

Round About

*the villages of Langford Budville
and Runnington*



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Welcome ...

To the December Issue of Round About.

We have tried to bring you a bit of cheer with our **Halloween pumpkin special**: Round About challenged villagers to create interesting pumpkins, and boy, did they come up 'Trumps' (at least three to my knowledge!) We had owls, and cats and scary faces and happy faces - some real works of art among them. You'll find some on the cover, in the collage and in our feature article. A really good crop to see us into Lockdown 2. I am sorry I could not feature everyone's.

With all gatherings cancelled, we can only hope that the government keeps its promise to let us loose (somewhat) at Christmas. **The Churches** are hoping to be able to put on services, but please check - booking is required to allow for social distancing. We have some Christmas gift ideas for the **Green-Fingered**, and suggestions for celebrating **Christmas** with our families in lockdown - if we must. And a very cheering **Seasonal Treat!**

We all want to make our villages greener and are exploring ideas on our **Living Well** page. Those who've been **Out & About** in the woods will have realised it is an oak mast year. Some of us planted acorns for the common, but the squirrels seem to have taken advantage of our largesse! **Our School** has gone out & about too, finding Pudsey bears around the village and woods and raising money for Children in Need.

The **Jubilee Hall** has taken advantage of the lack of bookings to see to some maintenance - trees have been procured and the gardens tidied ready for spring.

We have several new families to **Welcome**. **The Martlet** is under new management but was able to open only briefly before we locked down again - but they are doing takeaways, so check their board. There's the usual news from the **Parish Council**, with a call for volunteers for the Winter Emergency Plan.

We have some welcome new advertisers, and most of our existing ones have asked to carry on - do support them as they do us.

Saranne Cessford on behalf of the editorial team.

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STOP PRESS: News just in suggests that we may indeed come out of lockdown in early December, back into a tiered system. This is encouraging as we are in a low incidence area - we'll be able to get haircuts again and gather in small numbers (six people max) outside. The Churches will be able to hold Christmas services albeit socially distanced and with limited numbers. And best of all we should be able to see our closest families at Christmas. But we still need to take care and observe the guidelines to protect us all and to allow this to happen.

Take care, and keep well, and have a splendid Christmas!



News from the Village Hall

After a welcome but brief re-opening of the hall, normal events and activities are again more limited. During this quiet time for the hall, the committee and a number of volunteers have undertaken (in a socially distanced way) a number of tasks to keep our hall looking smart and welcoming.

This has included some hard graft around the courtyard and front borders, which had become very overgrown in the past few years. Those of you who regularly walk this way will have noticed that this area has been cleared and dug. Wooden boards are due to be installed, along with mulch matting on the slope. The cleared areas will be replanted next year, and we hope to include a mix of native plants, which are good for pollinators and birds, and encourage and support biodiversity. A number of trees have also been bought to replace those in the grounds which haven't established. They will be planted soon. Our maintenance volunteers have been working hard too, undertaking a winter clean of gutters as well as sanding and varnishing the wooden beams around the entrance way. Thank you all for your labours!

We have been successful in finding grant money to keep the defibrillator operational. These costs have been covered by **Somerset Prepared**, the **Parish Council** and the **Village Hall funds**. The Defibrillator is located on the outside wall to the left of the front door. It can be accessed and used by anyone in case of an emergency.

It was lovely to have **Budvue Cinema** up and running for a few months and to see a number of you again. Given the current situation though, Budvue will not be showing any films through December or January.

It is difficult to know how and when we can re-open the hall for more general use but please be assured that this will only be done in line with recommended guidance and in a Covid secure way. We now have good measures in place which can be easily implemented when restrictions allow.

Wishing you all a very happy festive season and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Hall in the 2021.

Village Hall Trustee Committee

The Jubilee Hall is an ideal venue for a wide variety of events including wedding receptions, parties and dances, shows and concerts, club and society meetings, fetes and community events, conferences, meetings and training days

In normal times the Main Hall seats up to 150 theatre style, or at tables
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Easy access and parking for 40+ cars Full bar/entertainment licence

For booking availability visit
www.lbjubileehall.com

Timely Advice from a reader:
Wear **High Viz** when out walking.

Last week a young woman was killed near Oake, walking her dog at 7.00 pm. Do wear a High Viz gilet or tabard when you are out on foot or bicycle in our lanes.



Winter Emergency Volunteers

We're searching for Winter Emergency volunteers to help in the community in the event of flooding, ice, or snow; fallen trees; fetching shopping or medical supplies; first aid; or any other support needed if there is a winter emergency.

Contact Katie Spackman on
katie@southgundenhamfarm.co.uk
or call after 5pm on **07554 743 446**

If you have a Winter Emergency, you can contact Katie Spackman from the Parish Council on the number above.

News from the Villages

Parish Council

Covid-19 Emergency Plan: The Parish Coronavirus Emergency plan is in place providing assistance to those in need. There are 15 volunteers with many other people assisting their friends and neighbours. The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers, friends, neighbours & local businesses that are supporting the Parish in this time of crisis but would also like to remind everyone to play their part & follow the guidance regularly being issued by the government.

Defibrillator Grant: The Parish Council agreed to grant £295 towards the funding of a new defibrillator at the Village Hall.

Planning Applications: Case Ref: 21/20/0016/T – Notification to carry out management works to one Cypress tree within Langford Budville Conservation Area at Croxhall, Langford Budville. All applications can be viewed in full at:

<https://www2.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/asp/webpages/plan/plaplookup.asp>

Update on The Martlet Inn: The Pub was opened on Monday 2/11/20 but shut for lockdown 2 on 4/11/20. However, it is offering a takeaway menu on Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays during Lockdown 2.0. Menu & arrangements are on the village website & have been circulated. Initial feedback was that there was a reasonable uptake of take-away food over the first weekend.

Dog Waste Bin: The bin formerly located by the Village Hall has been moved to its new location in the entrance to the field opposite The Martlet Inn. This will allow for Somerset West & Taunton Council to empty the bins, which they were unable to do when it was located by the Village Hall.

Reynolds Car Park: Tidy-up works to the car park were completed by local community volunteers. The PC wishes to thank the volunteers. The Fencing will need to be replaced at some point in the future.

Wellington Winter Wobble 10k: Runners from Wellington will be passing through the Village, coming up the footpath on Church Lane, passing The Martlet and The Triangle and continuing to Holywell Lake, on a fun run on the morning of

Wednesday 30th December 2020.

PC Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14th December 2020, at 7.00pm at Langford Budville Village Hall, if permitted. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Clerk, either by phone: 07491 138 324 or email: langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com before Friday 11th December.

The full minutes of all parish council meetings are available on the village website: www.langfordbudvillevillage.co.uk

Parish Clerk

Welcome to the villages...

To Paul and Ros Armstrong

Paul and Ros moved into Courtlands in August 2020. It was a delight to welcome them into the Village.

They met each other when Paul was working with VSO in Borneo. They were both teachers in a school attended by pupils from many backgrounds and cultures. Paul returned to the UK in 1982 with his new wife Ros, and set up home in Bristol where Paul continued working as a Primary School teacher and Ros worked as a childminder. Their two children, James and Vicki, were born in Bristol.

After 28 years there, they moved to run a B&B along with a self-catering cottage in the Brecon Beacons. They enjoyed eight years of welcoming people into their home in the beautiful Welsh countryside.

They both love walking, Ros loves gardening and Paul enjoys photography and any sport. They are both learning Spanish. They now have two grandchildren who keep them busy.

They are looking forward to meeting people from the village once we can all start normal life again. If you see them when you are out and about do give them a wave.

And to the Broom Family

It's very exciting to know that a budding film maker has moved into Langford Budville. Dylan Broom is a passionate film maker and editor. He and his mum Carolyn and his sister Megan moved into Courtlands from Taunton just as summer was drawing to a close.

In September Megan headed to Plymouth to start her first year at University, Dylan attends Exeter College and is studying for his A levels, and mum Carolyn is a mental health nurse working in the NHS.

There have been challenges moving into a rural area without fast and reliable broadband. Due to the pandemic Dylan studies from home, so it has been very tough for him, especially when he is getting through 50GB of data a month. Hopefully, one day, before too long, this will be improved and he will enjoy rural living!

Please welcome them to the Village.

Lauren Farrar



Welcome to Millie and Jon Coward

now running The Martlet

The Coward family moved to Wiveliscombe almost six years ago to run The Bear Inn. As well as their food and drink businesses, they also have their hands full with three sons Harry, Oscar and Ivor, aged 11, 9 and 4. Millie and Jon met in Brighton and ran a pub in Hampshire before returning to Millie's West Country roots where they enjoy the countryside and the local way of life. They married last year in Raddington on the southern edge of the Brendons.

They have a strong interest in community activities and the potential of pubs to be hubs for all sorts of activities such as a village shop, farmers' market, community exchange, flea market etc. Watch this space!



The Martlet adds a fourth establishment to their portfolio of the Bear Inn, Milverton Cricket Club and the Lamb and Flag on the Blackdowns. They also run a takeaway van, The Hungry Bear, which many villages enjoyed before the pub was opened again. Sadly, The Martlet was able to trade for only three days before lockdown 2 but Millie and Jon were delighted by the response and look forward to being able to open properly again.

One new aspect of the Martlet will be the availability of Jon's beer, Black Bear, which he brews in Wiveliscombe and is only available at their own establishments. Another change planned is for B & B accommodation above the pub.

The challenge of the constantly changing trading conditions under COVID rules make it very difficult to plan and keep customers informed. At the moment, the Martlet is providing takeaway food: traditional pub food on Friday and Saturday evenings and roast lunches on Sunday. Food can be ordered by phone. If phoning is difficult, emails will be picked up on info@thebearinnwiveliscombe.com. If you are isolating or unable to pick up your order, the Martlet team will do their best to deliver to you. In addition, the Hungry Bear will be in the car park from 5pm on a Wednesday selling Fish and Chips and a range of wraps with salad. The best place to check for the latest information is their Facebook page **@THEMARTLETINN** or the A-board outside the pub. The new website will be up and running sometime in December.

Takeaway options – 01823 401330

Friday and Saturday evenings. Traditional pub food.
Order from 3pm.

Sunday lunch. Roast with vegetarian option.
Order from 10am.

Wednesday evening. Hungry Bear van from 5pm.

Tryphena Huntingford





Langford Budville Team Broadband

The Langford Budville Broadband (Milverton exchange) project is looking more and more achievable thanks to the support we have had from all of you. Following Openreach's initial quote and advice to widen our net (to be eligible for more funding) we found we needed to get a lot more households on board to even get close to covering costs. Our aim was to get at least 150 households in total, ambitious but not unrealistic. We are really happy to report we have reached 156. This still leaves us with a shortfall (10%) but Openreach are impressed with the numbers we have achieved and are going to contact Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) on our behalf to see if they will cover the shortfall (where appropriate, CDS provides additional finance from its Community Challenge Fund to help communities with funding shortfalls.)

Openreach are presently conducting a more detailed survey of the infrastructure costs for our project. If all goes to (an optimistic) plan, this survey will not increase the original quote, CDS will cover the shortfall we currently have and we will then hopefully be in a position to setup a community interest company (CIC) to sign contracts in the new year. Then it should be all systems go!

The Greenham project is at a similar stage with 93 properties signed up, but they ideally need to get some more households on board to be able to cover a higher proportion of the costs. The Wellington project (Runnington/Payton/Harpford) is about to submit their numbers. If you or someone you know in these areas might be interested, please let us know as soon as possible. The more people we have on board, the more viable these projects become!

Keep up to date with all the latest news for all three exchanges on our website.

Milverton Email: LBteambroadband@gmail.com

Greenham Email: Greenhambroadband@gmail.com

Wellington Email: Wellington@lbteambroadband.co.uk

Website: www.lbteambroadband.co.uk

The Broadband Team: Karen Grabham, Rodger Allen, Graham Warner, Dave McKay, Amanda Baker, Jane Hancock, John Spackman & David Faulkner.

Planting Trees for Life

In the August issue, I encouraged people to use their property to extend the virtual wildlife corridor near Langford Budville. Now, having recently been allowed to plant 170 native saplings in the fields and gardens of Runnington, I would like to do the same in Langford Budville.

I would buy the trees from the Woodland Trust and arrange for the planting before the end of March. If there is anyone who would be willing to find some space, however small, for wildlife and to save a tiny bit of the planet, please contact me at ifloudon@googlemail.com

Ian Loudon





Lockdown Stories:

Staying Connected this Christmas

Even if there is some lifting of social distancing restrictions this Christmas, it is unlikely we will be able to socialise as normal, so how can we stay connected and celebrate the Christmas holidays together? Here are some ideas on how to come together with neighbours, friends or relatives remotely.

Some of the ideas require some tech savvy, but first, here are some that everyone can take part in without having to get to grips with the likes of Zoom.

- ◆ How about a bake-off or decorating competition? Set aside a day where you all make cupcakes or decorate gingerbread biscuits and then send each other photos by text or email and vote for the best ones.
- ◆ Get the kids to create cardboard cut-outs or drawings of absent friends or family and place them around the house. Send funny pictures of them to the relevant people, sitting in bed or at Christmas dinner.
- ◆ On Christmas Day take lots of photos and videos on your phone throughout the day and send them to each other. You could have a list of activities to capture throughout the day, opening presents, cooking the turkey, having dinner, falling asleep in front of the TV...
- ◆ If not too many people are going to see your beautifully decorated tree indoors, put it outside where everyone can enjoy it. You could have one in a planter and use battery operated LED lights and florist wire to hold your decorations on.
- ◆ Have a secret Santa by post. One person could pull all the names out of a hat and let each person know who they are buying for, and then post your present. According to the BBC news recently, sending post is considered to be safe and the chance of contamination is negligible, but you can always take the added precaution of disposing of packaging quickly and washing your hands after receiving any letters or parcels.
- ◆ Make the same advent calendar for each household with activities for each day such as make a Christmas garland from popcorn or paper, take a treat to a neighbour, find an old Christmas photo and send it to each other, go for a walk, make a table or tree decoration.
- ◆ Email or snail mail a round robin: you may not have seen friends and family much this year so they would probably love to hear all your news.



I will get onto the slightly more technical options now, but probably a piece of cake if you have kids. They are also a bit more broadband reliant, so good luck with that!

- ♦ Play games online with other households. If you google **free online family games** you will find lots of options from “who wants to be a millionaire” to “monopoly” and many games have free versions.
- ♦ Decide upon a favourite movie and all watch it at the same time. Or if you have Netflix you can have a Netflix party where you watch your favourite shows and films with family and friends online at the same time, simultaneously allowing for real-time chatting and commentary, just download the extension at <https://www.netflixparty.com/>
- ♦ Get together a Christmas playlist of all your favourite Christmas carols and tunes, and have a sing along on FaceTime, or even better have a dance around the kitchen together on Zoom. If you have never used Zoom and would like to give it a try do a google search for the **Zoom help centre** and they have a **getting started** section (note: there is a time limit of 40 minutes for a free Zoom session.)
- ♦ Play Zoom “charades”, “Who Am I” or any other game you fancy.
- ♦ Have a Zoom Christmas dinner.



The common theme is to take part in the same experience and share it remotely by whatever means you can, snail mail, text, email, phone call, FaceTime, Zoom...

Enjoy and we hope you have a lovely Christmas.

Jane Hancock

<p>Bereavement support</p> <p>The Somerset Bereavement Support Service is here if you've been bereaved and need emotional support or someone to talk to.</p> <p>Call 0800 304 7412 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.</p> <p>In partnership with</p>	<p>Schoolreaders improving literacy • increasing life chances</p> <p>Volunteers Needed to Listen to Children Read in Local Primary Schools After Lockdown</p> <p>Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Somerset to carry out this important role.</p> <p>Please call 01234 924111 or visit the website www.schoolreaders.org to join for further information</p>
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Out & About: A Mast Year...



Anyone who walked regularly on the Common during this autumn can't have helped noticing how abundant the acorns were beneath the oak trees. They were thick on the ground, far beyond what the squirrels and jays could carry away and bury. This was an **oak mast year!**

So, what is a "mast year"? The word mast comes from Old English 'mæst' which refers to the accumulation of seeds and nuts beneath forest trees, historically used for fattening livestock like pigs. Our native plants and animals have evolved together. The wild creatures of the forest - small mammals and birds - rely on nuts and seeds to get them through the winter months. They in turn help the trees by burying the nuts away from the parent tree. But producing nuts and seeds is energetically expensive. In normal years the limited supply helps to control the population of these creatures, but in a mast year, which happens every five to ten years or so, there are simply too many acorns for the animals to consume, so they survive to sprout and grow into saplings.

A mast year crop will stunt the parent tree somewhat, but it pays off in terms of surviving saplings. It is extraordinary that almost every tree of a particular species throughout the country will produce a huge crop in the same year. How exactly they do this is one of nature's mysteries. The early spring and summer weather probably have an influence: oaks are wind pollinated, so a dry warm spring will mean more of the tiny flowers are successfully fertilised, creating the conditions for a mast year.

It is too early to tell yet, but 2020 looks like being an exceptional year. According to Nature's Calendar the largest average acorn crop in the last 20 years in the UK was in 2013: we'll see how 2020 shapes up!

Nature's Calendar <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/natures-calendar/> is a citizen science project of the **Woodland Trust** that tracks the effects of weather and climate change on wildlife across the UK. Its records date all the way back to 1736! The amount of fruit for trees and shrubs like oak, beech and blackthorn are among around 150 events that volunteers record for the project.

A few of us have collected some of the acorns from the common and are planting them in small pots and hoping to grow them into saplings. They'll be planted out on the Common in a couple of years to replace some of the ash trees that have had to be removed due to ash dieback..

Saranne Cessford

Seasonal Treats:

Apricot & Anise Liqueur

From Nigel Slater: Sheila's family have made this for Christmas for many years. It's lovely to give as a gift or to drink at home, and you get sweet, plump anise-scented apricots to eat as well .

You will need

- 500g dried apricots
- an orange
- 4 whole star anise
- 300ml brandy
- 150g sugar
- 300ml sweetish (not dessert) white wine



Put apricots, star anise, sugar, brandy and thin strips of orange peel (use a potato peeler) into a saucepan & bring to the boil. Stir until the sugar has dissolved.

Spoon the apricots and star anise into a sterilised preserving jar. Discard the orange peel.

Add the wine to the brandy and pour over the fruit. Seal and place in a cool, dark place for at least two weeks, better still a month before using.

The liqueur is lovely served ice cold with salty nuts, olives &/or strong cheeses. The apricots are good spooned over vanilla ice-cream or plain yogurt.

Sheila Faulkner

Census 2021

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Langford Budville and Runnington will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

This will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

Census day will be on **March 21**, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. It is very important that everyone takes part and it has been made easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk)

Halloween Pumpkin Challenge

In the last issue Round About challenged our readers to carve a pumpkin for Halloween: We are awed by the response and the quality of the pumpkins. We tried to get photos of all we could find, but some photos didn't come out too well. So, if we missed you, we apologise. However, here are some of my favourites, and you will find more in the collage!





Living Well: One Planet

A Greener Langford Budville

Like many, we believe Langford Budville can be an active part of the growing movement towards a more sustainable future with the vision of eventually becoming a truly sustainable parish. Importantly, there must be tangible benefits for us all gained along the way, such as for our health and wellbeing and community spirit. This should be in addition to reducing our carbon footprint whilst increasing the opportunities for nature to enhance our area which we can all actively enjoy.

A recent opportunity for the Parish Council to apply for funding has galvanised an embryonic group into action. However, it is vital that the whole parish has the chance to have a say, and hopefully participate, in how we use any potential funding. Only then can we ensure any initiatives make a real difference for us.

Part of our bid will be to seek funding for professional input, essential in helping determine those initiatives that make a positive difference to us all, as well as improving the chances of securing funding now and in the future. Firstly though, we need your views and thoughts to help us produce and prioritise proposals. This, together with professional help, should make any application we make all the more powerful whilst ensuring our actions benefit our wellbeing and our local environment.

Please be on the lookout for a community consultation coming your way in the New Year.

In the interim, if you would like to be more actively involved, volunteers are always welcome. Please email:
One.Planet.LB@gmail.com

A Greener Langford Budville team

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Langford Ladies

The planned November meeting (a talk on Madagascar) was impossible due to lockdown. So members were asked to contribute a short amusing and cheering rhyme/piece of writing for us all to enjoy.

In **December**, we are planning once more to each donate a wrapped gift for the Women's Refuge or food for the food bank. The collection point is Laurian's garage where you will find a red cold box for food donations or a large, labelled carton for the Refuge. (A pencilled note as to the contents of the gift might be useful.) The deadline is Sunday 13th December, to allow time to get the gifts to their destinations via Margaret (Foodbank) or Lyn Wyatt (Refuge).

The planning meeting is due on **15th January**; usually held in The Martlet, however.....we will be in touch in the New Year!

We wish you all a joyful Christmas, in the hope that the restrictions will not be too severe, and the best of health for 2021.

Laurian Cooper

Friendship Circle



We started the new year well, having celebrated Christmas at our "singalong" meeting and Martlet Christmas lunch in December. Little did we know what was round the corner! By March we had enjoyed two talks, three coffee & chats and a Valentine's Day dance demonstration. Then we had lockdown and everything changed; we have tried to keep in touch with members by 'phone and email, passing on news and "funnies". Unfortunately, we have cancelled five trips, three talks and many coffee & chats, but will hopefully be able to reschedule these as and when. Everyone's safety is paramount and we will all get back together at some point, even if we don't know when (almost in the words sung by Vera Lynn). Meanwhile, the FC Committee would like to wish everyone, members or not, a happy, **healthy** and peaceful Christmas and new year.

Pam Farr



News from the Churches



Every-day angels

St Peter's Church will be featuring in a new angel trail that is being designed in and around Wellington.

This year, instead of the usual offering of Christingle's, carol services and school nativities, Rev Selina and her new curate Rev Richard are offering an **angel adventure!**

There will be angels of hope in the churchyard with a QR code that will link to a Christmas message, film, story or poem. A trail of where to find 100 angels in and around Wellington will be available at wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk

Here are some ways readers of Roundabout may like to join in

- ♻️ **Making angels**
- ♻️ **Finding and celebrating angels**

Making angels

Could you make a recycled angel to hang in the trees in the churchyard or paint a pebble angel and bring that to one of the churchyards?

There'll be a box for them in the church, which is open on Thursdays and Sundays. Lynne Moore is helping coordinate this with children in the village and the school.

Could you make and display angels in your garden, cars or windows?

It would be great if angels popped up in various places across the villages to bring a message of hope and joy this Christmas!

Could you join in making angel gifts of hope?

Knitted angels, lavender bag angels and other crafted angels are needed along with angel Christmas cards. We would like to give an angel to everyone in the residential care homes in and around Wellington to remind them they are in our thoughts and prayers. We have just appointed a new chaplain for the elderly to help us show love and care to the people in residential care, and she will be putting together hundreds of angel bags to share. Email Rev Selina if you would like to see the various angel knitting patterns people are sharing - but all designs are welcome!

Collecting homemade angels of hope: Please drop off your angels or homemade angel cards in the box which will be in St Peter's church, for Selina to pick up.

Finding and celebrating angels

Every day of Advent Rev Selina will give a gift to nominated everyday angels in the church and community. Can you think of someone who has been your angel, inspiring you, caring for you and bringing hope in the last year?

Churches' Service Rota

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	First Reading	Second Reading
6 December	Join Runnington	10.30 HC service	Isaiah 40. 1-11	2 Peter 3. 8-15a
13 December	No Service		Isaiah 61. 1-4	Thessalonians 5. 16-24
20 December	No service		2 Samuel 7. 1-11.16	Romans 16. 25-27
** Tuesday 22 December		Christmas ** HC service 10:15 am		
25 December Christmas Day	**10.00 am Christmas HC	No service	Isaiah 52. 7-10	Hebrews 1. 1-4

****** Because the number of people allowed into church for any '**Christmas service**' **must** depend on strict two-metre social distancing when seated, please book a seat with **your church warden** so you won't be disappointed. If you turn up at the last minute and there is no safe, spaced seat available you will not be allowed in.

Due to the current restrictions and frequent changes, it has not been possible to produce a service schedule for January: Please check the Wellington & District Team Ministry website: www.Wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk and the church notice boards for services in January.

Church contact East Group: Revd Alan Ellacott: 01823 669824

Please send in your suggestions of people you think deserve a BIG thank you, and why, to Rev Selina at: everydayangels2020@gmail.com

The people chosen will be given a special certificate and an angel and, with permission, some of these stories will be shared more widely on radio, Facebook and in local churches and across the diocese.

Christmas Tree Lighting at St Peter's:

Sadly, the usual family event organised by **The Friends of St. Peter's** - the lighting of the tree and carols - will not take place this year but the Christmas Tree (kindly donated by Langford Lakes Christmas Tree farm) in the churchyard will be lit on **Saturday 5th December at 5.30 pm.**



Rev Selina: email at: everydayangels2020@gmail.com or call her on 01823 662227

Lynne Moore: email: lynneandkeith@googlemail.com or call her on 01823 400665

Wellington Team Worship (Including East Group)

Wellington & District Team Ministry website: www.Wellingtonteamchurches.org.uk

East Group contact: Revd Alan Ellacott: 01823 669824

Sunday Worship podcast led by Tim Treanor & John Young. Access this from the email, on our church app, and through a link on the front page of the website.

Wednesday mornings every week at 10.30am Bishop Ruth leads a Eucharist, which is live-streamed on Facebook. It is also on the diocesan website www.bathandwells.org.uk

Compline: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. led by Selina and Richard is on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81555085560> People joining need to have either the red book from Common Worship or the Daily Prayer app.

John Young's **Sunday evening hymns, with reflections** 7.00 p.m. Click on the Team Facebook page and from there on John Young's page.

Church without Walls: 10.00 a.m. Katherine Lyddon, Tone Deanery Children and Families Pioneer, leads an informal on-line service for people of every age across the Tone Deanery. To get details of how to join this, email katherinelyddon35@gmail.com or tel. 07974 528880.

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Weekday worship: To encourage and support your prayer at home copies of Morning Prayer and Night Prayer for each day of the week were sent by mail and email. (If you do not have one of these booklets, please let us know.) There is now a podcast version of **Compline (Night Prayer)**. 'Compline for Sunday' is for every Sunday and so on. If you are using the iKnowChurch mobile app, you will find a Compline series in 'Podcasts'. If you are receiving these emails, please keep them in a separate folder or download the audio file to listen to in subsequent weeks. If you have a CD player and would like a CD copy, please email Sharon or phone the Parish Office and leave a message.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, together with the Bishop of London issued '**A call to prayer for the nation**', asking us to pray together at 6 p.m. daily. Full details on <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>.

Funerals A short video to show the additional support we can give for those unable to attend a funeral can be found at <https://youtu.be/l8tDdRtpfXs> Please pass on to relatives or friends. Do contact one of the Team priests to talk things through if you wish.

Opening our churches for private prayer:

Runnington Church will be open on Sundays from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm for private prayer. **Langford Budville:** All day Thursdays and Sundays.

Notes from St Peter's

A big thank you to those who decorated the Church both for Harvest and Remembrance. The Church continues to be open from about 9 a.m. until dusk on Thursdays and Sundays for private prayer.

Our next service will be on **Christmas Day** at 10.00 a.m. You will need to book for this to make sure everyone can be accommodated whilst safely following social distancing guidelines. In January we have a **Holy Communion Service** on January 3rd at 10.45 a.m.



Sarah Nutt

News from Runnington Church

Resumed lockdown has limited us to opening on **Sundays between 10am and 5pm** for private prayer, with no services. We await the news that lifting lockdown will hopefully extend to resuming services in December, when we have planned a Holy Communion service on 6th December at 10.30 a.m. and a Christmas Holy Communion service on Tuesday 22nd December at 10.15 a.m. (bookings required to ensure safe social distancing).

Carols: John Young and In Ecclesia are planning two carol services at Milverton in the afternoon and evening of **23rd December**. Booking essential.

John Houghton

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The **Friends of St Peter's Church, Langford Budville** are very sad that it will not be possible this year to enjoy our usual family Christmas event; gathering together in the church yard and carols in the church are not possible under the current restrictions. Sadly, there'll be no children's competition either.



However, we will be putting up the tree and lighting it at 5.30 pm on **Saturday 5 December**, and we hope very much to be able to broadcast a selection of carols over the p.a. system from the village hall. Do step outside and listen for them. We hope that the tree lights will brighten your evenings.

Our thanks to Langford Lakes for the donation of the Christmas tree.

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The RHS shop <https://shop.rhs.org.uk/books> has some great **gardening books**. One that took my fancy is "How do worms work: A gardener's collection". The shop also has lots of items for encouraging wildlife in the garden, like the Dewdrop Bee Biome and a range of bird and bat boxes.

A website with lots of interesting ideas for stocking stuffers and garden tools as well is **The Worm that Turned**. I liked their Alpaca poo in a gift pack, seed-bomb with native flower seeds, and a smart leather kneeler. <https://www.worm.co.uk/> My daughter, who is a keen gardener, put in a call for a perennial spade which I found here. They are hard to find, having been promoted recently by Monty Don. (He specified the one from Sneeboer: www.sneeboer.co.uk. It is pricey and difficult to find, but a version from Burgon & Ball is available at the Worm.)

The **National Trust** shop <https://shop.nationaltrust.org.uk/> also has some interesting items: I liked the Eco Wooden Paper potter, the hand blown glass waterers and bat boxes. They also have some '**sprouting pencils**' for the budding gardeners.

Secateurs or snips are always handy. RHS has a pocket pruner, or you can find a range at any good local garden centre. The Niwaki ones are pricey but very, very good. And a **sharpening tool**, like the Niwaki sharpening 1000 grit stone is really useful for keeping the blades in good trim. You can find videos on using them on YouTube. **Crocus** stocks the Felco one, and the Niwaki ones are available from **Tinker and Fix** <https://tinkerandfix.co.uk/>

One of the best gifts I ever got was a large folding carry bag for garden waste. You can find these at the garden centre, and if you are not inspired by any of these ideas, a **gift voucher** from your favourite garden centre will always please.
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Our School: Keeping Life Normal...

We are heading towards the end of another busy term. Despite following the complex Covid-19 guidelines, staff have been determined to keep school life 'normal' for the children, and as such, have maintained the familiar pattern of autumn events as much as possible.

In October we celebrated Harvest on the school playground, the church remaining out of bounds for such gatherings. We welcomed Rev Selina and gave thanks with singing and performances, collecting a sizeable donation of dry food goods for the Wellington Food Bank as our Harvest offering. The older children visited the churchyard for Remembrance Day, sharing two minutes silence with several villagers, as part of a week of activities learning more about the history of this special day.

The School Council were challenged in their creativity, devising non-contact activities to raise money for Children in Need. Each class bubble followed trails through the woods set up by Josh Wedderkopp (thank you Josh!) in adventurous Rambles for Pudsey Bear, teddies were photographed in extreme places - the winning bear had made its intrepid way to the top of a telegraph pole...., and of course everyone dressed up and enjoyed fun games at a distance, raising our largest total ever - almost £250.

This year, we are making a film of the Christmas Story in settings around the village. Thank you for the kind offers of donkeys and other creatures – unfortunately, the current lockdown prevents us taking advantage of these, but community interest in our play was much appreciated. Safeguarding and security considerations mean the film will only be accessible to our school families this time – we hope that by 2021 we will be able to perform in the village hall again, and invite villagers to share our Christmas celebrations once more.



I wish you Season's Greetings, and a safe and happy end to this unusual year.

*Jane Major, Head of School
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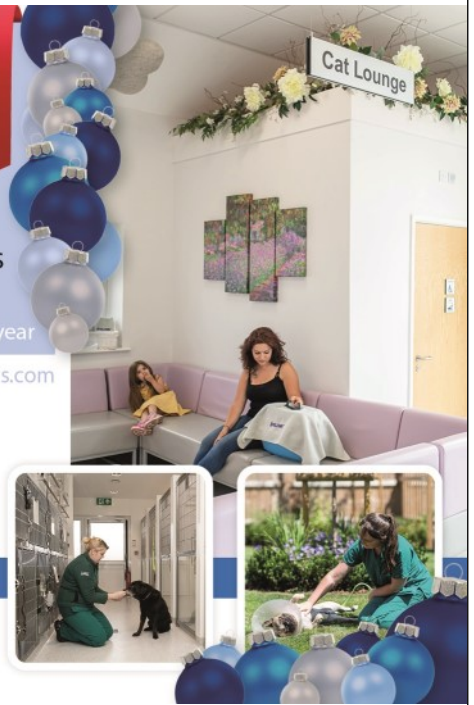
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