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The Friday Club

Veronica Sleightholme

The Friday Club continues to grow and provide the opportunity to meet and socialise in a friendly relaxed environment.

Over the past few months we have had some really interesting speakers and these have included the Fire Service, Secret World, The History Hut with the most recent being Sharandys Birds of Prey who gave us an informative talk and demonstration with their birds.

We have tried some different crafts including pebble decorating, card making and made some 'eggcellent' easter bonnets.

The various music groups have provided us with some great sing-a-long sessions.

We have continued to provide our two-course lunch following the sudden death of our much loved and missed cook, but we are looking for somebody to help in our kitchen. New volunteers are also welcome if you could spare a few hours come along and meet us.

The club meets fortnightly on a Friday between 10am-2pm in Curry Rivel Village Hall.

Following a short summer break, we will reopen on Friday 30th August 2024

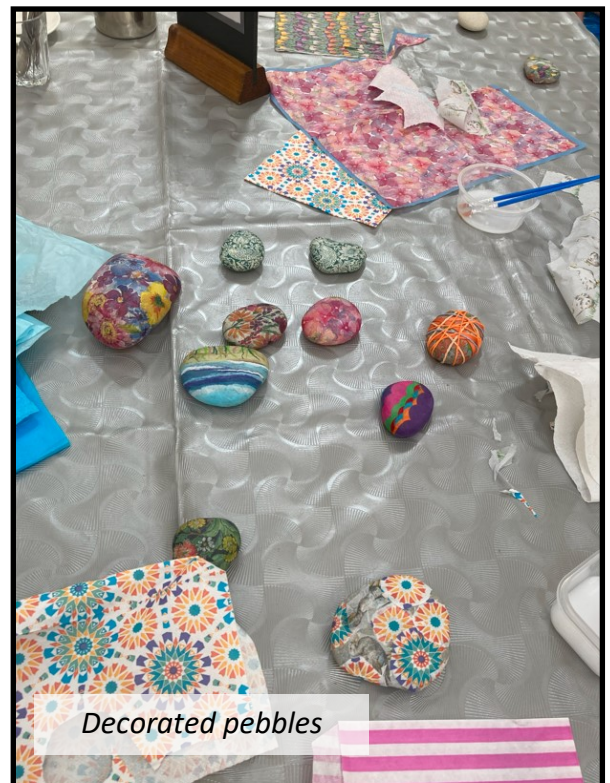
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Birds of prey talk



Easter bonnets



Decorated pebbles

Do you know someone who could be Clerk to the School Governors?

Sally Harvey

At the beginning of the year, I wrote in the Curry Rivel News asking for volunteers for the position of school governor at our thriving village school.

We were very successful and now have a full board in place. Ofsted noted that 'the governing body is knowledgeable about the school. Governors bring a range of experience to their roles.' We are now looking for a Clerk to the Governing Board due to the retirement of our current post holder. This is not a volunteer role and is remunerated but as it is only for around 4 hours a week it is very part time position.

The role is primarily term time. Meetings are generally held after school, between 4pm and 6pm, although occasionally, by agreement, these may happen at other times. Meetings are sometimes held online. There are up to 12 of these over a school year. Other than attendance at meetings, the role would be flexible and carried out at home, at times of the day to suit the Clerk, whilst ensuring agreed deadlines are met. The holder of the office will be

required to liaise with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors prior to meetings to set and circulate agendas, together with associated documents, in good time, with the members of the Governing Body. They will then be required to take detailed, accurate minutes and type them up within a week of the meeting. In addition, they will be expected to manage all governing body information effectively in accordance with legal requirements and provide support to the governing body in order to meet its statutory duties.

The role of Clerk to Governors provides a valuable insight into education and a school environment, providing an ideal steppingstone for someone looking to get into a school-based role. It may also suit someone looking to get back to work after a career break or someone recently retired who wants to keep busy with a few hours work. Experience in administration and good communication skills are essential, maintaining impartiality and confidentiality. Reliability and flexibility are key to the role. Previous clerking experience is not essential, excellent

training and support will be available through Somerset Governor Services.



Curry Rivel C of E Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children. The postholder would be expected to share this commitment and all appointments would be subject to appropriate vetting including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

Please give this role your consideration and share the details with anyone you know who may be suitable for the position.

For further information please contact the school office, during term time, and speak to Headteacher Ali Pook or email me, Sally Harvey, Chair of Governors at sharvey@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk I would be delighted to talk to you and give you more insight into the post. I do hope Curry Rivel News will again prove successful in helping us recruit!



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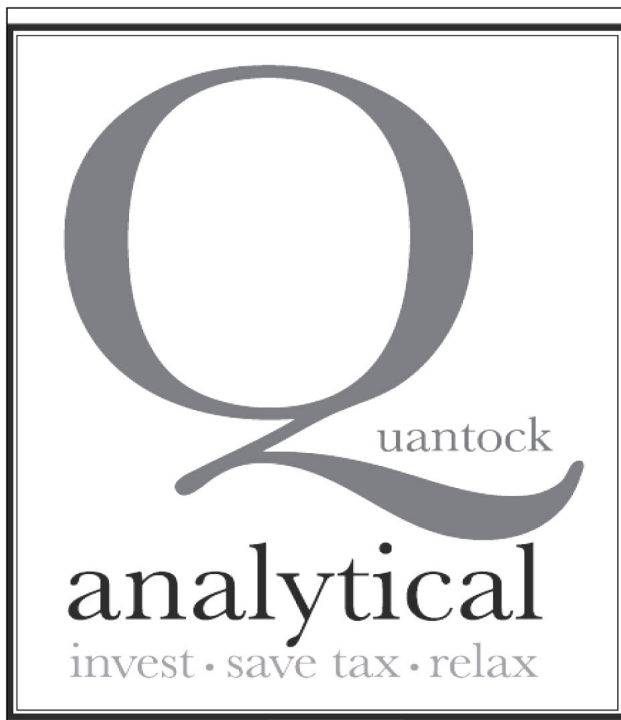
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If you can't make it to the Village Hall on the 31st, enter by email: curryrivelflowersh.wixsite.com/curryrivelflowershow
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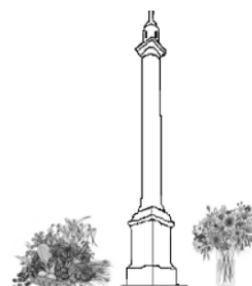
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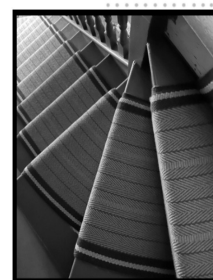
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Movies in the Village Hall

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Alison Cockrell

The Fall Guy (12A)

Friday 16 August



An action-comedy film loosely based on the 1980s TV series of the same name.

While working as an actor double for action film star Tom Ryder, stuntman Colt Seavers (Ryan Gosling) breaks his back during a stunt which goes wrong and decides to quit his career and girlfriend, camerawoman Jody Moreno (Emily Blunt).

Fast forward eighteen months and Colt is contacted by Tom's film producer Gail Meyer who tells him that Jody is directing her first movie *Metalstorm*, starring Tom, and has asked that Colt joins the production in Sydney. Tom, however, disappears having fallen in with some bad people and Gail asks Colt to find him. Without its main star

the film risks being cancelled. Colt agrees to track him down, his search resulting in some action-packed and hilarious scenarios.

Also stars: Hannah Waddingham, Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Teresa Palmer.

Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall. Tickets (£8) are available at the door. Refreshments available.

Please continue to support your Movies in the Village Hall (on the third Friday of the month).

Attendances were way down in April, May and June and we risk ceasing our film nights altogether.

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Peter Merry

WELSH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – Saturday 15th June

When Curry Rivel Music was offered a concert by the Welsh Chamber Orchestra as part of the orchestra's summer tour they leapt at the opportunity having enjoyed an excellent concert from the same ensemble last year in St Andrew's Church. The orchestra's principal conductor, Anthony Hose, has long been associated with CRM and some of its most memorable concerts have been provided by Anthony and another of his orchestras – that of students from Stetson University in Florida.

The concert this time had 'Night' in all its aspects running through the programme – darkness, fear, love, sleep, quiet and pleasure – as portrayed by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Alex Mills and Haydn, each composer coming to the subject in a very different way. A familiar work began the concert, “Eine kleine Nachtmusik”, the popular serenade for strings by Mozart. This is Mozart at his most beguiling, giving us a short, four movement work for pleasant evening entertainment. The strings of the WCO performed it with plenty of brio and charming 18th century poise, clearly relishing the rich acoustics of the church.

Next came an arrangement for string orchestra of the “Andante Cantabile” from the first String Quartet by Tchaikovsky based on a Ukrainian folk song which depicts a peasant musing in the evening over a vodka. It's a beautiful movement, one which, so it is said, reduced no less a figure than Tolstoy to tears. The strings of the WCO played this with great sensitivity and richness of tone, clearly savouring the beauty of the writing.

After two familiar pieces came a work composed recently by the Welsh composer, Alex Mills. His “Night, Sleep, Death and the Stars” is a depiction of night as set by five poets, Walt Whitman, W H Auden, Emily Dickinson, Anne Bronte and Wilfred Owen and is in the form of a song cycle in which the orchestra was joined by the baritone, Jeremy Huw Williams. The soloist sang these contrasting songs with great clarity and feeling for the texts and was accompanied by the orchestra with sensitivity and colour. This was an interesting score with often dark colours and sombre textures but moments of exciting drama. Personally, I should have liked more from the wind instruments which I felt were somewhat under-used. Nonetheless there was much to enjoy in this performance.

The second half began with another arrangement of a string quartet movement, this time by Borodin. The “Nocturne” from his second String Quartet is one of the best known movements in that repertoire and was even used in the West End show, Kismet. The writing is stunningly beautiful, atmospheric and dramatic, beginning with a ravishing cello solo, played with great feeling by the orchestra's principal cello, Nicola Pearce. It was a sumptuous performance, despite, dare I say it, a clumsy, premature entry of her big tune by the orchestra's leader.

The final work of this nocturnal sequence was the Symphony No 8 by the young Haydn written in 1761 for his new employer, the Duke of Esterhazy. The symphony is the third of three, each named after different times of day, “Morning”, “Midday” and this, “Evening”. Haydn was keen to impress his new employer and thus these three works are composed on a much grander scale than his previous symphonies and use a larger orchestra. The first movement zipped along with impressive energy and had some delightful solos from the woodwind and high horns. The slow movement that followed was more lightly scored for strings and two solo violins, cello and bassoon and the elegant dialogue between the tutti strings and the soloists was beautifully executed. Thereafter followed a bucolic “Minuet” with a trio section featuring a solo double bass, an instrument seldom used to the musical limelight. The orchestra's principal bass was clearly enjoying the humour of his part and brought the house down when he deliberately lingered on a final trill, only to be told “Get on with it” by another member of the orchestra. The final movement, “La Tempesta”, brought this excellent concert to an exuberant end, much to the delight of the large and enthusiastic audience. Well done the Welsh Chamber Orchestra! Come back again next year.

CRM's next concert will be on 21st September when we welcome one of the UK's premier wind quintets, the Aurora Wind Ensemble. They had been originally booked to perform for us in April 2021 when Covid forced postponement, and we are delighted to be able to welcome them at last. Details and tickets for this and all other concerts are to be found on www.curryrivelmusic.org

The Big Summer Concert 2024

Patrick Rendell

Our annual charity concert will take place at **St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 10th August at 7.00pm.**

This year's charity is "Parkinson's UK".

The concert is presented as usual by our very own choir and strings, with a series of instrumental solos by the younger generation, and the opportunity for you to sing along as well.

Variety is always at the root of programme planning, and you can be sure, whatever your taste, there will be something to enjoy in this hour of music. There will be a raffle and wine. Please do come, support our local musicians and their chosen charity.

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W.I.

Sally Harvey

At June's WI meeting members had their usual business meeting where the many activities that members take part in were reported on. These included the monthly walking group's recent outing, the latest read of the book group and the newly formed Table Tennis group as well as the recent outing – on the 54 bus- to Somerton to enjoy lunch and view the Red Dress on display at Ace Arts Centre.

After the usual social and coffee time the speaker this month was Vanessa Linell from St Giles Animal Centre who talked about the history and work of the centre.

St Giles' Animal Centre is truly a family affair, having been purchased in 2010 by Vanessa and her husband Bill who worked hard to turn the business around. All family members came to join the business taking on different roles. The business is now run by the children of Vanessa and Bill.

Over the past 15 years they have worked hard to improve the Centre, working with the RSPCA. The centre now, in addition to the animal rescue aspect, offers a veterinary practice, boarding and day care facilities, pet therapies, pet grooming, dog training and a pet cremation service as well as a pet shop on site.

As the business has gone from strength to strength, it has improved its facilities, the expertise of staff and increased the range of services. The quality of its services has been recognised and they now are the centre for all Somerset's rescued dogs. There is a legal requirement for all strays to be cared for and hopefully re-homed.

Talking about the work of rescuing animals, Vanessa shared some tales that were both sad and shocking although she was able to tell us of the success and happy endings for many of them. She highlighted the problems since Covid of many unwanted pets, some who have not been trained properly or have separation issues, being handed over for re-homing and some abandoned and ending up at the centre where they often needed

medical care to nurse them back to health or resocialising before they could be considered for rehoming.

She also told of the terrible problem of puppy farms; sadly, some of them here in Somerset. The conditions these poor dogs are bred and kept in are appalling and when the dogs are brought to the centre as well as often being in poor condition, they also have behavioural issues associated with the way they have been treated and need to be treated carefully, often with therapeutic treatments.

She also touched on other animal cruelty problems that have come to her attention as the centre has been called on to house dogs who have been used for fighting as well as abandoned. Dogs are graded for their suitability for re-homing as are potential owners who are matched carefully with the dogs, or cats in the centre.

As well as offering rehoming the centre also offers a fostering service. This helps to rehabilitate animals prior to re-homing and often eases the pressure on accommodation at the centre which at times is at a premium, a national problem for all such centres. They are always looking for people to foster, and staff spend time checking that the foster home is suitable; and that the foster carers and their lifestyle, other family members including pets are compatible with the potential fostered pet. Supplies and support are offered to the foster carers.

Although there is a business side to the Centre a lot of the work is funded by charitable donations and Vanessa spoke of the many ways St Giles fundraises including running dog shows at events, publicity stalls, tombolas and raffles as

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INSPIRING WOMEN

well as speaking to groups to raise the profile of the centre.

There are many opportunities for volunteers who are welcomed with open arms. You can assist with the animals in various ways including cat cuddling and dog walking, by volunteering as a foster carer or maybe just assist with fundraising, by attending events or simply by donating items for the tombolas and raffles.

Members enjoyed the talk which prompted many questions and much discussion.

The WI meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday at 10.00 – 12.00. If you wish to know more, or are interested in joining, please contact: Sally Harvey on 01458 253431

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General Election result for Glastonbury and Somerton Constituency

The votes cast in the election held on 4th July 2024 were as follows:

Candidate	Party	Total votes	Share of vote
Tom Carter	Reform UK	7678	16.12%
Jon Cousins	Green Party	2736	5.74%
Sarah Dyke	Liberal Democrats	20364	42.74%
Hal Hooberman	Labour	3111	6.5%
Faye Purbrick	Conservative	12753	28.87%

Eligible voters: 72982, Number of valid ballots counted: 47642 (Voter turnout 65.3%)

Therefore Sarah Dyke was elected as Member of Parliament to represent the constituency of Glastonbury and Somerton.

Somerton u3a

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few. There are endless possibilities, and you might even want to set up your own group. We are holding an Enrolment Morning on Friday 23rd August where our Group Leaders will be available to give you more information. Come and join us at the Edgar Hall from 10am for coffee and a chat and learn more about our thriving group.

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Do you recognise any members of the Curry Rivel team?

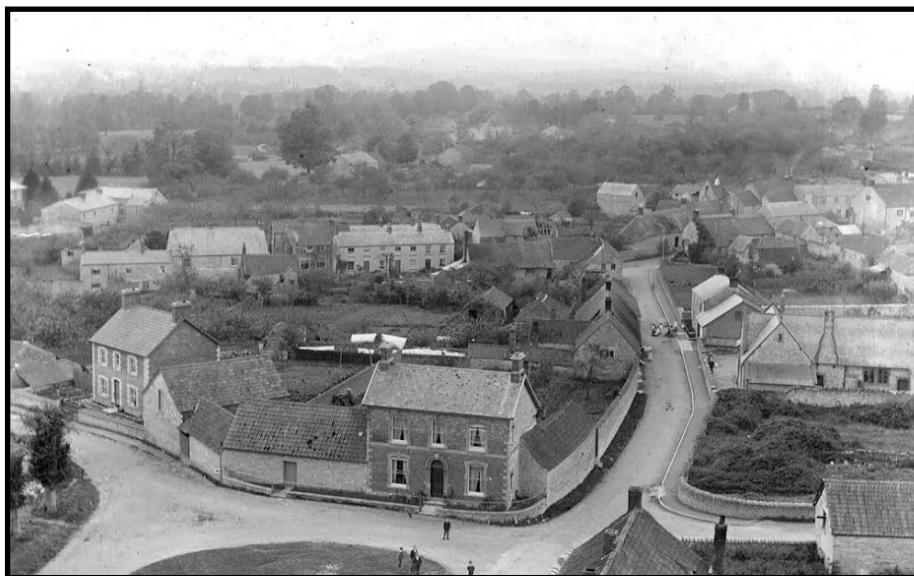


View from the Church tower

This view to the south of St Andrew's Church Tower was taken before 1907 when the Robert Sewers Hall (the Village Hall) was built. The Court House is prominent on The Green as it still is today. The cultivated ground behind the cottages is now the village car park.

The building at the end of Water Street was known as the Reading Room. It was originally a farm building that consisted of a long narrow room with a fireplace at one end. It was later known as The Institute and became a meeting place for soldiers who returned from the First World War. It was the local headquarters of The Comrades of the Great War which later merged with the British Legion. The building has since been demolished and replaced by houses.

The other photo shows The Women's Friendly Society gathering near the building in 1911.



Fabulous French visit

Alison Cockrell

Minibus, train and coach - three modes of transport were used by our French friends to reunite with us over the middle weekend of June.

A long time had elapsed since a group of friends from our twinned town of Chevilly had come to Curry Rivel – five years, in fact. Although the Curry Rivel and District Twinning Association has, after over 20 years, officially ended the ties remain strong. A band of nine 'chevillois', several of whom had been part of the twinning association for many years, crossed the Channel and came to Curry Rivel. Having taken the Eurostar from Paris, their first stop was London where they stayed for three days taking in the capital's sights and visitor attractions. Then on Friday 14 June, via Berry's Coach service, it was onwards to Ilchester where they were met by their hosts.

The first evening was spent 'en famille' catching up on old friendships but several social events had also been planned for the weekend. Both guests and hosts enjoyed an evening of boules and chat on the Saturday evening with a 'Bring & Share' supper in Fivehead and members of the former twinning did not fail in providing a brilliant selection of sweet and savoury dishes. On the Sunday many joined in with a traditional roast lunch with desserts at the Langport Arms followed by garden visits as part of the village Open Gardens event. There was a further opportunity to mingle on the Sunday evening with a skittles and buffet supper evening at The Crown Inn in

Fivehead – some even tried their hand at darts while others watched the England-Serbia match on the wide-screen TV and caught up with one another's news.

Sadly, all too soon, Monday morning arrived and our guests had to depart from Ilchester and thence back to France on the Eurostar train, arriving home late evening. All recounted happy memories of their stay and the wonderful hospitality they received in and around Curry Rivel. Although the official twinning is no longer, the friendship between us lives on.



The French teach the English about Boules



Group photo

St. Andrew's Church

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August

Please note that, due to clergy summer leave, some services this month will be 'United Benefice' services; there are also varying start times.

See below for details.

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10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments
 11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW
 6.00 pm **CR** - Evening Prayer

Sunday 11th

9.30 SW - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Tuesday 13th

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

Sunday 18th

9.30 FH - United Benefice Holy Communion CW

Sunday 25th

10.00 CR - 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

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

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

20th April - Laura Jane Taylor and Oliver Lewis Guy

Scott's spot

Change

How do you cope with change? What 'roots you' when everything around seems uncertain or in turmoil?



As I write, the General Election has just taken place and Sir Keir Starmer is now our Prime Minister. Change has come to our nation -- a new PM, a new government, many new MPs and a new approach to leadership. Regardless of your political affiliation, if you pray, will you do so for Sir Keir, his team and our MPs? As is always the case post-election, **our** expectations are sky-high and **their** challenges, daunting. So, as the Apostle Paul teaches, shall we honour his call that: '*prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions...*' (1 Tim 2:1)? Their job is demanding, relentless, often thankless, and in our increasingly aggressive culture, one that needs much courage. They need wisdom, good council, stamina, and protection for themselves and their families – perhaps pause for a moment to pray for our new leaders right now.

Removal lorries will not only be visiting Downing Street. By the time this edition arrives, my family and I will have left the Rectory and private tenants moved in. Personal change, and change for our parishes, is also here. After eleven years as your Rector I shall be moving to Long Sutton to take up the part-time roll of Associate Minister for a new seven-parish Benefice that includes Curry Rivel, Fivehead and Swell. This new, enlarged Benefice will also include the parishes of Huish Episcopi cum Langport, Drayton, Aller and High Ham with Low Ham, and together we shall be seeking to appoint a new Rector.

Scott's spot continued . . .

So, a change of role, change of home, change of Benefice, and further change to come as we work to appoint a new leader. And as I prepare to leave, I'd like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to those I've served alongside – those who have given so much in maintaining and developing our local Anglican churches both spiritually and architecturally. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many dedicated and sacrificial people, and to see some amazing personal growth. I look forward to continuing this partnership albeit with a different hat.

So, in the 'sea of change' that I, my family, and our church families find ourselves, how can we face this with hope? Alongside the painful backdrop of international events that unsettle so many, how can Christians face down those potential visitors - 'despair' and 'fear'? Well I end this last 'Scott's Spot' pointing to the same figure that I have tried to point to throughout. The figure who stands at the heart of every service I've taken; the figure who has sustained me through the challenges of Christian leadership amongst our increasingly secular society; the figure whose promise to "*be with you always until the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:20) I have known personally; and the figure who, in the face of change is wonderfully (Hebrews 13:8) '*the same yesterday, today and forever*' – Jesus Christ.

In the beautiful hymn '*Abide with me*' the writer puts it like this: '*Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me*'. My final prayer as your Rector therefore is that amongst this world of endless change, you may find enduring hope in the perfect love and unchanging promises of Christ.

Rev'd Scott.

St. Andrew's Rotas August

Flowers

3rd & 10th - Annette Stein
 17th, 24th & 31st - Adrienne Holmes

Cleaning

3rd - Nicky Barker
 10th - Liz Rendell
 17th - Lynne Comley
 24th - Tina Geary
 31st - Wendy Graves



The Big Summer Concert 2024

Our annual charity concert will take place at **St. Andrew's Church** on **Saturday 10th August at 7pm**

This year's chosen charity is
"Parkinson's UK".

The concert is presented as usual by our very own choir and strings, with a series of instrumental solos by the younger generation, and the opportunity for you to sing along as well.

Variety is always at the root of programme planning, and you can be sure, whatever your taste, there will be something to enjoy in this hour of music.

There will be a raffle and wine. Please do come, support our local musicians and their chosen charity.

Mendip Consort of Recorders

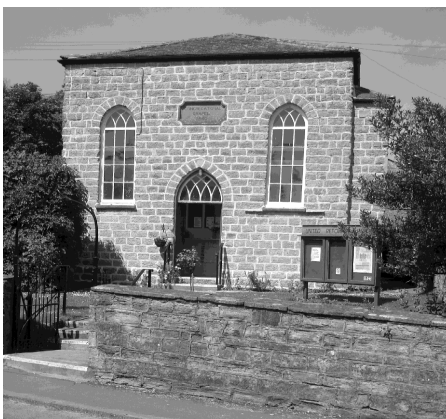
Another in our series of Sunday Tea Concerts, presented as a fundraiser for restoration of the church windows, took place in the afternoon of June 23rd.

This time, music was provided by the Mendip Consort of Recorders, who gave us a programme entitled 'Byrd and Birds', with pieces by the Elizabethan English composer William Byrd, and miscellaneous pieces by other composers which were inspired by bird-song.



The programme was varied, with some full ensemble music and some by smaller groups of instruments and solos. The full range of recorders was evident, from the smallest and familiar descant recorder, to the enormous bass instrument. An hour of pleasing music was rounded off with tea and excellent cakes. The donations added a further £350 to the windows restoration fund.

United Reformed Church



August

Services take place in our Chapel building, starting at 10.30am unless indicated otherwise.

4th - Mr Paul Turner

11th - Service of Prayer and Fellowship

18th - Group service at West St Church, Somerton **10.30 am**

25th - Mrs Jo Morling
(incl. Holy Communion)

Transformation

We are coming to the end of this year's Big British Butterfly count when we are encouraged to go into our gardens and count butterflies. The count is organised by the Butterfly Conservation Society and aims to record how our butterfly population is fairing in these times of climate crisis. I have seen a number of 'ringlets' and 'marble whites' in our field, but I have to admit to not sitting down and doing the actual count – but I've got until the 4th of August so I will try to do it soon.

The author and illustrator of children's books, Eric Carle, died a couple of years ago. He was made famous by his book the Very Hungry Caterpillar who ate through various numbers of fruits and vegetables each day of the week. Eventually, having eaten all manner of things, the caterpillar turns into a chrysalis and eventually becomes a beautiful butterfly. It is a lovely book with super pictures and teaches children both their numbers and days of the week in a clever and engaging way. We had a copy for our kids, and now I share it with our granddaughters.

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: vacant

Hall Bookings: 01458 253953

Transformation ctd . . .

Butterflies embody that sense of awe of transformation, from the tiny egg to the little caterpillar and then the chrysalis and a miracle happens, and this beautiful creature emerges. Every colour imaginable, patterned to mimic other creatures, different shapes, and sizes, and only around for a fleeting moment. Wow!

In the church calendar August 6th is designated Transfiguration Sunday. It remembers the day that Jesus went up a mountain with his friends Peter, James, and John and when they reached the top something strange happened. A cloud descends, the voice of God is heard, and Jesus is transformed with white dazzling light. I've often wondered why the gospel writers were compelled to include it in their good news. Maybe it is because it tells us something about the transformative power of God; that with love, God transforms our lives making them shine brighter. Maybe it compels us to be more aware of God's light and love in our lives, and we are urged to look around us and see God's love shining in the butterflies and the birds, in the mountain tops and the river valleys.

So, whether you count butterflies or just enjoy watching them I hope you all have a transforming August.

Every blessing,

Jo Morling URC elder



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	Acrobatic Arts Club ages 3+	
10.00am	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00am	Table Tennis (kevl@outlook.com)	Village Hall
6.00pm	Pilates	Village Hall
6.45pm	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

5.30pm	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30pm	Cycling Club	Bridge Café, Langport
6.45pm	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews
7.30pm	Parish Council (1st only)	Village Hall

THURSDAY

10.00am	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
6.30pm	Yoga	Village Hall

FRIDAY

9.30am-2pm	Friday Club (fortnightly)	Village Hall
4.00pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
7.00pm	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

SATURDAY

9.00am	Cycling Club	Bridge Café, Langport
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Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Youth Organisations

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts	(gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)
Langport Youth Club	07930 899338

Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club	251616
Cricket Club	251453
Yoga	07789 862548
Pilates Emily Fagence	07940 276265

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
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
Langport Cycle Club	0777 567 0546

Arts

Acrobatic Arts Club Phoebe Cridlin	07842 518140
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.	253953

Community Services

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500
Footpath & Litter Warden	johncasebourne@sky.com
Secret World Wildlife Rescue	01278 768723 07463 087507

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

St. Andrew's Church - church office		251375
Churchwarden	079 3638 0994	259003
Secretary PCC		251355
Organist & Bell Ringing		253856
Flower Guild		252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton		07483 120 603
URC Minister (vacant)		
Messy Church		01458 762523



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NATURAL HISTORY

Invasion of the Aliens

Here Nigel Grinsted looks at how some species have become resident in the UK, some by natural evolution, others by human intervention.

Most animals, plants and fungi want to survive, reproduce and extend their presence on Earth. This means that, provided the environment is acceptable, some species can naturally become more prevalent in certain areas. This is more likely to happen more frequently with species that can easily travel greater distances such as animals with wings like birds and certain winged insects. Plants and fungi can also distribute their seeds but over significantly shorter distances as they are sedentary. However the deliberate or accidental intervention of humans has caused some species to be introduced and survive in the UK. This will also have occurred frequently across the Earth with a wide range of species. In the UK there are examples of both long-ago introductions and some more recent.

Any new species introductions will have an effect on existing species, often a negative one. So what has happened?

Rabbits

Allegedly, and probably, Rabbits (and Hares) were introduced by the Romans. Rabbits thrived in warrens until the Myxoma virus was deliberately introduced in 1950 (and in Australia). This caused widespread Myxomatosis which spread and killed millions of Rabbits. It was banned in 1954.

Asian Hornets

The Asian Hornet is common and widespread in south east Asia. It is now resident in much of Europe. It occurs occasionally in the UK where, if nests are found they can be destroyed. The Asian Hornet can systematically patrol beehives taking Honeybees as prey. But be aware - have a look at this "hornet". In fact it's not a hornet, it's a moth mimicking a hornet. It's the Hornet Moth which is harmless to everything, including you! To help ID it, the real Hornet has narrow wings - and a sting!

Japanese Knotweed

This plant was first introduced deliberately to the UK back in the 1850s. It was recognised as a fast growing, fast

spreading pest in the 1970s. It is now known to negatively affect biodiversity and flooding management and cause damage to property. Growing it or allowing it to grow on your property is an offence.

Box Tree Moth

Many gardeners in the UK love ornamental Box hedging. Unfortunately there's a moth - the Box Tree Moth - that lays its eggs profusely on Box bushes and the resulting caterpillars happily chomp away on the leaves, leaving a bush of leaf-free twigs. It is believed the moth was accidentally introduced to Europe with planting stock of *Buxus sempervirens*. It became resident in the UK in 2008. Today gardeners use alternative dwarf versions of plants like Holly and Privet.

Wild Boar

If you wander into the Forest of Dean, you might come face to face with a Wild Boar or two. They are resident in parts of Sussex, Dorset, Devon, Monmouthshire and North West Scotland. They became extinct in the UK in the 13th century but has remained resident in mainland Europe. Some UK farmers imported Wild Boar for their meat in the 1980s. Escapees have resulted in local populations being established. They are not protected by the Wildlife & Country Act 1982 and can be hunted all the year round.

Grey Squirrel

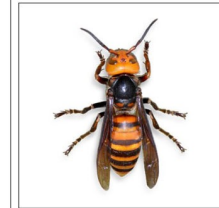
We either love or we hate the Grey Squirrel. It was first introduced from North America in 1876 as an ornamental species to populate the grounds of ornamental homes. Since then it has broadly displaced the indigenous Red Squirrel across the UK with only protected areas like the Isle of Wight being Grey Squirrel free.

Grey Squirrels are considered a pest in the UK and it is illegal to release one here. Environmentalists believe that the Pine Marten, which is becoming more common in the UK, may help control Grey Squirrel numbers in the future because Pine Martens are more adept at catching the Greys than the Reds.

ALIENS YOU MAY MEET



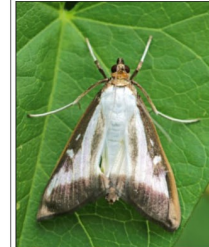
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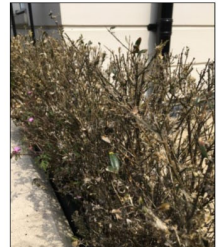
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British Moth?



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Bare Box hedging



Sow Boar with youngsters



Grey Squirrel - US imposter



Indigenous Red Squirrel