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## Curry Rivel Flower Show...Saturday 6th August



# Sedgemoor in the TOP TEN “Noah” list

Peter Goodenough

**T**he new head of the Environment Agency (EA) gave a speech on the 7<sup>th</sup> June detailing the EA policy towards flooding under the headings Prevention, Resilience and Adaptation. Where they can economically prevent flooding they will, where they can't prevent occasional flooding they will help with resilience and the recovery of properties and where unpreventable flooding will become frequent they will help with adaptation. Subsequently a list of the ten areas most at risk of long term frequent unpreventable flooding was published. The Sedgemoor area was on the list. This refers to the area of moorland, not the district council area and part of it is in Curry Rivel parish.

The facts are that continued sea level rise is certain, and that between now and 2050 it may become difficult to prevent or be resilient against flooding in the ten areas. From 2050-2100 it will be necessary to adapt these areas to the new norm, permanent inundation, and communities in them will start to discuss how to adapt. What form that takes is still under discussion but clearly living with permanent standing water and limited access cuts down options.

In the short term the work done by the Trust, as part of the wider *Reimagining the Levels* group, has contributed 1000 trees and shrubs to the total planting of over 60000 trees and shrubs in the area. Go to [reimaginingthelevels.org.uk](http://reimaginingthelevels.org.uk) to see the location of many of the planting areas around the Parrett, Yeo and Isle catchment areas. This tremendous effort, made by all the volunteers of the RtL teams in conjunction with the Somerset Rivers Authority under the “Trees for Water” scheme will contribute to the Prevention phase of the Environment agency plan by reducing water run-off from the hills, thus reducing inflow into the catchment area that flows into the Sedgemoor complex of levels and moors. It will be a race between the plants growing and taking up more and more water and the rise in sea level leading to higher tides on the Parrett. Hopefully between now and 2050 the flooding will still be held in check enough to mean that the adaptation pathway does not come into play. However, it is inevitable that, with global temperatures still rising and the melting of glaciers and the Greenland and Antarctic icecaps accelerating, West Sedgemoor will be more and more under pressure from sea rise.

A recent research project, that we contributed to, has charted how the adaptation pathway will work. Adapting


the Levels was an EU funded project to chart how areas in both Somerset and in the Netherlands will put plans into place that will trigger various phases of adaptation as sea levels rise. It is too extensive to describe here but it is to be found on the website [adaptingthelevels.com](http://adaptingthelevels.com)

It is vital that more land on the hills above West Sedgemoor is forested quickly to push the inevitable back as far as possible. So if you have any influence on land use where water drains into Sedgemoor please think carefully about planting woodland. Help is available to meet all the costs; contact the Trust for more information. We are proud that in Curry Rivel we have made a great effort to be part of this protection effort and hope we have contributed in no small measure to preserving the Somerset levels and moors for future generations as well as ameliorating flooding in Curry Rivel village. Finally, please do keep updated on what the Trust is doing by going to our website: [currywoodsconservationtrust.com](http://currywoodsconservationtrust.com).

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## Curry Rivel Health Walks

### No Health Walks in September

Andrew Jordan

**H**ealth Walks have continued over the summer and we have enjoyed the sun and countryside. There will be a short break in September and so there will be no guided walks that month. Walkers are encouraged to meet as usual on The Green and go for a walk anyway!

Health Walks restart on Wednesday 5 October.

Health Walks are on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. We meet at 10.15, for a 10.30 start, on The Green in Curry Rivel. Walks are about 1hr long through the local countryside and lanes. All are welcome.

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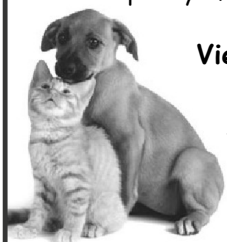
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*Alison Cockrell*

### Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)

**Friday  
16 September 22**



**A**t last! – Downton Abbey: A New Era is the long-awaited sequel to the 2019 movie. Time has moved on and Violet Crawley, the Dowager Countess of Grantham astonishes everyone by revealing that several years previously she was bequeathed a villa in the south of France by the Marquis de Montmirail. The family therefore decide to go and visit it.

Meanwhile, overseen by Lady Mary, a film production company is shooting a silent movie at Downton, much to the delight of the servants. The process is not without its problems, but it presents some surprising opportunities for the residents there.

Stars: Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Laura Carmichael and Penelope Wilton.

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

## One hump or two? *Jennie Browning*

**R**obert and I recently returned from a wonderful holiday at the Red Sea in Egypt, which was extremely hot – who'd have thought it? That said, with the benefit of the sea or the pool to jump into, not forgetting the lovely waiters who would bring drinks to our sunbeds (often without us even having to ask), it was definitely bearable. However, when we got back to good old Blighty, the "sweltering" had preceded us, thereby making us realise that we had spent a lot of money on a holiday, when we could have just stayed in our own garden! We love our garden but there is a distinct lack of seaside in it and no staff whatsoever.

When I was about 30, I went to Morocco with my then-husband who was offered 250 camels for me. In Egypt this year, despite now being sixty-few (a lady never divulges her age), Robert was very proud to be offered 2,500 camels for me. At £500 per camel, this was apparently a very tempting offer – frankly I was lucky to make it home. I think this proves that, contrary to popular belief, the Egyptians really do put great value on their antiquities. My sister-in-law is absolutely seething, because her value in Tunisia went from 200 to 2 camels in 30 years. What can I say?

Now, camels and I have not had an easy relationship. Last



time we were in Egypt, at the end of a camel ride, my "noble steed" decided to chuck me off his back during the dismount and broke my little finger. This stopped me from doing any more diving that trip and I was not happy. This holiday, we discovered that Egyptians eat camel-meat, which is similar to beef but much cheaper, and one of our lovely new Egyptian friends directed us to a restaurant at Hurghada Marina that sold camel steak. Revenge shall be mine, I thought! urghada Marina Hurgh

One thing that did impress us in Egypt, along the Red Sea coast at any rate, is their unexpected dedication to recycling. We didn't go to Cairo or Luxor this time, so I can't comment on how things are done there, but where we were was very clean and tidy, with recycling bins everywhere. We both scuba dive and we didn't see any rubbish in the sea, which was amazing.

This got me thinking about recycling here. It is expensive to dispose of rubbish, so repairing, recycling, repurposing and upcycling are not only better for the environment and climate change, but also saves you and the Council money. The Council would then have more funds for other important services for our community. Why buy something new if you can get it from a charity shop, [nextdoor.co.uk](http://nextdoor.co.uk) or even a garage sale?

With this in mind, my very good friend Dot Walford is holding a charity garage sale on

**17 September from 2-5 pm at 16 Abbey Close, Curry Rivel.** If you would like to donate any of your own items, these should be dropped off on the Thursday or Friday before the sale. You can call Dot on 01458 252372 if you have any questions.

*All proceeds will be split between the Ukraine Appeal and Curry Rivel Food Bank.*



# Messy Church is back! *Helen Saich*

Messy Church returns on a more regular basis from September!

**P**revious sessions in the Old School Room, behind St Andrew's Church have gone well so more are planned for the second Saturday of each month 3.30-5.30pm. That's September 10th, October 8th, November 12th and December 10th.

If you don't already know, Messy Church is an informal way of exploring the Christian faith through activities, games, a bible message (often involving drama and audience participation), music and a shared meal.

It's called Messy for different reasons - messy activities, life can be messy ...

All ages can attend but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

No charge is made but donations are gratefully received.

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See our Messy Church Curry Rivel facebook page for more details or contact me (07880707517 or helen@saich.co.uk) or the Rector.

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Chris Cox

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The full programme to date is:

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Thu 20 Oct 22; Raymonda Ballet, Thu 24 Nov 22; Cinderella starring Craig Revel Horwood, Mon 12 Dec 22; Bourne's Sleeping Beauty, Thu 2 Mar 23; The Commitments, Tue 21 Mar 23; The King and I, Thu 30 Mar 23; Strictly Ballroom, Tue 11 Jul 23; Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Wed 27 Sep 23.

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As with other things that affect environment quality, areas subject to repeated fly-tipping may suffer declining property prices and local businesses may suffer as people stay away. Fly-tipping undermines the legitimate waste businesses where illegal operators undercut those operating within the law. At the same time rogue traders undermine the reputation of legal operators. All households have a legal responsibility to check they are transferring their household and garden waste to a carrier registered with the

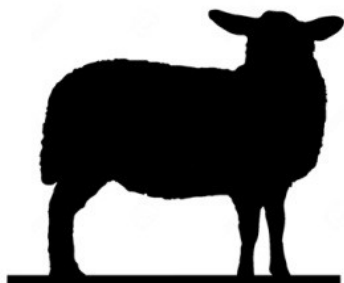
Environment Agency. Householders who fail to comply could also face sanctions. Fixed penalty notices were introduced in January 2019 for breaches of householder duty of care.

Most residents dispose of their household and garden waste responsibly and we all benefit from that. Many use the Somerton recycling centre as do many who subscribe to a South Somerset District Council garden waste bin which collects green waste every 3 weeks. Alternatively garden waste bags can be ordered and collection organised when convenient. More information here

[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste/](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste/)

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# Curry Rivel WI News: Gardeners' Delight

*Sally Hair*

**M**ore than 30 members were entertained by Mr Francis Burroughs who, during his talk entitled 'Victorian Head Gardeners', led us through his father's life as a gardener. Starting off, aged 12, as a pot washer, he'd spent all day washing terracotta pots in cold water which, in the winter, resulted in severe chilblains. From there he progressed through a series of employments in large estates to eventually own his own nursery near Yeovil.

Victorian estate owners expected their gardens to look perfect and be productive throughout the year providing flowers for the ornate decorations in the house, fruit and vegetables for the family plus shooting parties, as well as immaculate lawns surrounding the property. More than a dozen workers plus horses (wearing boots!) and a variety of tools were required to maintain the lawns at prescribed times of day for each side of the house in order to maintain privacy for particular indoor activities. It certainly was a time of lavish expenditure and intensive practices - far too expensive an operation nowadays.

One employer, gardening author and journalist, William Robinson, had 800 gardeners one of whom was required to sit and watch a pear ripen to perfection. It was then presented to Mr. Robinson who declared that there is only half an hour in the life of a pear when it is worth eating! Another amusing anecdote was that during WW2 he joined the Home Guard who were provided with stirrup pumps to spray bombs to protect Sutton Bingham railway bridge - a vital communications link. (Dad's Army?) Certainly different from all the garden watering done during his life which was varied and interesting and retold in accurate detail.

A report was given on the WI AGM in Liverpool where the 2022 Resolution,



which calls for further research and action to be taken regarding women and girls with ASD and ADHD many of whom suffer in silence, was discussed and passed. At our September meeting we will hear about and discuss these issues and what actions we can take. In July, 12 members participated in a Treasure Hunt around North Curry solving clues set by one of the members. This was followed by coffee at the Stable Café where solutions were given. Money raised will be donated to the Associated Countrywomen of the World organisation which supports women in less well-off countries to become financially independent and is supported by the National Federation of WIs.

Golf croquet and tea will have been enjoyed during August and a quiz is planned for September. It was agreed to restart the monthly pub lunches during the winter. Our regular activities include the monthly meetings, book club, walking group, various craft activities and skittles plus access to county and national WI events. It's a far cry from the much publicised 'Jam and Jerusalem' image! New members are always welcome to join our friendly WI which celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a lunch in October.

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## St. Andrew's Church

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[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)



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

## September

### Thursday 1st

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 4th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments

11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW

6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

### Saturday 10th

15.30-17.30 **CR OSR** Messy Church

### Sunday 11th

9.30 **SW** - Holy Communion BCP

11.00 **CR** - Parish Communion CW

### Tuesday 13th

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

### Thursday 15th

10.00 **CR OSR** - Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 18th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship

11.00 **CR** - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments

12.15 **CR** - Said Communion CW

### Sunday 25th

9.30 **FH** - Parish Communion

11.00 **CR** - Morning Worship CW

6.00 pm **SW** - Evensong BCP

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

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

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

## Scott's spot

### Reassurance as we grow older

Within our parishes, many will be aware of the arrival of our curate-to-be, Mark. This has inevitably caused me to consider my own curacy, with one of those reflections being about the passing of years. Why? Well because I distinctly remember hitting forty during my curacy just as my Training Incumbent turned 50. I now find myself with roles reversed. The age gap is similar, as are the decades Mark and I are embarking upon. Time has proverbially 'flown'.

When we're young it is hard to understand why adults can feel anything other than excitement on their birthdays, but as the years pass we increasingly begin to understand that reticence. The reality is that advancing years will not only involve missing some aspects of youthfulness, but that there will also be other unwelcome dimensions to life.

Inevitably we will face the prospect of reduced fitness, loss of loved ones, infirmity, ageing and ultimately death. Faced with a list like that it would be easy to fall into the sort of world-weary attitude expressed in one of the Old Testament Psalms: *'Our lifespan is seventy years, maybe eighty if we are fit and healthy, but whatever the case our life is marked by toil and trouble. Our days are soon gone, and we disappear'* (Ps. 90:10).

Yet, despite this, many recognise and enjoy the special blessings offered by later years, finding in them compensations for capabilities lost.



## Scott's Spot ctd. . .

Grandchildren perhaps; friends that go way back; special memories; time in retirement to pursue interests and hobbies long put on the 'back-burner' etc. etc.

And for Christians that should be all the more so, because our later years are not to be seen as the closing pages of a drama but as a continuing story of what, by God's grace, is yet to be revealed. By this I don't only mean the Christian's faith in life after death in the pattern of Jesus' Easter resurrection, but also that God has promised to be with his people at whatever stage of life we may have reached.

Endlessly gracious, the promise is that He has more blessings to give, more insights to offer, more joys to share and more riches to reveal. Yes, all these are just a foretaste of what is to come in the new heavens and earth, but we shouldn't underestimate them, or assume they will just run out. Rather, we are called to look positively for everything there is to celebrate, and to look forward to the joys God holds in store. This promise is beautifully expressed in Isaiah chapter 46 verse 4 where the Lord states: *'I am your God right through to your old age; I will continue to support you even when you turn grey. I have created you and carry you; I will hold and keep you safe.'* Perhaps like me, conscious of accelerating years, you find those words reassuring.

With prayer for you and those you love,

Rev'd Scott

## Garage Sale in my Garden

You are cordially invited to this fundraising event at 16 Abbey Close on

**17 September 2 - 5 pm**

All proceeds are for Ukraine & Curry Rivel Foodbank.

If you have any items (no large ones) that you would like to donate for sale, please contact Dot on 01458 - 252372.

## St. Andrew's Rotas September

**Brass** - Julia Gauler

**Flowers**

3rd & 10th - Angela Cole

17th - Adrienne Holmes

24th - Sue Randell (wedding)

**Cleaning**

3rd - Nicky Barker

10th - Liz Rendell

17th - Lynne Comley

24th - Tina Geary

1st October - Wendy Graves





### Curry Rivel Road Show Saturday 30th July

On a day that started a little overcast and gloomy but remained dry, a steady stream of visitors came to Burton Pynsent House. They brought with them a variety of items for valuation — or perhaps they just wanted to have a look around the beautiful grounds and sample the various refreshments . . . .

No priceless treasures were identified by the specialists from Lawrence's Auctioneers, or if they were, their owners' facial expression did not give that away. However, information provided about their items was of great interest to them.

To read more about this event, organised by and in support of St. Andrew's Church, look on the village website or follow this link:

<https://www.curryrivel.org.uk/latest-news/curry-rivel-roadshow-1.html>

### St. Andrew's merlons - and scaffolding

From **30th August, for a period of 4 - 6 weeks**, scaffolding will be in place along the south wall and porch of the church, to conduct necessary repairs to the merlons (or castelets) on the top of that wall and the porch.

There will be hazard warning signs and orange mesh fencing will cordon off the area adjacent to the scaffolding, somewhat restricting the use of paths and grass areas.

**For your own safety, please do respect these cordoned off areas.**

During the contractor's working hours the church will be **open as normal**.

However, it may occasionally be necessary to close the porch area off, in which case the north door, 'behind' the church, will be available for access.

Outside working hours the whole church may at times need to be locked, including during weekends, but **EXCLUDING** for Sunday services, weddings and funerals.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

This repair work is partly funded with grants from the **Somerset Churches Trust** and the **National Churches Trust**.



### United Reformed Church



### September

**Services are taking place at 10.30 in our Chapel and simultaneously on Zoom \*\***

**Sunday 4th** - Rev Evelyn Ridout

**Sunday 11th** - to be arranged

**Sunday 18th** - HARVEST

**Sunday 25th** - Rev Rowena Francis

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

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

**URC Minister: Rev. Tim Richards**  
**01458 252799**

### When Life Throws a Curve Ball .... the Challenge

Okay. So perhaps this experience is harder than I had expected, requiring more of me than at first thought. Once over the shock a plan of action emerged, a way forward which would lead to the 'other side' of this experience — an 'other side' I could clearly envisage neatly placed into a timescale which was manageable — I had something to work with or focus on. I had 'got my head around' this curve ball and because there was an anticipated end in sight 'looking on the bright side', finding 'the silver lining', 'counting my blessings' came reasonably easily.

### When Life Throws a Curve Ball . . . . the Challenge. . . . ctd

Seemingly I had gained a sense of control over something which had originally blindsided me. That is until the curve ball curved off again...and then again.... leaving my 'attitude of gratitude' severely challenged.

'One step at a time' was early advice — focus on the step immediately in front rather than looking further ahead. The short rather than long view. Solid advice but so much easier to do when I 'knew' what was coming next. When we don't or can't know, or what we thought we knew changes, the short view is hard but vital.

That's the thing with curve balls; they 'curve'. Like a delivery in which the pitcher causes the ball to deviate from a straight path by imparting spin they shoot off in any direction. Each bounce deviating from the straight path. Much harder to control. Such experiences can be a provocation — a rousing of ourselves, summoning us to dig deep, muster our resources, find what inner strength we possess & turn to face what might feel unfaceable. My own experience opened the door to hearing others' experiences, challenging me to recognise my words may feel empty for some because sometimes, sometimes, the unfaceable is just that — unfaceable. I have wondered where God is. I can't say I 'feel' God's presence with me, in fact at times I might go as far as to say I am challenged by a sense of 'absence'.

I have known & experienced myself upheld by the prayerful support of people of faith both locally & much wider afield; this has been the humbling, encouraging part thus far — that folk should take the time to message, to write, to send flowers, gifts, best wishes, offers of support or help — and beyond that I know there are folk unknown to me who spare us a prayerful thought. And maybe that is where God is — in the care & love expressed by people of faith & dear friends with none. Perhaps when challenged by one of life's curve balls it's okay to lean into the faith of others when our own might feel flimsy or lacking — may be then we can know nothing can separate us from God's love — not life, not death, fears of today, worries for tomorrow, no curve ball negates. Love, *Ali Richards*.



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## Curry Rivel Open Gardens 2022 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

There were 12 gardens open on the day along with the Primary school, allotments, Curry Woods, Eastfield & Batty Piece, the war memorial and Granny's Garden. Despite the rain, many people turned out to walk around the village, visit and take delight in the beautiful gardens and have a cream tea! Just over £1000 was raised and will be distruted to projects and good causes in the village. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and plan the event. Mike Davis for making signage for the whole village, Colin Higginson for distributing them, Pip Tucker for the maps in the programme, Sue Phillips for compliling and organising the printing of the programmes, Jackie German our treasurer and Gina Beauchamp for co ordinating the whole thing. Thanks to the PC who sponsored the event to enable us to pay for items before the event. Thanks to the WI for doing lunches and teas in the village hall. Most of all thank you to all the garden owners who put in so much work in preparation for the day and then welcomed the public into their gardens. The next event will take place in June 2024, if anyone would like to cordinate the event next time , please let me know.

## Young Gardener of the Year

Zac Powell is the winner of our young gardener of the year award this year. Zac shares an allotment plot with his family and has some impressive vegetables growing. He is very enthusiastic and his hard work and knowledge at his age are quite inspirational. Well Done Zac! He received a certificate, trophy and a garden voucher. Its not too early to think about entering next year if you are a young gardener and under 16.

## South West in Bloom Judging Day 11<sup>th</sup> June

On the hottest day of the year so far our two judges Steve Clampin & Val Davis arrived to judge our village in the category of the Cox Cup for villages over 1500 on the electoral roll. We started with a short PowerPoint presentation in the village hall showing how we involve young people with gardening and some before and after pictures of our work and displays around the village. The judges had previously been sent a 22 page portfolio about the village and our work. We visited the church to start with and saw the beautiful displays arranged by the taleneetd Flower Guild who explained that they were using chicken wire inplace of oasis where possible. The colours were the

Jubilee colours and those of the WI inrecognition of the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our WI in Curry Rivel. Next we walked down the railings to see the plantings and the new window boxes at the One Stop Shop made by Annette Stein. Then on to Granny's garden & The War memorial and on to Parsonage Place where we met residents who had received troughs of flowers and vegetables to grow and visited Marcia Greene's beautiful front garden. On to Eastfield & Batty Piece to see the wild flower meadows with many orchids and wild flowers to attract bees, insects and butterflies.

We then visited the beautiful garden at Corner cottage and the judges were vey impressed with Geoff Fling's Front Garden Competition winning garden, infact, judge Steve Clampin said that he could have stayed and talked to him all day !

Back to the village hall for a delicious Ploughman's lunch prepared by the WI. Thank you ladies. The judges were able to meet members of CRiB and helpers and volunteers, the Parish council, representatives of the British Legion and John Casebourne who has done so much for clearing up the village.

In the afternoon we set off in the searing heat to visit the Primary school , the CRiB allotment and finally Curry Woods Conservation Trust . All these three were entered in the category of IYN, 'Its your Neighbourhood', where they have slightly longer judging time and will be awarded a certificate on a scale of 1-5 , for their achievements.

We wont know the results until October at an awards ceremony in Crewkerne . The judges were very complimentary so lets hope that we have done well. Thank you again to everyone in the village who joined in to make our village the beautiful place that it should be. Thank you to our volunteers who planted, weeded, watered, swept pavements, cleared the kerbsides, strimmed, cleared up Eastfield at the last minute and went beyond the call of duty to get ready for the day. We were even out on the Sunday evening clearing the weeds from the edges of the village green!

We could always use more help and if more people volunteer the less we will all have to do. If you see a weed on the kerbside or pavement in front of your house , just weed it out using a pointed kitchen knife. PLEASE don't use weed killer and just leave the weeds to die. The weed killer gets into the drains, into the water table and into our drinking water, it cannot be filtered out. It is carcenagenic . Also animals who may walk in it will also be affected. By sweeping the dirt and soil from the pavement the weeds will have less opportunity to take root. Our village looks beautiful, please help us to keep it looking like that.

.....See pictures in colour on page 16.....

**\*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**

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**

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
3.30-5.30 (2nd only)	Messy Church	Old School Room

**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
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	johncasebourne@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	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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*CRiB Judges in churchyard*



*CRiB at Granny's Garden*



*CRiB clipboards at the ready*



*CRiB Scarecrows*



*CRiB Firehouse*

