something a bit daft, became fascinating.

The other aspect which interested me was hearing the personal stories of the athletes, and the number of individuals who had fought their way back from injuries that could have ended their careers. For example, the very young skateboarder, Skye, who only 12 months ago crashed horrifically, fracturing her skull and numerous other bones, in a fall from a height of 15'.

What determination was shown, what dedication to intense training, for years - and adaptability after the Games' 12-month delay and a global health pandemic which created obstacles not experienced before - and then it comes down to minutes or seconds for these Olympians to make their mark. This is both physical strength and great mental resilience.

The world number one gymnast, Simone Biles, withdrew from a number of disciplines to protect her mental health; Ben Stokes has taken a break from first class cricket to do the same. This is not weakness but a sign of strength, an awareness of how far the issue of looking after our whole selves has become accepted and even perhaps expected.

And so, to us: We may not be first class athletes, we may not have a trophy of cups and medals, but we have persevered, and I'm not only referring to the last 18 months but through difficult times in our lives, unique to each of us, but trials and difficulties that could have undermined or challenged our faith. We run with the spirit as our pacemaker, urging us on and encouraging us when we falter.

Scripture has many references to racing, let me end with just one: Isaiah 40.31

*"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

Yours, Rev. Tim.

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More trees for Curry Woods

Peter Goodenough

‘Don’t rest on your laurels’ - an old phrase but still true today.

Even though the 500 trees and shrubs planted on the “new Curry Woods” site have done pretty well thanks to the warm wet summer, it is now time to do more. Originally the planting was financed under the “Trees for Water” scheme of the Somerset Rivers Authority. Our Trust worked closely with the “Re-imagining the Levels” group to prepare the original application and we are doing so again to apply for support for the next 400 trees and shrubs. As part of SCAN (Somerset Climate Action Network) we take our responsibility to increase carbon capture seriously and this second tranche of trees and shrubs will nearly double our effort on this. We are also thinking of ways of improving the carbon capture in the existing ancient woodland the Trust owns. A simple idea would be to fence off lightly wooded areas in the woodland so that the understorey can flourish - nice as it is to support our resident roe deer, the future need to control climate change means we must stop acting as a foodbank for deer and let the plants flourish.

Curry Rivel in the front line.

Two things I would like you to think about. Firstly pumps. 4 million pounds is to be given by the Government flood prevention fund to the Levels area of Somerset. Nearly all of this money will be concentrated in the Parrett catchment area. New pumps at Huish Episcopi, Midelney, Westover, Northmoor and Long Load. I must warn you that this is a smoking gun. It means that flooding is expected in this area. Loads of cash spent on new high-volume pumps means expectation of high volumes of water to shift. The recent IPCC report makes it clear that

sea levels are going to rise for a long time ahead even if we get on top of carbon emissions. So West Sedgemoor and the RAMSAR site in our Parish are in the front line. My second point is about the phosphate pollution of the RAMSAR site and how it is messing up planning for new houses. A letter in the 15 August’s *Langport Leveller* pointed out that most farms are signed up to Government environmental schemes and the tight controls on the production and storage of slurry, as well as reduced use of fertilisers. It went on to say that Wessex Water is top of the ratings for effluent treatment in England. Finally, the writer blamed Natural England’s “cover up policy”. It seems to be a case of shooting the messenger. Apparently both farmers and Wessex Water are doing all they can. Our District Councillor’s report in the August CRN described a “blended credit” of planning obligations (all new planning to have pollution mitigation built in) and land mitigations (change of use of significant areas of land). Tiffany and Clare went on to say that taking land out of agricultural use appears to be a short-term vision for planning with a long-term loss for food sustainability. In response to these articles, I would urge both the writers and all of you to

begin to realise that business as usual is over. We in Curry Rivel are in the front line and we will have to stop doing what we did. Farming, we are continually told, is of marginal profitability, it can only provide a living with taxpayer support. So surely marginal areas where there are SSSIs should be managed to increase biodiversity and not used for human food production. Rewilding must be the way forward on the Levels. Secondly stop trying to cram more, arguably low quality, houses into the countryside. Increasing population with climate stability and maintenance of biodiversity seems almost impossible to achieve. Sadly, climate change and loss of biodiversity will, in the long term, produce a painful population decrease. So I would plead with Colin Winder and our District and County Councillors to get behind the idea that we must be one of the first areas in the country to take areas out of food production, stop building new houses and argue strongly at the highest level that some areas, particularly the Levels should be handed back to nature, which, let’s face it, does a much better job of producing a stable environment than human beings have ever done.



WARNING

All the below events are subject to cancellation at short notice due to the Corona virus epidemic please contact each group for details.....Keep well, Keep safe



...In September

Regular Events

MONDAY

9.45	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00	Table Tennis (keve@outlook.com)	Village Hall
3.30	Messy Church (2nd only)	School 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
5.45	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Guides	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
7.30	Tuesday Group (3rd only)	Drayton Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

9.30	Mother and Baby Group	Village Hall
6.30	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.30	Line Dancing Classes	Village Hall
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews

THURSDAY

10.00	WI	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows	Village Hall
4.30	Brownies	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

FRIDAY

9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Movie Night	Village Hall

SATURDAY

9.00	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
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Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

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Mother and Baby	07732 197030
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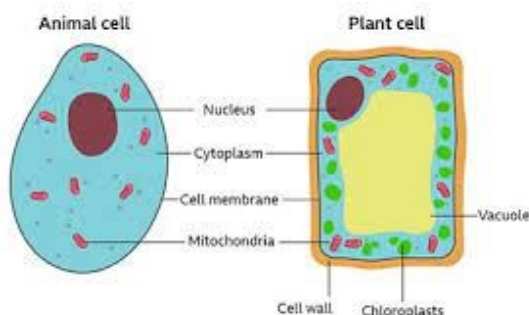
Five questions you've always wanted answered

1 What use are wasps?

This question really means what use are wasps TO ME (the person asking the question)? Which, sadly, is the often selfish attitude of many humans. Most animals, plants and fungi don't directly benefit humans but all have the fundamental right to exist as truly wonderful forms of life on this incredible planet. They ALL play important roles in the wonderful fabric of Life on Earth. With perhaps one exception...?

2 How did life begin?

This is the BIG ONE. There are many ideas ranging from deep sea vents to mud ponds to colliding comets, but no definitive answer yet. Our scientists are pretty clever people but no-one has been able to convert a dish of chemicals into anything resembling the simplest life form. That's probably because even a simple cell is incredibly complex. What goes on within the elements of cell (including the nucleus, wall, membrane, cytoplasm, ribosomes etc) is far more complex than what goes on under the bonnet of your car.



Complex cell structure

So the simple answer to the question "How did life begin?" is we just don't know...yet. How the simple "no nucleus" cell evolved into the complex cell with a nucleus is believed to be the start of complex evolution. Originally called the "Fateful Encounter", it's now being questioned as perhaps involving a parasitic event. Life, in its billions of forms, alive and extinct, is absolutely incredibly amazing and with our inability to understand how it started, I suspect it will be equally amazing.

3 Should locally extinct species be reintroduced?

Not an easy answer. Wolves, bears and lynx used to live in the UK. Would you be happy for them to be reintroduced? Clearly there may be some danger to humans. But what if they were reintroduced on managed nature reserves? What about non-dangerous species? Beavers are back in a few places, even in the South West where they are now breeding. Some local butterfly species have been

Beavers are back

reintroduced like the Large Blue and the Chequered Skipper (in England). Personally I feel that if we humans have been responsible (fully or partially) for causing an extinction then we should, if feasible, endeavour to reinstate that species. As HS2 is destroying Nature by the thousands of square miles

and laws protecting Nature are removed in favour of greedy developers, we must allow responsible and caring and kind people to help Nature wherever and whenever possible.

4 Can plants communicate with each other?

We all know that animals communicate with each other but can plants? Over 100 years ago John Muir, the "Father of the National Parks" said he felt trees were sentient beings with a kind of personhood. More recently scientists have identified the relationship between trees and soil-based fungi where the mycelium interact with the tree roots and appear to communicate with each other through water, nutrients and the photosynthesis process. I believe we'll find plants communicate with each other in various ways that help them survive and prosper.

5 What has caused the recent significant reduction in insects in the UK (and probably throughout the world).

Do you remember, some 40 years ago how, after a period of driving, your windscreen would be covered with a multitude of dead insects? Not today. Now very few insects die on windscreens because there are far fewer insects about. While the media focus has been on Honeybees and butterflies, the decline is across the board. Why? It appears to be a combination of widespread insecticide use, loss of habitat and global warming. It has been estimated that 97% of Britain's wildflower meadows have been destroyed since the 1940s. All these negative factors are directly or indirectly due to human influence. So it's collectively OUR FAULT. Seriously. You and I may say "But I didn't do anything". Sadly we all have over consumed. If five billion people consistently over consume, the negative effects on Nature will be, and indeed are, massive.

And just one more question:

6 Why is HS2 still proceeding when

- It's destroying a 250 mile corridor of UK's wonderful Nature
- It's costing a massively huge £120,000,000,000. (That would pay for ALL OF THESE: the new Wembley Stadium, the Channel Tunnel, Hinckley Point, QE Aircraft Carrier, M25, ALL Premiership football clubs, 20 most valuable paintings, Mercedes Benz brand, The Shard, Forth Road Bridge, Covid Vaccines for all UK, Dogger Bank windfarm, 100,00 new electric vehicle charging points, Subsidised air source heat pumps for 20 million homes). I repeat ALL OF THESE!
- The whole country, including the NHS, is still struggling financially with Covid. It will cut the existing travel time by only 20 minutes

Ask Boris Johnson. (A 130,000 vote petition has forced a debate in parliament on 13 September.)



Nigel Grinsted