



Welcome ...

To the April/May edition of Round About.

Spring is very much in the air as I write this, though we are promised a bit more cold weather before it can be counted on! We are all emerging from what has been a very difficult couple of years, and are not out of the woods yet. The world seems a dangerous place, and it is important for us all to find ways of **Living Well** again. Spring also means Easter: check the **Church** pages for Easter services. Our **Seasonal treat** is easter eggs with a difference.

Our gardens are bursting into life, along with the birdsong, and there is lots to be done both at home for those with **Green Fingers**, and for those who generously volunteer their time in our **conservation areas**. We have received a few comments about how 'green' Round About has become of late, but we make no excuses as we at **Round About** feel that this issue is of critical importance to us all. As the weather warms up we all want to be outside more enjoying our green spaces, but these spaces have to be maintained. Anyone who'd like to help can find ideas in the magazine. Our **Parish Council** is very much on board and **Our School** is contributing too, and using it as a learning experience.

One possible way we might be able to reduce the unusually high carbon footprint for our village would be a local shop: The **Pop-up shop** running at the Hall on Saturdays in April is a trial run to see if it could work - do come along and give us your ideas on that.

Plans for celebrations in the Village to mark Her Majesty the Queen's **Platinum Jubilee** in June are advancing. Again, helpers would be very welcome, and there is still time for more ideas. Also planned—a village **Open Gardens** day; We have 12 gardens, but would love to have more.

All the events for the next month or so can be found in the **What's On** table. If you know of an event of interest to the villages please pass it on to us for inclusion. There are quite a few newcomers in the village: if you've recently arrived, we have several groups that will welcome you, like **Langford Ladies** and the **Friendship Circle**. Or there are some wonderful classes and regular events at our superb **Jubilee Hall** that you can join and get to meet your neighbours. A browse through the magazine will give you lots of ideas. There are also several WhatsApp groups dedicated to particular interests, like plants, wildlife and conservation. You can find much of the information on either the Village website (www.langfordbudvillevillage.co.uk) or on the Greener Langford Budville site (www.greenerlangfordbudville.com). If you can't find a contact let **Round About** know and we will try and put you in touch.

My thanks as always to our contributors, our volunteer distributors and to our advertisers. Without them all we could not get the magazine out to all villagers free of charge.

Saranne Cessford on behalf of the editorial team.

What's On:

Function	Venue	Date	Time
Police Beat Surgeries	Jubilee Hall Car Park	Wed. 27 April Wed. 25 May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Jubilee Hall	Mon. 11 April Mon. 9 May	6.30 pm
Pop-up village Shop see p. 12	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 2 April	9.30 am - 2.00 pm
GLB Conservation Volunteers	Poleshill lane/ Langford Lane	Mon. 4 April	10.00 - 12.00 am
Friendship Circle: Coffee and chat	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 8 April	11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Jazz at Hall	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 8 April	7.30 pm
Pop-up village Shop	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 9 April	9.30 am - 2.00 pm
Budvue Cinema: Spencer	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 9 April	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Bell-ringing competition	St Peter's Church	Sat. 9 April	1.00 to 4.00 pm
Pop-up village Shop	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 16 April	9.30 am - 2.00 pm
Langford Ladies Blue Pantry	Wellington	Wed. 20 April	7.00 pm
Friendship Circle—Prized possessions	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 22 April	11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Pop-up village Shop	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 23 April	9.30 am - 2.00 pm
Sustainable Gardening: Bees	Martlet	Mon. 25 April	6.30 pm
GLB Conservation volunteers	Poleshill Lane/ Langford Lane	Mon. 2 May	10.00 to 12.00 am
Friendship Circle: Coffee & chat	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 6 May	11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Jazz at the Hall	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 27 May	7.30 pm
Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations	Various see p. 8	Thurs 2 June to Sun. 5 June	See p.11 for details.
Open Gardens in the villages	Various	Sat. 18 June Sun. 19 June	

Budvue Community Cinema presents a film once a month, usually on the third Saturday of the month, at **Langford Budville Jubilee Hall** at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 a head, and there is a cash bar—and ice cream in the interval! Masks required.

Budvue Cinema

Those of you who have been up to the Hall recently may have seen a line of loudspeakers down each side of the hall. These are being installed, along with permanently fixing the film projector up at a high level. The works are all part of providing a state-of-the-art sound system in the hall and enabling **BudVue** films (and other audio visual activities) to be shown without the need for the time consuming effort of setting everything up before a performance.

Tim Wyatt has been the architect of the new system and has researched and obtained all the kit at a

fraction of the cost of employing a professional company. Tim has also been the mainstay of the actual installation with some (little!) help from Keith Moore and David Brown. It will take a little longer to finalise all the works but we are all looking forward to the day that it can be fully appreciated.

Our next film will be the showing of 'Spencer' on Saturday 9th April. Please note this is a week earlier than usual

due to Easter. We hope all will be fully up and working well before then!

Tim Wyatt and David Brown





Langford Budville and Runnington Open Gardens

18 and 19 June 2022

There are currently 12 gardens set to open on the weekend 18-19 June across Runnington, Bindon, Chipley, Payton and Langford Budville. The gardens are extremely varied from small to large, mature to newly designed, formal to wild. There is still time to join the event and open your lovely garden if you would like to.

A map to locate the gardens together with brief descriptions will be issued with tickets nearer the time. We plan to use sunflowers to highlight the locations.

Afternoon tea will be served in beautiful surroundings.

Put it in your Diaries!



News from the Villages:

March Parish Council Report

I'd like to make you aware of two key things. Firstly, a change in the way the grass will be cut on the Triangle; secondly, your Council's precept.

Changes to the mowing of the Triangle:

Over the last 12 months your Parish Council has been keen to support all activities in the Parish around sustainability, biodiversity and improving our carbon footprint. You may have seen some changes on the Triangle: a number of flower strips have been created, which should help bees and other pollinating insects, plus, in time, create a colourful spectacle that everyone can enjoy and be proud of. It's also important we protect the area under the trees by the side of the football pitch, as it contains a large number of bluebells and other native plants and flowers.

Field

Wildflowers

Woodland

Why will the grass on the Triangle be cut in a different way? The grass around the new wildflower strips needs to be cut differently to ensure the area is allowed to develop. This is to enable other existing wildflower species in this area to grow and bloom, whilst also protecting the strips. Paths will be cut in the grass around the picnic tables to allow

access: this will be done by a team of volunteers. The area under the shade of the trees will be cut only when the time is right, to allow bluebells and other wildflowers to grow. The play area and the football pitch will continue to be cut once a month. We will keep a close eye on the cutting of these areas, so please allow us to experiment with this concept for the benefit of everyone.

Sports Track

Parish council precept:

If you have looked at this year's Council Tax bill closely you'll see our part of the bill is the only area to have reduced overall (2.2%). We've taken the decision not to add to people's expenditure during this 'cost of living crisis'. We have made significant savings on grass cutting and dog bin collections (from £2899 to £2000). Also, last year we had a bill for £2178 to replace a broken fingerpost, but in its place we've had to allocate £1500 to deal with the Ash Dieback affected trees, but this has helped us to achieve this financial position.

We'll continue to support all groups within the Parish and would love to see more community members getting involved. Thank you to everyone who has given up their time to date: let's look to increase those numbers in the coming years.

Derek Sowden: Parish Council Chairperson

Two Ashes Junction

This is an update from the **Somerset Wildlife Trust** (SWT) and the Parish Council (PC) to let you know how the management of this area is going to change. The Two Ashes junction forms part of the Langford Heathfield Nature Reserve and is owned by SWT, but over the last few years the PC have assumed responsibility for it and has regularly mown it through the summer to maintain short grass.

From a biodiversity point of view, it is now recognized that this type of intensive grassland management is not ideal. It is considered wildlife unfriendly as it largely prevents flowering of grassland plants which in turn means no nectar for pollinators such as bees. The mowing activity in itself is also a source of carbon.

To mitigate this, the SWT and PC are working together to change the way the area is managed. From this spring the regular mowing will cease and the grass will be surveyed to see what wildflower species are present. In the early autumn the grass will be cut and the cuttings removed. Next winter the ash tree will, unfortunately, have to be felled as it has ash dieback disease. This will be undertaken by SWT. It will be replaced by two small oak saplings which are being grown by pupils at the school. The required safety cutting of the edges of the Triangle and in front of the signage to ensure traffic visibility will be undertaken as necessary by Somerset County Highways as is the case for all public roads.

This new approach to improve biodiversity and reduce carbon is a trial and depending on the results of the wildflower survey and the resources required to cut and remove the cuttings, SWT and the PC will change the approach if necessary.

Somerset Wildlife Trust and Langford Budville Parish Council

Litter Pick on Sunday 20 March

Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in the Parish 'Litter pick'. Myself and the whole Parish Council team really appreciate everyone's efforts to keep the Parish as tidy and litter free as possible.

Another Litter pick event will take place later in the year, probably September/October time, and we are hopeful of increasing the numbers of volunteers.

Thank you. Derek Sowden, Parish Council Chairperson



Footnote: Joe Casey and Laurian Cooper tackled the road down from the Church to the B3187 (Wellington to Milverton) road and down the 3187 as far as Gundenham and Langford Lane: they collected **2 ½ bags of rubbish**, plus **1½ bags of recyclables** including 71 cans, 16 plastic bottles and 9 glass bottles. Well done, both!



News from the Village Hall

On our 10th Anniversary year it makes sense to revisit our charitable objectives as a Village Hall. These are "to provide or assist in the provision of a village hall to be held upon charitable trusts for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Langford Budville (with Runnington) in the county of Somerset and for other charitable purposes for the benefit of the said inhabitants." Clearly, we need to secure sufficient funds to complete outstanding capital works (particularly outside the Hall), to provide a reserve for improvements and maintenance, and for ongoing running costs. We also need to make sure that we don't forget our core purpose of benefiting the village. Many of our bookings for events, and hence much of our revenue, comes from outsiders and this is very welcome because we are a small community blessed with a large, modern hall. At present, we try to fulfil our purpose of providing benefit to locals through offering discounted hire rates. In the future when we are financially stable it will be possible to discuss how operating surpluses are used for the benefit of the community as well.

In March, the Community Council for Somerset organised two really useful webinars: one on how Village Halls and Parish Councils can work more effectively together, and the second on how to conduct a DIY energy assessment. On sustainability, CCS provides case studies, access to experts and advice on funding sources. We hope to capitalise on both initiatives in the months ahead.

A huge thanks to Tim Wyatt who has designed, procured and installed the separate components of the Hall's new sound system, which was trialled at the screening of Stillwater in mid-March. Thanks also to those who helped Tim assemble, disassemble and reassemble Albi's tower scaffold to allow access to the ceiling during the several days of installation. The tower also allowed us to remove the last remnants from a Valentine's Day party – an event which has prompted us to refresh our protocol for managing late night parties.

During the month we have also been trying to choose the *right* floor colour from samples provided by David Brown. This is more complicated than it sounds because of the large amount of light-coloured wood, the colour of the walls and fire doors, and the vast expanse of floor. Outside, many thanks to Lynn Moore and Margaret Brown for their continued work on the beds to the front and side of the Hall. The bank is still looking a bit sad following the ravages of deer and rabbits but most things that we planted are just about alive and

we hope that they will prosper as spring progresses. We will work on filling the gaps with the plants that seem to be less attractive to wildlife.

Finally, I would like to recommend Dudley's monthly **Jazz nights** which feature bands from far and wide. March's band came from Stoke and the West Midlands and was terrific. Concerts are on Fridays (April 15, May 27 and June 17) and tickets cost £12.50. Please contact <u>dudleyedgar13@gmail.com</u> if you are interested.

Michael Huntingford, on behalf of The Village Hall Trustees

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
The comfortable Committee Room has seating for 36
Large, well equipped kitchen

Spacious foyer and cloakroom Gravelled patio + grassed terrace Easy access and parking for 40+ cars Full bar/entertainment licence

For booking availability visit www.lbjubileehall.com

Village Hall Update

We are expecting work to be carried out in the near future to replace a blocked duct near the oil tank compound so that we can have Broadband installed in the village hall. This may mean the footpath around the hall will be closed.

Also, there will be work carried out along the footpath beside the hall which leads to Crownfield as rainwater is collecting in this area. This will involve a digger and the footpath (permissible) joining the Crown field footpath will have to be closed for a short while.

We will put up notices once we know when this might take place but it needs drier weather because the grassy area is very badly drained.

We have had cars using the Hall car park, which is solely for the use of hall hirers. With the lighter evenings coming, please keep an eye out for any antisocial behaviour around the hall and notify one of the Trustees or key holders. The contact details for the keyholder on duty will be on the Hall door.

Hall Trustees

Welcome to new Residents

Welcome to Mandy and Jason Holyoake at number 3 Swifts! They have moved here from Williton, having been in Somerset for 11 years, and are now busy redecorating their home.

Round About would like to know when there are new arrivals in your neighbourhood, so that we can bid them welcome. We'd also like to know about those leaving the village so we can say goodbye. Please email us at lbr.roundabout@gmail.com and let us know.

Saranne Cessford

Somerset Fingerpost Restoration project.

Fingerposts can be traced back to 1697 when legislation was introduced requiring place markers at remote crossings showing the way to the nearest

town. Tall posts, most likely made of timber, were introduced in 1773 displaying direction and distance allowing coach drivers to stay seated and not have to get down and try and read illegible stones. From 1907 all fingerposts in Somerset were made from cast iron and these are the ones we see remaining today.

In the 1960s, local councils were advised to remove all fingerposts and replace them with the modern, standardised road signs now found all over the country. In Somerset this advice was fortunately ignored and as a result it still has a wonderful collection of fingerposts. However, many of these iconic landmarks have become dilapidated and need some TLC, so SCC have set up the 'Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project',



which provides resources and support for local communities to restore these heritage landmarks. We are lucky to have many in our parish and it would be wonderful to see them revived.

We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping with this restoration project. As you can imagine it will be quite a task and will only be possible with a band of willing volunteers – armed with tea and cake of course. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Juliet on julietlbpc@gmail.com or any other PC member. All are welcome! Our first challenge will be to find them all!

If you would like to know more about the history of fingerposts visit: https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/somerset-fingerpost-restoration-project/

Juliet Shrimpton

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Jubilee Celebrations: 2-5 June 2022

Langford Budville Parish can be really proud of all the activities taking place over the Jubilee weekend. All of the events are supported by the Parish Council and therefore any outside events will fall under the umbrella of their public liability insurance after a risk assessment. As June is still two months away, there are still a few undecided details, but the programme is now fairly clear. The **Round About** team have decided to celebrate the occasion by producing a full programme for distribution with "Round About In Brief" at the beginning of May so please keep an eye out for last minute changes. Tickets for the **Barn Dance** and **Duck Race** will be available at the pop-up shop on Saturday mornings in April.

New Jubilee Wood -

An enormous thank you to the Hendy family for their offer of land for a commemorative new wood. Please see Ian Loudon's article on p18 of the magazine for details.

Langford Budville Jubilee Trails -

Zenah Rowe and her team are finalising two trails which will cover much of the parish. These will be inaugurated on Thursday 2 June with leaders showing the way for a day-long 10 mile walk and a much shorter one. The start and end will be at the Jubilee village hall with the start time not yet decided. These guided walks will be fairly relaxed and a chance to enjoy the countryside in good company.

The trails will act as a permanent commemoration with the publication of an illustrated leaflet, copies of which will be available at the hall, pub and both churches through the year. Round About are sponsoring the printing costs. If you would like to book a place on the walks, please email Zenah on zenahl@btinternet.com.

Climbing the church towers -

Sarah Nutt is planning tours up the tower of St Peter's on Friday afternoon, 3 June. If you would like to help at the top or bottom of the stairs, please get in touch.

Croxhall Open Garden

Mike and Laurian Cooper are supporting the event by offering facilities at **Croxhall** opposite St Peter's during the tower tours. They are offering drinking water and a loo and, in case you have to wait, they are making a fun, mown maze in their field, which will include a quiz.

John Houghton is also hoping to offer limited access up the rather tight tower at Runnington church.

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Barn Dance -

We are delighted that **Hopping Mad** have been booked for the barn dance on Friday June 3 at the Jubilee Hall. Hopping Mad have been entertaining across West Somerset for the last 10 years or so, playing at weddings, parties and all kinds of dance events. We are really fortunate to have secured them as they are now fully booked for the Jubilee weekend. They are a 4-piece band plus lan the caller who sets the pace to make sure everyone can join in and have a good time. Although most of the music is English folk, they also play Klezma, Irish and European tunes. The event will cost £10 for adults and £5 for children with the price including a light supper served between the two dancing sessions. There will be a paying bar. Tickets will be available on **Eventbrite** and at the pop-up shop. Contact: Tryphena Huntingford tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com.

Royal Posy Competition -

Laurian Cooper is organising a royal posy competition for both children and adults. The posies will be on display at St Peter's church over the Jubilee weekend. For all details, please see the church pages (p. 23).

Wellisford Duck Race -

The duck race on the River Tone will take place at Ashley and Jess Vellacott's in Wellisford on Saturday 4 June: there will be road signs directing you to the start. The ducks will hit the water at 2.00 pm; there will be prizes; and, refreshments to buy (cash only). Tickets for ducks will be £1.00 each and will be available at the pop-up shop. For more information please contact Theresa Jacoby who has organised this event, including borrowing 200 plastic ducks! $\frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{$

Bell ringing -

The bells of St Peter's church will be rung on Sunday 5 June following the service and before the **Big Lunch Street Party**. What a great way to set the mood!

Big Lunch Street Party –

Many thanks to the residents' universal welcome of the idea of a street party between The Martlet and crossroads at The Triangle. There will be a road closure on Sunday 5 June along this length to enable us to join the national "Big Lunch" but The Martlet will remain open to vehicular traffic and, of course, to party goers.

There will be tables down the middle of the road, lots of street and table decorations, 1950's music and a chance to dress up! You can then bring whatever food and drink that you like, together with chairs. This will be an opportunity to share a meal with friends and neighbours - as will be happening up and down the country. For more information, please contact Josh Wedderkopp at LBJubilee@amail.com.

Tryphena Huntingford

Sunday 5 June	Bell-ringing at St Peter's Church	Big Lunch Street Party 1950s Theme	
Saturday 4 June	Wellisford Duck Race	Entries for Posy competition to St Peter's Church	
Friday 3 June	St Peter's Church tower tours	Croxhall Open Gardens	Barn Dance Hopping Mad
Thursday 2 June	Jubilee walking trails with refreshments		
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POPUPSHOP & CAFE

SATURDAYS IN APRIL* AT THE JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL

*2ND.9TH.16TH.23RD

SHOP OPEN 9.30AM-2PM CAFE OPEN 9.30AM-1PM FRESH, LOCAL PRODUCE FRESHLY BAKED CAKES, BAKED GOODS AND AND BISCUITS. STORE CUPBOARD BASICS. HOT AND COLD DRINKS FRESH FLOWERS, PLANTS, AND LOCAL ICE-CREAM FASTER EGGS & CHOCOLATE AVAILABLE IN THE CAFE



OUR LOCAL SUPPLIERS INCLUDE: WELLINGTON BAKEHOUSE. RAYS VEG. ROSIES LARDER. WHITE POST NURSERY, COATES BUTCHER, BLUE PANTRY. GUNDENHAM DAIRY. DEANE BARTON EGGS. HARPFORD FARM TEAS & MANY MORE!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Friendship Circle

We have enjoyed several coffee & chats (one with appropriate quiz near Valentine's day - thanks David!) On January 28th we hosted Ray Budd regaling us with stories of his time in the "Black & White Minstrel Show". For younger readers, this was a TV programme which ran from 1958 - 1978 and was of its time... Ray sang some of the songs which would have been popular; he still has a powerful voice and we enjoyed hearing some of the "oldies".

The trip to **Haynes Motor Museum** on March 11th was another success, in spite of the terrible weather as we boarded the coach. It was interesting to see the collection of very early motor cars, some Formula one racing cars and a large group of motorcycles of different eras (with photo opportunities) I enjoyed seeing the "bubble car", as it's been many years since I saw one on the road. Also, in the "red room" (all the cars were red), there was a sports car with a mirror on the dashboard which looked as though it could have been used for makeup. Thankfully, the rain had stopped by the time we came back to LB making the journey a lot more pleasant on this spring afternoon.

Meetings are at 11.00 am - 12.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall (unless otherwise stated). The next meetings are:

April 8th - Coffee & Chat April 22nd - "My most prized possession" May 6th - Coffee & Chat May 20th - Trip - Slimbridge June 3rd - Film - "A Royal Night Out" June 17th - Trip - Seaside

Pam Farr

Langford Ladies

March's get-together was a good old fashioned Beetle Drive. We met in the top bar of the Martlet & spent the next hour or so furiously shaking dice & drawing (speed is of the essence). Some of the beetles were real works of art. We all had great fun and I think we rather bemused the regulars in the other bar. Many thanks to Sylvia for organising it all.

Next month Jill has arranged a 'behind the scenes' look at the **Blue Pantry** in Wellington for us. We meet on April 20th at 7 o'clock, when Trudy and Kate will welcome us and talk about their zero waste, plastic free shop, and show us around. Jill will be emailing nearer the time with info and to confirm numbers.

Sheila Faulkner

Sustainable Gardening Group

Our "all things veg" meeting on February 28th was again at the Martlet, whose owners kindly loan us their function room.

Sarah began with **seeds**, how to store them, test their viability and for quick results grow **micro greens** or **sprouting seeds** - a forgotten skill worth revisiting. They're good value at our local wholefood shops.

Vegetable planning followed: a reminder to think about the many reasons to grow them including economic ones, sustainability and just as important, it's a rewarding thing to do. Planning your sowing and planting can spread your crop over the season and avoid gluts.

We finished on **compost choice**; peat free should be a 'given' in greener gardening. Read the labels! Ask! Some of the labelling is very misleading and cheaper usually doesn't mean better.

The plant **bring and share** table was well supported, and will also be there at our next meeting on April 25th when the speaker then will be **Anne Halpin**; entomologist, beekeeper, gardener - among other skills. Her subject will be how we can help butterflies and other insects in our gardens, and how they can return the favour.

Jackie Milsom, Sarah Warner, Christine Loudon

If you would like to find out about **The Greener Langford Budville** initiative, or join local activities, please use this email Greener.lb.info@gmail.com or scan this QR code which will invite you to make contact. Our mailing list is used for information purposes only and not for marketing. We store name and contact details confidentially and these details can only be accessed by the group administrators. You can be removed from the mailing list, or see your details at any time.

Energy Cost Rebate:

You may have heard that the Government is offering a £150 rebate off Council Tax next year to help with rising energy costs. All households within Council Tax bands **A-D** are eligible.

Somerset West and Taunton Council is urging bill-payers to set up a direct debit to pay their council tax, if they have not already done so, to ensure they get their £150 energy rebate as quickly as possible. Below are two links to get more information on how to do this.

https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/council-tax/energy-support-payments/

https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/news/set-up-a-council-tax-direct-debit-to-receive-energy-rebate-quickly/

Living Well: Ziggy...

"Wrong age, wrong sex, wrong breed" a friend commented when I re-homed Ziggy, an 18-month Parsons Jack Russel. I have to admit, he is not without his problems, mainly stemming from a compulsion to run after small furry animals. When he picks up a scent, his recall drops from near perfect to 0%. After he disappeared for a heart-stopping hour and a half on the Blackdowns, I admitted defeat and now never let him off the lead. He has had a few little adventures, including getting onto the kitchen table when my back was turned and eating half a pavlova (so much



nicer than dog food), and escaping the dog trainer's "100% dog proof field" and making merry in her chicken run (fortunately no fatalities but an awful lot of feathers came adrift).

But how he has enhanced my life! Having another little soul in the house means that there's always someone to talk to. It is true that his conversation is somewhat limited, but he is a good listener, and I like to think appreciates my singing (few others do).

In lockdown, along with many other people, I feared for my sanity. So we walked. And walked. And walked. We often took a picnic, and he brightened at the sight of the thermos, and developed quite a penchant for ginger biscuits. How lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

One of the other ways I try to shore up my sanity is practicing mindfulness: Repeatedly choosing to step away from thinking, particularly from negative spirals of rumination, back to the present moment. In this, Ziggy has a head start. His brain doesn't have the capacity to "time travel". He isn't ruminating about the past, and wishing he'd lived his life differently. He isn't worrying about the future, about how things will pan out. His doggy dreams are not about pandemic, environmental catastrophe or World War Three. He is not dissatisfied with his lot, wishing he had a different life. I'll never be as proficient at it as he is, but he's a good role model.

Miranda Bevis



Seasonal Treats - Scrambled eggs ...

An Easter German Tradition

My mother is German and she has passed on a lot of traditions which she experienced in her childhood, one of which is decorating eggs in celebration of Faster.

When we were young, we used the method she had been taught in Germany which was a batik technique. Firstly, we had to find fine, white eggs which would take the colour most easily. We then had to pierce both ends of the egg with a pin and blow the yolk and white out. The egg then sat somewhere warm until it was dry inside.



We had Kilner jars full of dye in various colours. In those days my mother would get the dye sent from Germany and they were little coloured tablets which required dispersing in water.

My Father kept bees, so we were able to use his bee's wax to carry out the batik. The wax was melted in the top of a jam jar and then a pencil with a bobble topped pin pushed into the end was dipped into the melted wax and the egg was painted. Once the first pattern was complete the egg was immersed in the dye, in the Kilner jar and left for the egg to absorb the colour. The batik decorating was then repeated and the egg put into the next colour and so on until the egg looked brightly patterned.

The egg was then placed on the oven and dried and then heated so the wax would melt and could be wiped off leaving a smooth and slightly shiny surface which enhanced the colours.

The final task was to get a matchstick, without its burning end and tie a thin ribbon around the middle and then gently push it into one end of the egg so that it could be hung from an Easter tree.

I continued this tradition with my own family, however I slightly cheat now and use acrylic paints as I haven't been able to find strong enough dyes to use the original method. Egg decorating has many happy memories for me and I hope it might inspire you to have a go too!

Rebecca Osborne

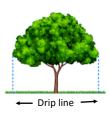
PS: When you are done blowing the eggs, use the contents to make scrambled eggs! For every two eggs, add 6 tbsp of single cream or full cream milk and whisk together with a pinch of salt. Heat a non-stick pan and add a good knob of butter. Don't let the butter brown. Pour in the egg mixture and let it sit without stirring for 20 seconds, then stir gently, lifting and folding from the bottom of the pan. Continue until the eggs are softly set (to your taste). Remove from the heat and allow to sit for a moment to finish cooking. Serve on hot buttered toast.

Green Fingers: Dividing Perennials

Dividing perennials regularly ensures healthy, vigorous plants that will continue to perform year after year. It is also a really cheap way to multiply your plants.

Plants can be divided almost any time provided they are kept well-watered afterwards, but they will be most successful when the plants aren't actively growing. It is probably best not to do it when they are in bloom. Summerflowering plants can be divided in spring (March to May) or in autumn if the soil is dry enough to work, while spring flowering plants like irises are best done in the summer. If it is dry, then water the clump well a day or two before dividing.

The first job is to lift the clump: Some plants can be lifted gently from the centre with a fork and the roots teased apart. Shake off excess soil so you can see the roots. Small fibrous rooted plants like Heuchera and Epimedium can be lifted and pulled apart gently. For larger, fibrous-rooted perennials first dig around the 'drip line' then lever the clump up (This is where a strong friend is handy.) You will need to insert two forks back-to-back into the crown, and lever them apart to loosen and break the root mass. A useful tool for dealing with plants like hostas with tough fibrous roots is a really sharp spade or a perennial spade. You may need a knife or a garden saw for the real toughies.





Aim to produce divisions with three to five healthy shoots and some roots. You need to keep the divisions moist in a bucket or box in a cool spot, or re-plant as quickly as possible and water in well - either in the same spot or in a new position. Spread the roots as you replant, and don't overlap. You can also pot them up to build up size, and to share with neighbours.

A few plants flower best when crowded - like crocosmia, dierama and agapanthus, so don't divide these too frequently. A good indicator that the clump needs dividing is if the centre has smaller leaves or is not flowering well. It is best to use divisions from the edges of the clump, which will have more roots, than those from the centre - they will grow faster.



Greener Langford Budville

It was a year ago that we sent out a survey asking all parishioners what they wanted to do to live more sustainably. That was our first "action" covered by a grant from the county to the parish and it kick-started various initiatives. The wildlife and sustainable gardening initiatives have been particularly popular and proved to be a lot of fun as well as useful and informative. The results of the "Environmental Audit" are available on the GreenerLB website but have yet to be presented at an open meeting at the Jubilee Hall. We are waiting on the results of the "Feasibility Study to Reduce Car Use" and then both studies can be presented at the same time. The date of the meeting will be widely publicised once it has been fixed.

Improving Communication and Reducing Food Miles were two other themes explored in the survey last year. As well as the GreenerLB website, various WhatsApp groups have been very successful in improving communication encouraging us to swap unwanted items and keeping us up-to-date. A new, open notice board at the hall will also add to the information exchange. Also, don't forget the GreenerLB launch and parish party last September which was a great success in enabling parishioners to meet each other.

Returning to the **Food Miles** theme, we hope that you will find the **pop-up shop** this April both enjoyable and useful. The prime motivations for the shop are to reduce our food miles and provide a welcoming space to find out what's going on in the village. However, it does have to make enough money to cover its costs! We look forward to reporting on its success or otherwise.

We hope you have also found some of the additional articles published this year useful: such as the information on our parish carbon footprint. The grant from Somerset County Council was just for one year to cover the starting phase of all these initiatives. What we do next as a parish is up to us all .

The Greener LB team <u>www.greenerlangfordbudville.com</u>

The Triangle Project

The Wildflower Area on the Triangle

There's been progress here in the last three months! Introductory strips have been dug and turf removed, (you may have seen Valerie Pitman joining in) to allow flowers to establish themselves among the grass. Places where bramble and nettle were dominant have been cleared, for now. Seedlings in various stages of development are being looked after in various venues around the parish. Some planting has already happened in the strips and around tree trunks, and the good news is that the rabbits haven't eaten it all.



Children from the younger classes of LB school came and sowed seed in the central sections of the strips, and planted primroses. Their enthusiasm was a marvellous reward for volunteers. Thanks to the staff for fitting this in their schedule.

Sadly, some of the large trees in the area will have to be cut down for safety reasons. It will look very different, but we hope that some parts of them will be left on site, and of course replacements are planned already.

Up to now I reckon the volunteer count is about forty people. Marvellous, but always more to do! Mowing rota starts soon!

Christine Loudon

Trees for the Triangle: As spring starts in earnest most activity in the Triangle woods has come to a stop to let things grow and nesting birds have their time.

Following very generous donations by parishioners, the fundraising page for the purchase of saplings for the Triangle has so far reached one third of the target. Many thanks to you all for your generosity! Planting will take place later in the year. If anyone wishes to join in with the project by making a donation, here is the link to follow: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Triangle-Forest-Garden Tim Dyer

A site for a new Jubilee Wood

The plea in the last issue of Round About for a patch of land for a Jubilee Wood has had a welcome and generous response, which means that there is now a strong possibility that the project will go ahead.

The Hendy family of Langford Lakes have a long tradition of contributing to village life. They have now offered the use of about half a hectare of what is currently rough ground near the lane to Bindon House as a possible site for such a wood. Pedestrian access to it would be from the nearby gate initially, but working parties could use the car park and access track through the farm itself. The site would link to an area of Wildlife Trust ancient woodland on the Common.

It's hoped that **The Woodland Trust** will be prepared to advise on and subsidise the planting of a mix of up to 500 wildlife-friendly trees. A grand planting day is envisaged for the autumn – the best time for planting bare-root trees. The plan is to involve as many local children as possible.

The Hendys are also prepared to enter into a **Conservation Covenant** which will ensure the area's future status as woodland and continue its function in the sequestration of carbon. This will help to counterbalance the (above average)

 $\ensuremath{\text{CO}_2}$ emissions from the village into the future.

The village is not generously provided with public spaces for such planting so this is a timely offer and very much appreciated. It would be great if it stimulated a similar response from anyone whose land has gaps between hedges or a woodland corridor ripe for extension.

Ian Loudon and Tryphena Huntingford.

News from the Churches

Church Services Rota

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	First Reading	Second Reading
3 April	11.00 am Holy Communion	Join Langford	Isaiah 43. 16-21	Philippians 3. 4b-14
10 April Palm Sunday	No service	10.30am Lay- led service with palm crosses	Isaiah 50. 4-9a	Philippians 2. 5-11
14 April: Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion Service with 'Stripping of the Altar': 6.00 pm at West Buckland Church			
15 April Good Friday	Non-Holy communion Service 'Way of the Cross Reflections': 2.15 pm at Nynehead Church			
17 April Easter Sunday	10.00am Holy Communion	9.00 am Holy Communion	Acts 10. 34-43	1 Corinthians
24 April	11.00 am: United Benefice Service at Bradford on Tone		Acts 5. 27-32	Revelation 1. 4-8

On Saturday 16 April and Monday 18 April: West Buckland Cream Tea and viewing of the Easter Gardens

Please continue to wear face-coverings at all services.

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Interim Team Rector: Martin Kirkbride 01823 400127

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Benefice Mid-week Holy Communion BCP are held every Thursday at 10.00 am at St Johns Wellington at 10.00 am

Benefice Lent Course at St Johns Church Wellington every Tuesday morning 10am till 12 noon.

Ukrainian Light Lunch and Concert in Aid of Ukrainian Refugees: Tuesday 12th April at 12.30 pm at Bradford-on-Tone village hall.

Concert with Ukrainian light lunch arranged by **St Giles, Bradford on Tone.**Contact churchwarden June Best for more details 01823 461339 or junebest@btinternet.com

News from Runnington Church

Our services in April will be a **Palm Sunday** lay-led service at 10.30am on 10th April, and a **Holy Communion** service on Easter Day 17th April at 9.00am. In May our services will be a lay-led service at 10.30am on 8th May, and a Holy Communion service on 22nd May at 9.00am.

On 5th March our church wardens went along to a meeting of all the church wardens in the Wellington and District Benefice to look at the problem of the financial difficulties in the Diocese. Currently we are in a large benefice, with 13 parishes, and the consensus is that this is too large. However, the central administration for Weddings, Funerals and Safeguarding is valued, along with having support and expertise available when needed, and backup for when a priest is away on holiday or ill. Balancing pastoral commitments with finance and administration is not an easy problem to solve - 'pastoral' should be the first priority... people should come first.

We are currently consulting with our PCC (as are other parishes in the benefice) on whether to split the Wellington benefice into three groups - Wellington Town, East Group and West Group, with each group having a stipendiary priest, while keeping a central administration in Wellington for all three groups. We're also consulting on the ways we connect with communities and reach those who do not come to church.

For those caught up in the conflict in Ukraine the Bishops are being briefed on how churches and communities can respond to their needs. Anglican chaplaincies throughout Europe are doing amazing work in receiving large numbers of those fleeing the war. They are being supported through financial giving via the **USPG Ukraine Emergency Appeal**. Support can also be given through the **Donate via the Diocesan Appeal**. The national church has prepared a toolkit for parishes and individuals seeking to respond to the crisis in Ukraine, which can be found on

https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/war-ukraine-responding.



Notes from St Peters

The Pancake Lunch held by the Friends of St Peters was a great success raising £200 towards the upkeep of the Church. There will be no Soup Lunches for the next few months – a combination of the cooks not being available and clashes with other events. We look forward to starting again later in the year.

Mothering Sunday is being celebrated at Runnington Church this year, and the **Palm Sunday** service on April 10th will also be at Runnington. However, **Palm Crosses** will be available in our Church Porch for those who would like to have one.

On Saturday April 9th St Peters Church is hosting a **Bell Ringing Competition**. This will take place from about 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm. This means our new bell ropes will be put to good use – grateful thanks to those who have donated towards them.

We also would like to thank those who have generously donated to the **Friends of St Peter's** by becoming members this year, or by making one-off donations. This includes a most generous donation from a village family. Funds raised by the Friends are used exclusively for the maintenance of the church fabric, and for improvements like re-ordering to make the church more usable. This is a way that residents can contribute who may not necessarily attend church, but who value the church for its beauty and as a landmark in the village.

As well as our usual service on the first Sunday of April at 11.00 am we will be having a **Holy Communion service** on **Easter Day** at 10.00 am to which all are welcome.

The **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting** will take place on May 1st immediately following the service, which is at 11.00 am. Do come and learn about the workings of the Council and maybe decide to become a member and help with the running of the Church – we are a very small council at present and we are sure there are residents of the village who would like to be involved with keeping our beautiful church open not only for regular worship but also for Christenings, Weddings and Funerals.

Arrangements for celebrating the **Queens Jubilee** are underway and will include the **Posy Competition** (see opposite), **Opening of the Tower**, and a **Quiz**. On the Sunday (June 5th) there will be a service in the Church at 11.00 am, followed by **Bell Ringing**. Details of all the Jubilee events can be found on pages 9 to 11.

Sarah Nutt

The view from St Peter's Church tower





Jubilee Posy Competition

Could you make a posy fit for the Queen?

Have a go in our very own posy competition!

Three Categories: A - Primary school age

B - Secondary school age

C - Adult 18+

Shape: Round, without trailing parts longer than the maximum diameter

Maximum Diameter: 21 cm or 8.3 ins (width of an A4 sheet of paper)

Use any fresh flowers, greenery or dried seed heads. (No dried or artificial flowers.) The posy will be displayed in a standard jam jar (which will not be judged.) It must not fall apart when picked up - so it should be bound securely with string or an elastic band. The secure binding should be concealed, e.g with ribbon or raffia, and this should be above the top of the jar, which may have water in it to keep the posy fresh on display.

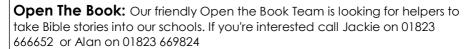
Bring your posy to **St Peter's church** on **Saturday 4 June between 10.00 am and 2.00pm**, along with a sealed envelope containing your name and contact details, and with the category (**A**, **B** or **C**) noted on the outside. The entries will be registered, and put on display that afternoon and on Sunday.

Entries will be judged by a **royal posy maker** from outside the village. The results will be announced at the village lunch and posted on the notice board in the church porch. There will be first, second and third prizes in each category.

Entry is free, though donations to St Peter's will always be welcome.

At the end of Sunday, if participants are willing to donate them, the posies will be presented to residents of local care homes.

Organiser, Laurian Cooper and the PCC.



Open Door is a local charity providing a day centre for people who are homeless and sleeping rough, including those in our rural areas. Our organisation was set up by local churches 20 years ago and retains a strong support from churches and schools in and around Taunton. https://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/news/

Our School:

Books and bear hunts

First of all, I am sorry to say we will be losing a valued member of our school community at the end of term. Mrs Davies has worked at the school for over 20 years. She will be greatly missed by the whole school as she moves on to new adventures.

This term we have enjoyed a couple of visits from members of the emergency services. Vicki Henderson, our local PCSO, gave the children in class 2 a talk about keeping safe on the internet. Simon Nicholls, a local fire fighter, told the children about how to stay safe by minimising risk of fire as well as what to do in the event of a fire emergency.

Here at school we have been as busy as bees: Lucky because we have started to get involved with the **Greener Langford Budville** campaign. Many of you will see our younger children out and about on their weekly "Welly Walk". They often head over to Langford Heathfield. Recently, they met members of the conservation group at the triangle to help with the rewilding project. A huge thanks to Christine Loudon for organising the event. As I write, they have gone on a **Bear Hunt** with Josh Wedderkopp. Hopefully, they won't find too many actual bears around the village.

Class 2 had a fantastic day at **We The Curious** in Bristol – formerly called @Bristol. They have been studying Earth and Space in Science this term so included in the day was a session in the planetarium. The adults said it was their best trip ever – I think the children enjoyed it as well.

At school we celebrated **World Book day** with a week of activities.

We started the week with **Book at Bedtime** – On Monday evening, the children came back to school in their pyjamas and slippers, carrying duvets, teddies and favourite story books. In class 1, Mrs Chidgey had erected a tent for her class to snuggle up in. Everyone

enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate as they read stories together. The following day, everyone went out on a Book Week themed **Welly Walk** – a treasure hunt involving clues to well-known storybook characters.

The end of the week, saw everyone dressed up as a character from their favourite book: The Falloon and Vale family won the prize for most creative family, while Frances, Arya and Alfie won prizes for most creative





costumes. We asked children to show they were "Master of the Book" by talking to their peers about their favourite book. Zachary, Holly and Finlay showed amazing knowledge of their chosen story and had clearly spent time practising their presentations. The final challenge was to create a model in a box that illustrated a particular book. There were some amazing sculptures. We may have some budding Michael Angelos in the school. However, Elliot's and Liam's models were considered the winning entries.



Moira Brown: Acting Head of School Langford Budville Church of England Primary School.

Anglo-Saxon Artwork:

The Class 2 children at the school have been studying the Anglo-Saxons in History, and as part of this they have produced some fantastic artwork: Here is some of it.....







Greener Langford Budville website

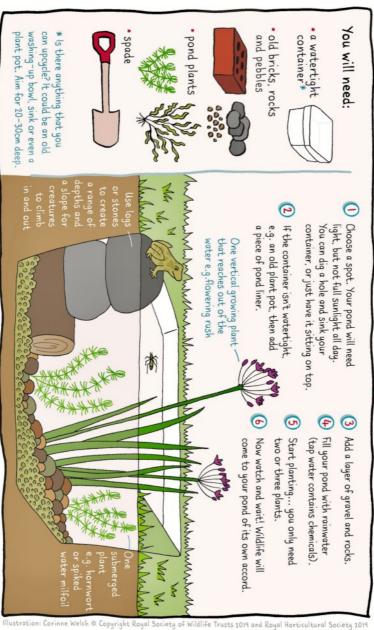
This is easy to find—just google **Greener Langford Budville**. It's a work in progress, but full of ideas. There are links to various WhatsApp groups you can join to reflect your interest, and ideas for ways to get involved in the community and contribute. There's a page offering help with various skills, and one for local businesses.

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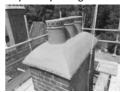




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We are really happy to announce the re-opening of this wonderful pub and are looking forward to becoming part of the fantastic Langford Budville Community.

The Martlet Garden and restaurant are open daily serving our full new food menu and drinks.

Opening hours:

Monday to Sunday 11.00 am to 11.00 pm

Food served Monday to Friday 12.00 to 2.30 pm and 5.00 to 9.00 pm

Saturday: Midday until 9.00 pm

Sunday: Midday until 4.00 pm

We will still offer takeaways during food service times

Booking is not essential, but is advised to ensure that you get a table at your preferred time.

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