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What to look out for in October

October brings a change in the season, with shorter, cooler days – though this year September had plenty of cold and wet moments. Nevertheless, there is a lot to see if you look carefully as late butterflies and dragonflies are still on the wing, the hedgerows are full of berries, and fungi are sprouting in the woods and fields. Noisy nuthatches will be feeding on acorns, hazel and beech trees. The loud cackle of green woodpeckers echoes through woodland, though when they are visiting our gardens looking for ants and other treats in the lawn they are much quieter. Great spotted woodpeckers are about, too, so listen for their alarm call which is a sharp “chip-chip”.

You might even see roe deer feeding on young shoots, but always on the alert. Buzzards often gather in the freshly ploughed fields looking for worms and beetles and you might even see the strange spectacle of a dozen or more spread out over a field. They could be involved in arguments with rooks and crows that are seeking the same food. You might be lucky enough to see jackdaws collecting walnuts and dropping them on the pavement in order to crack their shells so that they can get at the nut inside. Being intelligent birds you might even find they are very good at breaking into nut feeders with their strong beaks.

When the water levels on Sedgemoor rise after the autumn rains, you might see widgeon, teal, shoveler, pintail and gadwall on the flooded fields. Winter thrushes, the fieldfare and redwing come from northern Europe to feed on the berries in our hedges and woodland. Our population of starling, blackbird, robin and jay are also increased by migrant visitors. Many wading birds such as golden plovers and lapwing will spend the winter in this area.

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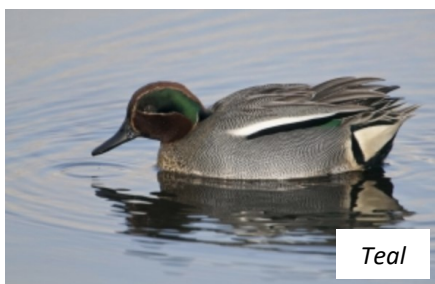
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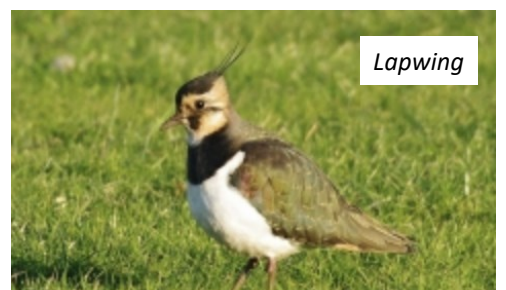
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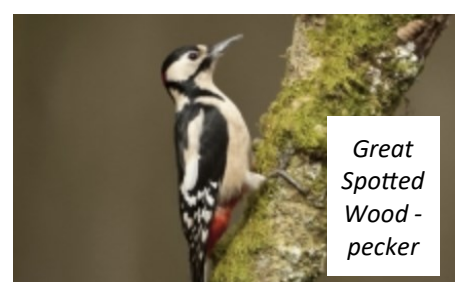
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Golden Plover



Great Spotted Woodpecker

Vacancy on the Parish Council

Have you thought about being a Councillor?

(Nearly) In the words of Lord Kitchener "Your Parish Needs You" !!

Marcus Hembrow

Chairman, Curry Rivel Parish Council.

Curry Rivel Parish Council has a Vacancy for a Councillor. If you want to get involved, have your say in how the Parish is run or have experience or skills on how we can do things better then please get in touch. In the coming months we have two matters ahead of us, the setting of the annual Budget and precept which we aim to set in November and December and the Village Plan which intends to be a 10-year plan. It was last set in 2015 and thus requires renewal in 2025. If you are interested or feel you have skills to offer, please get in touch with either myself or our Clerk. Our contact details are below.

What is a Councillor and where is the Parish ? Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or parish. Curry Rivel it is represented by a Parish which extends beyond the village and includes outlying areas such as Oath, Wick, Portfield, Westover Langport and an Eastern Boundary that follows the River Parrett from Langport Bridge to Oath. The Southern Parish boundary used to include Hambridge but that is now a Parish bordering us at approximately Crabtree Lane and the Western Boundary follows Moortown Lane and the A 378 as far as Burton Pynsent. Councillors are generally elected by the public every four years, but there is currently a space available following the resignation of Les Hood upon reaching a significant birthday. !!

What do councillors do? Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, Councillors decide which activities and initiatives to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented. The Key to all of this is the setting of the annual Budget which in essence decides how much is added to the Council Tax as the Parish Precept and how that is apportioned.

2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available; and may include: A. Going to meetings of local organisations B. Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community C. Taking up issues on behalf of members of the community.

What's required and how much time does it take up? In the main what's required is a can-do attitude and a willingness to influence and shape the community in which we all live and work. In simple terms help make Curry Rivel a great place to live, work and bring up a family.

Councillors reckon the role occupies about an hour a week coupled with a monthly meeting that happens 10 times a year and is limited to 2 hours duration. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this and some less. The days of reliance on post is long gone and most communication is via email, phone, text and Zoom. A dedicated Council email account is made available separate from your own personal or employers email accounts. We are flexible and very aware that we are all volunteers, and that life gets in the way at times. Support in the role is always given and specialist training is also available. If you are interested in the role or want to find out any more about what we or how you can help, then please contact the Chair or Clerk on the details below. Alternatively, please visit www.nalc.gov.uk/election

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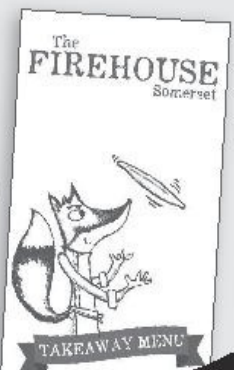
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Sedgemoor Gardens Club

Sylvia Goodenough

Time flies and, as I write, for Sedgemoor Gardens Club members it's nearly the start of our 2024-5 programme. We have not been inactive during the summer months: there was the great coach outing to Castle Drogo, with the excitement of watching our driver skilfully manipulate the coach round the very narrow lanes leading to the castle - while feeling very relieved it was him not one of us in the driving seat! If you haven't been to Castle Drogo do go, it's a treat! The gardens are lovely and the castle itself, constructed at the beginning of last century, is fascinating.

Our evening visit in July was to Badbury Flowers in Isle Abbots - again a very worthwhile visit and particularly so as the owners had given us a talk in September last year. Then there was the evening at Brimsmore Garden Centre, with tea and a talk and 25% off many items.

But now we're into the new programme- something for every gardener - talks ranging from ones about ferns and houseplants to those about the horticulture of the Commonwealth War Graves and of Peru! We will kick off on 10th September (the day after this edition of the CRN goes to

print!) with our AGM - which is a brilliant opportunity for new members or those thinking of joining us to learn more about the activities of the club. There will also be a talk on the wild plants of Somerset and members will collect 5 free daffodil bulbs to enter into our show in March. Bulbs will also be

available for new members in October at our meeting on 8th, and we are looking forward to the October talk on Dahlias. So, if you enjoy gardening and want to extend your knowledge and share tips and plants with others do come along. We meet every second Tuesday of the month in All Saints Hall, Langport, arriving between 7-7.30pm to give time to chat, enter competitions and collect any goodies going before the business of the evening gets underway. For more information do give Jean, our secretary, a ring on 01458 259025.

(The Editor would like to apologise to Sylvia and Sedgemoor Gardens Club members for failing to include their news in the September Curry Rivel News.)



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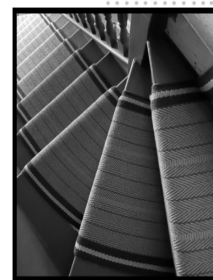
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Curry Rivel Open Gardens 2024

Debs Hockley

On Sunday 16th June 2024, which also happened to be Fathers Day, 8 people in the village opened their gardens for the afternoon, to allow others to have a wander round. The School showed their garden areas and also provided refreshments to start people on their tour.

Fortunately the weather held out for the majority of the afternoon and visitors made many very kind comments about the gardens. A lot of people commented on being able to see the bee orchid, which had opened just in time in one of the gardens.

Teas at High Leigh were a big hit in the afternoon, and were very well rated.

We managed to raise just over £1500 from the proceeds from the teas, plant sales in some gardens and also the ticket

sales. This is currently being distributed between several village groups to aid the good work that they do in our community.

A huge thank you to all that were involved, you know who you are. Without these willing people vital funds would not be raised.

So moving on to June/July 2026 – it won't be on Fathers Day again – when we will hold our next Open Gardens event. It would be fantastic to have some different gardens to show, as well as our regulars; the more the merrier.

You don't have to be an Alan Titchmarsh and the garden doesn't have to be a show garden. If you enjoy your garden then other people will enjoy your garden too, whether they're big or small. Please consider joining us and opening your garden to help raise funds for groups in the village.

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Michelle Mitchell – Fostering in Somerset

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The Power of Table Tennis for Mental & Physical Health

Kevin Loe

The Table Tennis Group meets on Mondays 10-11.30am and Fridays 4-5.30pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall. Try out your first session free and then it's £2 a session. We usually play friendly doubles on three very good tables, no membership fee, just pay as you play, any age, gender or standard. So just turn up and have a go.

Table tennis is a great activity with some great health benefits:

- It improves your hand-eye coordination - many people experience some changes in their hand-eye coordination as they get older
- It keeps you social by meeting and enjoying playing with

other people which is important for mental health

- It improves your reflexes
 - It improves your balance
 - It gets your heart pumping
 - It sharpens your mind and mental alertness through making quick decisions and using tactical skills when playing
 - It improves body composition and bone health
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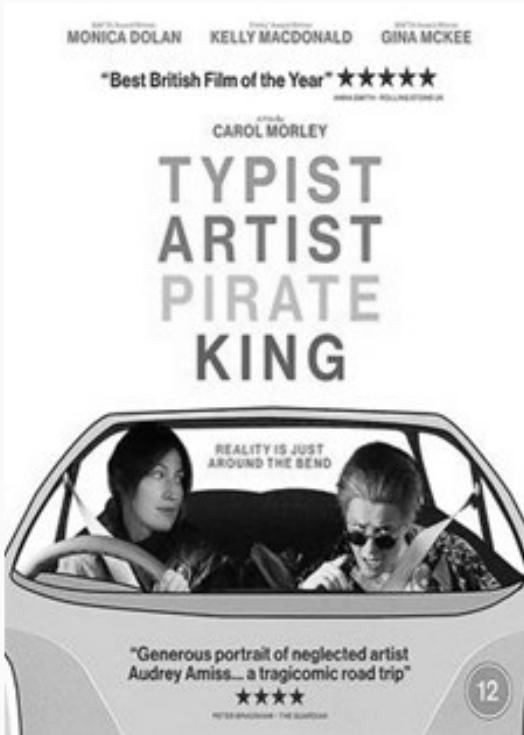
Movies in the Village Hall

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Alison Cockrell

Typist Artist, Pirate King (12A)

Friday 18 October 2024



The film focuses on a fictionalised road trip taken by Amiss and her psychiatric nurse Sandra. The two head north to reconnect with family and friends from the past with some humorous moments.

Monica Dolan plays the late artist Audrey Amiss in this film, loosely based on her life and art. Amiss studied at the Royal Academy of Arts but did not complete her training owing to illness.

Both poignant and funny, the film is a fine tribute to this often misunderstood artist.

Also stars: Kelly Macdonald, Gina McKee and Kieran Bew.

Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall.

Tickets (£8 in cash) are available at the door. Refreshments available (cash bar).

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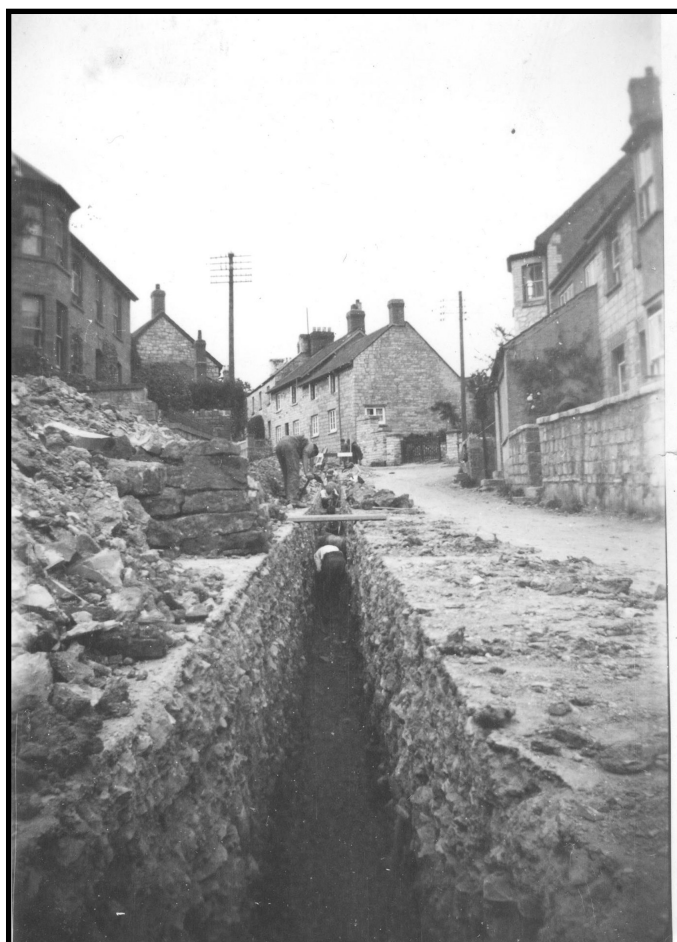
Wiltown Windmill

A few courses of stone is all that remains of a windmill that once stood in Wiltown. The windmill ceased working in the late 19th Century and was demolished in 1930. By the time this photograph was taken around 1900, the mill was already in a poor state of repair missing, as you can see, at least one sail.



Sewer Pipes

In 1938 a long trench was dug along the main road between The Bell Hotel and the King William IV pub. There were no mechanical diggers, so a team of at least a dozen men were employed to dig the trench. Presumably, any traffic would have been diverted along a different route.



Langport Bridge Club

John Down

Langport Bridge Club, as well as being one of the best, if not *the* best, bridge clubs in Somerset, is a friendly space for people to meet and socialize, as well as keeping your brain active!

It costs the princely sum of £3 for 3 hours. We meet on Monday evenings at 7pm at Ridgeway Hall in Langport. Why not give it a try?

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October

Please note, that, starting this month, St. Andrew's All Age Family & Friends Service and the following Communion Service will start at an earlier time (see diary below).

Sunday 6th

10.00 **FH** - All Age Family and Friends Service + refreshments
 11.15 **FH** - Said Communion CW
 6.00 pm **CR** - Harvest Songs of Praise, refreshments afterwards

Harvest donations are welcome at this service.

Monday 7th

3.30 - 4.30 pm **CR OSR** - Lego Club

Tuesday 8th

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

Saturday 12th

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

Sunday 13th

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

Monday 14th

3.30 - 4.30 pm **CR OSR** - Lego Club

Sunday 20th

9.30 **FH** - Morning Worship
10.30 !! CR - All Age Family & Friends Service + refreshments
11.45 !! CR - said Communion CW

Monday 21st

3.30 - 4.30 pm **CR OSR** - Lego Club

Sunday 27th

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

Using Rest to Pray

Tony Horsfall, a retreat leader and author, recommends a different type of prayer.

Most of us think of prayer as a very demanding activity, but did you know it can be extremely restful?

One of the great verses in the Bible says this: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). It suggests we experience God most fully when we are still. When we cease rushing around, pausing for a moment of thought and recollection, we are becoming prayerful, and God is very near. Even a break for a morning coffee can be a moment for prayer, if we slow ourselves down and allow our thoughts to turn towards God.

An essential part of resting is to breathe slowly. Christian tradition has always made a connection between prayer and breathing. You can learn to pray to the rhythm of your breathing, using chosen prayer words to focus. As you breathe in, you might say 'Abba', and then, as you breathe out, add the word 'Father'. Or when breathing in, say 'Lord, I breathe in your peace' and as you breathe out, say 'Lord, I breathe out my anxiety'. Choose words which are meaningful to you, deliberately slowing your breathing so you become relaxed and peaceful.

Using rest to pray - continued . . .

Perhaps you have a favourite chair where you are able to unwind easily. For a few moments sit and do nothing. Simply become aware of the present moment, reminding yourself you are in the presence of God. As you feel yourself relax, bask in the knowledge of God's love and acceptance of you. Sense his smile of approval upon you. You don't have to do anything, just 'be' for a moment. This too is prayer.

Sometimes we are forced to rest by circumstances illness, disability, growing older and so on slow us down and we can't rush around like we used to do. Don't fight against your circumstances. Enter into the place of rest that God is giving you. He loves you for who you are, not for what you do. Turn your thoughts into prayer and offer them to God. You don't need to advise God as to what He should do; simply hold people before Him, leaving the outcome to Him.

Prayer should be a natural expression of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have words, sometimes silence is enough. We don't need to impress God with our fervour. We can relax and be rested, even as we pray.

From the Parish Pump

Lego Club

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From St. Andrew's Registers Baptisms

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CR OSR = Old School Room, Curry Rivel, 'behind' St. Andrew's Church
FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead
SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

St. Andrew's Rotas October

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Cleaning

5th - Lynne Comley
 12th - Tina Geary
 19th - Wendy Graves
 26th - Anne Goff



St. Andrew's Autumn Fayre

Advance notice that this year's Autumn Fayre in the **Old School Room** is on **Saturday 9th November 10.00-12.30**
 More details in next month's issue.



On **Saturday 5th October**

there will be a

Harvest Supper,

with quiz, entertainment & raffle

in the Village Hall, in aid of repairs to the North Chapel windows of St. Andrew's.

Doors open at 6.30 for 6.45pm.

Tickets @ £ 12 (to include quiche, baked potato, salad and dessert) are available at the Post Office and Sandpits, on-line at curryrivelsta@gmail.com, or from Sally and David on 01458 253431.

A bar will also be available.

Curry Rivel's 2nd Variety Show

**Friday 25th October 7.30pm
at St. Andrew's Church**

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RAFFLE & WINE

Donations towards the restoration of our North Chapel windows.

Shoe Box Appeal 2024

This year the annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal will take place again. Blythwood Care is a Christian charity that, since the first appeal in 1993, has collected more than 2.5 million boxes – each one different, each one personal and an expression of someone's care and kindness towards a stranger in need. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine as they will again this year.

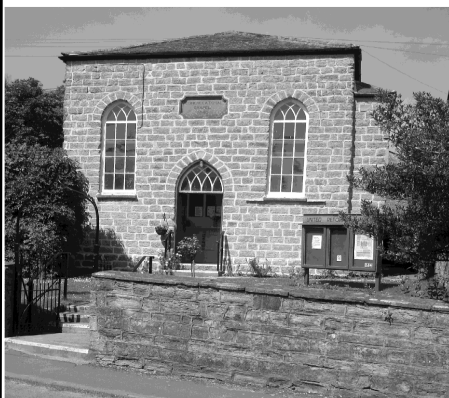
Leaflets with a list of appropriate items to put in boxes and other information will be available in St. Andrew's Church or they can be downloaded from the Blythwood Care website at <https://blythwood.org/shoebboxappeal/>.

Please deliver your filled shoe box to Jackie de Ronde or Ginny Smith by the first week of November.

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

Any queries, contact Jackie on 251355 or Ginny on 250997.

United Reformed Church



October

Services take place in our Chapel building, all starting at 10.30am.

6th - A service of Prayer and Fellowship

13th - Service led by Mrs Jo Morling
(incl. Holy Communion)

20th - A Service of Prayer and Worship

27th **10.30** - Group Service at
Street URC led by Rev Yvonne Stone

All are welcome . . .

By the time you are reading this, the swallows will have gone. It always makes me feel a little sad, I shout, 'goodbye and safe travelling' and 'See you next year'. I am awestruck when I think of the journey they will take to get to their winter-feeding grounds only to return on that epic journey in six months' time.

But I have to say my gloom is only short-lived for no sooner have they gone than the starlings take up their perches on the telephone wires. Like notes on a sheet of music they chatter to one another move up and down and around as if they are composing some new symphony. And what a symphony it will become. For over the next few weeks they will be joined by thousands of starlings from across Europe and then their murmur will begin. Not so much as a murmur, more a cacophony of sound and sight. As the twilight gathers these insignificant birds come together, little flocks of them from the surrounding countryside, joining up for a safe haven overnight. And as they gather, they start their amazing show. Swooping and swirling in all directions without any direction. No one bird seems to be in charge and yet somehow, they produce this incredible sight.

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

All are welcome ctd.

If you look closely at a starling, you will see how each one is different. Their markings and colourings and chatter all very individual and yet somehow when they come together, they make something truly beautiful.

I sometimes wonder if this is not a good parable for the people of God. All of us are individuals, all have our own God given characteristics, each of us unique. But when we come together do we make something beautiful? Well, I wonder sometimes, if we find this a struggle. We form our own little cliques, look at others as 'them' and ourselves as 'us'. We find it hard welcoming the stranger from another land let alone joining with them to dance and sing joyfully. Perhaps as the Autumn progresses and we see these wonderful birds, we may be moved to open our hearts and minds and welcome the stranger in. And maybe we too can create a beautiful thing for God. I am reminded of a hymn in our hymn book.

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in
to mingle rich and poor.

The love of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way
the love of God is here to stay.

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Enjoy your bird watching this month whether you catch a murmur or not!

Jo Morling. Elder Curry Rivel URC.



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Regular Events

MONDAY

	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
7.00pm	Bridge Club	Ridgeway 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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Do you pick up repeat prescriptions from Langport surgery? If so you can request your medicine to be delivered to Curry Rivel Post Office in the BP petrol station. When you reorder, simply ask for delivery to Curry Rivel PO (including reorders on the surgery website). The surgery delivers to the Post Office every Tuesday and Friday. And while you're in the Post Office you can pick up a cappuccino too!



Want to be part of an Outstanding volunteer service?

Then Route 1 is looking for you!

Lucy Dunne—Route 1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors Service

Route1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors service supports children and young people who are in care or have a social worker. They do this by matching volunteers with young people as either short term Advocates, or longer-term Independent Visitors.

The service recently had an independent internal review and was graded as Outstanding; and was shortlisted to the final 3 in the Frontline National Award 2024 'Team of the Year'

Route1 helps children have happy childhood memories, and ensures their views are listened to and acted upon.

- **Independent Visitors:** These volunteers make a long-term commitment to one child in care. They visit the child once or twice each month to build a trusting, supportive relationship and friendship that can sometimes last many years. This can bring life-changing experiences and opportunities to the child or young person – and their Independent Visitor!
- **Advocates:** volunteers work alongside individual children to ensure their voices are heard, and their wishes and feelings are taken into account when decisions are being made which affect them. Each child's support is usually short term and there is no expectation of a long-term commitment to any particular child.



A recent trainee volunteer said, "I started out thinking 'what on earth can require 5 days of training?' I now know why and think you have it just right."

Your life experience will be highly valued, and you will be trained and supported in developing key skills. Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability.



For more information about Route 1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors, you can contact us by emailing: route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk, calling 01749 822801 and our website is www.route1advocacy.co.uk



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Would you like to talk to someone from Wessex Water?

Mark Bell – Community Outreach Coordinator, Wessex Water

Do you have a query about your water bill, how to save water and prevent blockages, or your water and sewerage services?

@wessexwater will be holding drop-in sessions at Taunton Library on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 to answer all of your water related questions. The drop-in session will be run between 10am-11am, with bookable slots available between 11.30am and 2.30pm.

To find out more, visit: <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/community-drop-ins>

