



Welcome ...

To the February edition of Round About.

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas this year: the village celebrated with carols at the **Lighting of the Tree** at the Church, and with a display of decorated windows on the theme of the **12 Days of Christmas**.

We seem to have a rather full issue this month, with various initiatives needing coverage, so not too many articles. Do remember to check out the **What's On** table for dates and times. We try to cover all upcoming events in the villages, like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake lunch, and also those nearby that may be of interest. If you know of upcoming events let us know: we'll try and include them.

Our **Parish Council** is looking at sustainability, and how we as a community can work towards reducing our carbon footprint. Their **Sustainability Pledge** can be found on the parish website. The **Greener Langford Budville Conservation Group** and the **Greener Gardening Group** are very much part of that, working with the Parish council to improve biodiversity within the area, particularly with plantings on the **Triangle**. Both groups would welcome new members. We offer some tips on reducing your **Carbon Footprint** since, perhaps surprisingly, our village is well above the average for the country as a whole.

The **Parish Biodiversity Survey** has been completed, and can be found online - we don't have space to publish it all here! It is a record of the current state of biodiversity in our parishes. To get involved please check it out and get in touch. To help you identify and record wildlife in our Parish, remember that there is a 'Library of Things' - trail cameras, moth traps, reptile refugia etc - available for loan through the **Greener Langford Budville** website. And there's a dedicated WhatsApp group for reporting your finds.

The **Jubilee Hall** is also looking to be more sustainable, and will be the site of one of the initiatives - a **pop-up shop** to be offered at weekends during April. And, of course, there is another Jubilee looming - we have a lot of planning going into the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. In the summer we hope to have another stab at an **Open Gardens** day too, having had to cancel the previous one due to the outbreak of Covid.

Christmas is a time of music in **Our Churches**, with some fine local choirs presenting carols and readings around our area. John Houghton introduces us to some of them. His article gives a list of places and times to enjoy really good choral and church music, including in Milverton and Wellington. There's music at **Our School** too - they're having guitar lessons!

We do have our usual features - hints for **Keeping Well**, for using up leftovers in a **Seasonal Treat**, and **Testing your Seeds** before planting to ensure good results in the garden. **Langford Ladies** and the **Friendship Circle** are meeting in person again, and have interesting programmes on offer. New members are welcome.

Saranne Cessford on behalf of the editorial team.

What's On:

Function	Venue	Date	Time
Police Beat Surgeries	Jubilee Hall	Wed. 2 Feb. Wed. 2 March	2.00 to 3.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Jubilee Hall	Mon. 14 Feb. Mon. 14 March.	6.30 pm
Conservation Group workday	The common	Mon. 7 Feb.	Meet 10.00 am
St Peter's Cafe Soup Lunch	St Peter's Church	Wed. 9 Feb.	12.00 to 2.00pm
Friendship Circle: Coffee & Chat & quiz	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 11 Feb.	11.00 am to 12.30 pm
Langford Ladies: Butterfly workshop	Jubilee Hall	Wed. 16 Feb.	7.00 pm
Budvue Cinema: The pebble & the boy	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 19 Feb.	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Conservation Group workday	Triangle	Mon. 21 Feb.	Meet 10.00 am
Friendship Circle: Haynes Motor Museum	Meet Jubilee Hall	Friday 25 Feb.	t.b.c.
Green gardening group: vegetables	Martlet	Mon. 28 Feb.	6.30 pm
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch	St Peters Church	Tues. 1 March	12.00—2.00 pm
Repair Café	Baptist Church Hall Wellington	Sat. 5 March	10.00 am to 12.00
Conservation Group workday	Triangle	Mon. 7 March	Meet 10.00 am
Langford Ladies—Beetle drive	Martlet	Wed. 16 March	t.b.c.
Budvue Cinema: Stillwater	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 19 March	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Parish litter pick	To be confirmed: see RiB for March	Sun. 20 March	t.b.c.
Conservation Group workday	Triangle	Mon. 21 March	Meet 10.00 am









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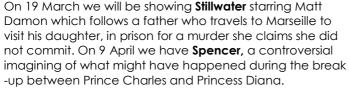
Budvue Cinema

The new season of films presented by Budvue started with **The Courier** starring Benedict Cumberbatch. It was a gripping true story of a British businessman who became involved with the intelligence services during the Cuban missile crisis.

The level of anticipation and suspense was maintained throughout so that there was not a murmur from the audience.

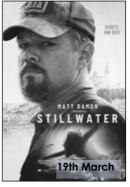
Next month's film, on 19 February is **The Pebble and The Boy:** the story of John Parker who sets out on his dead father's old Lambretta to scatter his ashes at Brighton, spiritual home of the 'Mods'. The film is a celebration of Mod culture and fashion, and features music by Paul

Weller and the Jam. A great soundtrack is coupled with good acting and a nice mix of humour and nostalgia. Come suitably dressed if you wish!



We have started to upgrade the sound system in the hall and hope to have completed this before too long. This will help to improve your enjoyment of the hall. Tim Wyatt and David Brown





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.



Friends of St Peters Church Langford Budville

Invite you to join us for a Pancake Lunch at the Church Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday 1 March



12.00 to 2.00 pm £6.00/adult for 1 savoury and 1 sweet pancake.

All proceeds go toward maintenance of the Church buildings.

News from the Villages:

Langford Budville Parish Council

We have all experienced changes in weather patterns and wildlife – warm winters with little frost, dry summers, deluges of rain that overflow your gutters and blocked drains, or plants flowering earlier than normal. These shifts are being increasingly driven by underlying changes in our climate which, whether we like it or not will become more frequent. Already, in the UK the top ten warmest years have all occurred since 2002.

Somerset has responded by Somerset County Council declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019, followed in 2020 by Somerset West and Taunton Council declaring an ecological emergency. These local policy initiatives and the recent COP 26 has brought sustainability, environmental resilience, carbon and biodiversity to the forefront of the PC's mind. To address this and start 'to do our bit' the PC has agreed a new 'Sustainability Commitment' to help us all work towards a more sustainable parish.

The successful initiation of the **Greener Langford Budville Project** means the parish has already started this journey towards resilience and sustainability in a positive and beneficial way. The PC hopes that its Sustainability Commitment will strengthen this and actively encourage moving towards a more climate resilient and sustainable community. One of our first actions is to support the work of the **Sustainable Gardening** and **Conservation Group** which, as you can read on pp. 10 & 11, are working to create some wildflower areas on the triangle to support and enhance wildlife. This is a wonderful idea which the PC fully supports.

Over the next few months, we will also be looking at how our PC assets and responsibilities can be managed to reduce carbon and to benefit wildlife. This is all work in progress, so do please get in touch with the PC on langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com if you would like to contribute in any way. The full Sustainability Commitment can be viewed on the village website (see Community contacts p. 38) and the PC and Village Hall notice boards.

Three other items we would like to highlight are firstly: a **Household Support Fund** that is available, designed to provide short-term financial support to vulnerable households that are struggling to afford household essentials this winter. Please contact **Citizens Advice Somerset** for more information on 0808 27 87842 or https://hsf.citizensadvicesomerset.org.uk

Secondly: we are also pleased that, after a long pause, the twice-yearly **litter picks** will be starting up again: the first is on **Sunday 20th March** – so please put this date in the diary. Many thanks to all those secret litter pickers who have helped keep our parish beautiful when out and about on walks in the interim.

And finally: from now on, the full minutes of the monthly **Parish Council meeting** can be found at http://www.langfordbudvillevillage.co.uk/meetings.html

Cllr Juliet Shrimpton, on behalf of the Langford Budville Parish council.

Pop-Up Village Shop and café

Customers wanted!

Saturday mornings through April in the Village Hall

The village shop team are delighted to announce a pop-up shop for the parish in April. We will run it over four Saturday mornings to find out what you want from

a shop and to explain how a communityowned shop works. We will be stocking it with a selection of fresh and dry goods to show, in miniature, what you can expect from the real thing! The focus will be on fresh items that you need regularly as well as items to tide you over if you need something unexpectedly. This will include baked goods, dairy and vegetables, all as locally sourced as possible. Come and buy!



The pop-up shop will be in the committee room of the village hall with a few tables set up to operate as a café in the main entrance. There will be members of the team there to discuss regular stock, special order items and to answer questions about a future community shop

We hope this will enable us to guage whether there is enough interest in the project to warrant continuing. If there isn't we will probably abandon any further plans. So if you do want to see a permanent village shop come along and let us know in April.

Help needed!

For the venture to run smoothly, we will need help! Let us know if you can offer:

- Fresh baked cakes to sell in the café
- Volunteer time to serve in the café or in the shop

Look out for details in the next Round About as well as posters around the village.

Tryphena Huntingford

WANTED: Loan of biggish generator 1.3kW+

Would anyone be able to kindly loan a fairly large generator to run power tools at the triangle? The wooden benches and picnic tables need some refurbishment.

If you have one available for a two day loan please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council. langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com

Many thanks. Tim Dyer

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

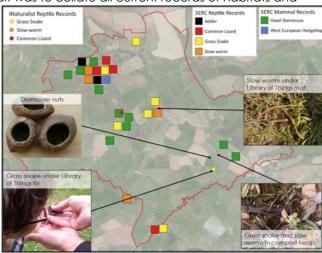
Parish Biodiversity Audit

www.greenerlangfordbudville.com/biodiversityaudit

The aim of the Parish audit was to collate all current records of habitats and

species in our parish.
We don't have space
for more in this edition
of Round About, but
you can find the full
audit on the link above.
Do take a look

The report covers wildlife (mammals, plants, reptiles, birds and amphibians). It also includes a lighting survey, as light pollution has a serious impact on ecosystems.



Overall, the audit shows

that we are lucky enough to live in a diverse part of the country and are part of an important piece in the jigsaw of the larger landscape. However, it would be great to get more people out recording the nature on their doorsteps. You can borrow reptile refugia, trail cameras and other items from the 'Library of things' via the link above.

The hope is that this audit will be a platform to target areas within our parish so we can make "more, bigger, better and joined-up" local habitats.

Hannah Montag



News from the Village Hall

A number of current and former Trustees were on their knees between Christmas and New Year carrying out a deep clean of areas that don't often see the light of day: the storerooms and office spaces – fueled with mince pies and Stollen of course. We also made what we hope to be the final running repairs on the Hall floor before it is covered with a more permanent surface later this year. Outside, gaps in the paving have been regrouted and, as a consequence, we realise that we could improve the drainage on the grass bank alongside the Hall and are seeking quotes to allow this to happen.

Welcome to our new Trustee Alby Anderson who lives at Chipley. Alby has previously been a Trustee of a village hall in another part of the country and has much practical experience to offer us. It will also be good to have better links with the Chipley community.

Activities at the Hall this year are pretty much up to pre-Covid levels. Even table tennis is restarting in February to add to fitness, Pilates, yoga, short mat bowls, art, bridge and dance. Whilst this is a great list we would welcome some amateur dramatics for example – in addition to the school's annual Christmas play. Might there be some thwarted thespians in our community? In addition to Budvue screenings, in December we enjoyed a great night of seriously classy Jazz – one of a monthly series organised by Dudley Edgar.

We are really pleased to host a pop-up village shop in April to see whether the level of interest justifies taking this project forward.

Later in the year we hope to move forward with our new floor and new sound system. We will also look at our carbon footprint in depth.

Finally, I wonder whether there might be any accountants in our community who are prepared to carry out the independent examiner role for the Village Hall. Of course, you don't need to be an accountant to take up the treasurer role on the Trustees which is still very much available.

Michael Huntingford, on behalf of The Village Hall Trustees

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Jubilee Celebrations: 2-5 June 2022

Several celebratory events have moved from the "pencilled-in" stage to the "likely to happen" stage. Lots of people have taken on individual events with many more offering to help. If there's anything in particular that you would like to be involved in, contact the key organiser listed below or any of the events team. An offer of baking a cake or helping decorate the main street etc. would be as welcome as doing the early organising.

All of these 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, which the events team can help with. If you would like to organise further activities not listed below, such as a football match, there is still plenty of time to include them.

Langford Budville Jubilee Trails – Zenah Rowe (<u>zenah1@btinternet.com</u>) has organised a couple of meetings at the pub which have been very fruitful. Two trails are being planned to cover much of the parish, which 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 the Jubilee village hall, with a possibility of refreshments! These 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. Round About is sponsoring the printing costs.

Beacon, Thursday evening – Tim Dyer (<u>timdyer2@hotmail.com</u>) is interested in making this happen. Please contact him if you would like to be involved.

Bell ringing and climbing the church towers – Sarah Nutt is the first point of contact if you would like to be involved in activities at St Peter's Langford Budville. The PCC is organising bell ringing, tours up the tower and also a posy competition. John Houghton is hoping to offer limited access up the rather tight tower at Runnington church. Mike and Laurian Cooper will open their garden opposite St Peter's during the tower tours for drinking water, a loo, a tree quiz, croquet and a mown maze.

Jubilee Tree Planting – Rather than giving a commemorative china mug to each child of the parish, there is a plan to create a lasting legacy by planting a group of Jubilee trees, one for each child. Ian Loudon (<u>Greener.LB.Biodiversity@gmail.com</u>) can organise the trees, can you help with providing the land?

Barn Dance – We are currently sourcing a band for an evening of intergenerational dancing on Friday June 3 at the Jubilee Hall. There will be both live music and a caller so that everyone can join in. The event will be ticketed. Main contact: Josh Wedderkopp LBPlatinumJubilee@gmail.com

Wellisford Duck Race – Theresa Jacoby (tmbjacoby@gmail.com) is leading this bit of fun on the Saturday morning, 4 June. Look out for opportunities to buy a duck.

Big Lunch Street Party – We hope to arrange a road closure on Sunday 5 June to enable us to join the national "Big Lunch". The idea is to provide tables down the middle of the road, lots of street and table decorations and music through the decades. 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. Perhaps the new Jubilee pudding will have an appearance? Main contact: Tryphena Huntingford

Josh, Michael or Tryphena at <u>LBPlatinumJubilee@gmail.com</u>, or <u>tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com</u> 07805512388

	Thursday 2 June	Friday 3 June	Saturday 4 June	Sunday 5 June
Daytime	Jubilee walking trails with refreshments	Bell ringing Church tower tours Croxhall Open Gardens	Wellisford Duck Race **** Jubilee tree planting: Site toc	Big Lunch Street Party 1950s Theme
Evening	Beacon/Bo <mark>nfi</mark> re on the triangle or Church Tower?	Barn Dance	1	72



Tool Amnesty & Legacy

Do you have any gardening tools you would like to donate?

FEB 5TH & 19TH 10AM-12PM WIVEY SQUARE, WIVELISCOMBE

Do you have any unused gardening tools lying around or tools that you have loved but are no longer able to use? We would **love** them! Please bring them down to Wivey

Square and donate them to Wivey Grows.

Conservation and Wildlife

Trees and the triangle wildflowers

We are growing: growing trees and growing in numbers. The bank opposite the Jubilee Hall now has six trees, thanks to cooperation from John and Heather Cottrell and the District Council. In a field above the River Tone, sixteen of us, three of school age, planted 50 trees to enrich the wildlife corridor which runs from Runnington to Harpford and beyond. A very satisfying start to the new year.

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In mid-January, we prepared the ground for what will eventually be a small **wildflower meadow** on the bottom corner of the Triangle.

What we are doing is not just a bit of useful exercise but also a tiny local step towards the vision offered by Cop26. Why not come and join us?

We now meet regularly on the first Monday of the month (and sometimes, as in this month and next, on the third Monday) To join us, come along on the dates in **What's On** or email Greener.LB.Biodiversity@amail.com

A Jubilee Wood?

Planting a **Jubilee Wood** appears in the calendar for the Jubilee Celebrations but the obvious snag is the lack of suitable land. The Woodland Trust are making this offer:

Where 500+ trees are planted as woodland on at least half a hectare, we can help you design your woodland, create a bespoke species mix, supply the agreed trees and tree protection, and cover up to 75% of costs.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF 70 LOCAL CHILDREN COULD PLANT 70 TREES IN A JUBILEE WOOD?

Is there anyone out there who would like to go down in local history as the donor (or even the vendor) of a section of a field (100m x 50m) which could be transformed into





Wildflower Meadow on the Triangle

Valerie Pitman, former Acting Chair of the Parish Council, and resident in the Village for her entire life, turning the first sod on one of the areas for wildflower planting on the Triangle.

The initiative is supported by the Greener Gardening Group, The Conservation Group and the Langford Budville Parish Council. historic woodland? The new government agricultural scheme for **Local Nature Recovery** might help here as well. Two of its aims seem particularly relevant:

- To support and reward people for working together to achieve outcomes
- Adding trees to fields or hedgerows.

Ian Loudon

Triangle Forest Garden

The recent storms have brought down a small willow by the field and also a big part of the oldest tree on the triangle. On a foul weather day, the debris was made safe and cleared up by an intrepid volunteer team, and the footpath nearby is now open again: the brash has been made into a 'dead hedge' and some pruning has been done at the edge of the field to halt the return to scrub.

The plan is now to plant some saplings into appropriate spaces and with this aim the following crowdfunding page is offered. Anyone wishing to participate in the project without necessarily having to wield a strimmer or slasher, would be very welcome to visit this page:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Triangle-Forest-Garden

Tim Dyer

Our Village Agent



Carers Groups make a welcome return!

Carers in Somerset will be delighted to hear that many Carers groups are reopening. In the Taunton area they're in Bishops Lydeard (Mount St), Taunton (Wellsprings Church) and Wellington (Bulford Community Centre).

If you look after someone else - family, friend or neighbour, our Carers hub (www.somersetcarers.org) is packed full of support, activities and training.

Not sure if you are a Carer? Call our advice line and make sure you have the right support for you and the person you look after! 0800 31 68 600 or text 'Carer' to 78070. Ask your Village Agent for information and ideas on supporting the person you care for so you can get to take a break and attend a group.

Can't get to a Carers group? Wiveliscombe Talking Café is open again on Wednesdays for help and advice, www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/

Cat Sweatman: Our Village agent

Tel: 01823 331222 : Mobile: 07746 340546 ; Email: cat@somersetrcc.org.uk

Greener Gardening Group

There was a good turnout of about 20 people in the function room of the Martlet on November 30 2021 for our meeting focusing on compost. Our speaker Adam Robbins, a professional ecologist and keen gardener, gave us plenty to think about. There was also an introduction to hot composting for those not familiar with the system, and Sarah managed to bring her bin (empty! clean!) into the pub to show us.

The next meeting is planned for **Monday 6.30 pm 28 February in the Martlet** again, but obviously this will depend on Covid restrictions at the time. Our topic will be **vegetables** – what would you like to know about them? How can growing them make our lifestyles more sustainable?

An outdoor visit alternative might be on offer even in February, and certainly later in the year we hope to organise some garden visits. Suggestions always welcome.

Christine Loudon Sarah Warner Jackie Milsom

Village Open Gardens

June 2022

The Round About team have decided to re-run the Open Gardens charity event that was planned for Summer 2020 but was curtailed by Covid, like so much else.

Thank you very much to those who have offered to open their gardens this summer. We currently have a dozen or so gardens across the two villages for our **Open Gardens Weekend**, with room for more if you are thinking of joining in. There is every reason to be optimistic that nothing will stop us this time! We have two locations for tea and cake, one each in Langford Budville and Runnington but both will require offers of baking and help on the day. Do please offer!

During lockdown Round About published a virtual 'open gardens', and you may remember how lovely some of these gardens were! So, we hope you'll be able to visit for real this time.

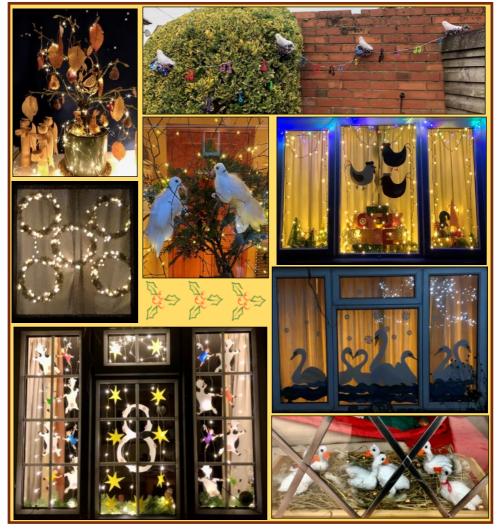
Please let us know if you would also like to open your garden or help during the weekend. The Round About address is lbr.roundabout@gmail.com or text 07805 512388. The most likely weekend is **25/26 June** but confirmation of the date and other details will be in future issues of Round About.

Tryphena Huntingford

The 12 Days of Christmas

Residents of Butts Lane and in the village took on a challenge to decorate their windows to illustrate the **12 Days of Christmas**. Some real creativity and imagination were evident, and everyone had a different approach. The windows came on stream from 6 December - one each night - and on 19 December we invited the village to walk together to view the windows and have a glass of mulled wine. There was a good turnout on the night! Some of the windows appear below - apologies to any that didn't make it - not all my photos came out well. Some will go into the collage.

Saranne Cessford



Living Well: Keeping Well: colds & flu

Elecampane honey is a great anti-microbial.

Now is a good moment to make elecampane honey to use either in a general cough and cold remedy or on its own. The root is aromatic with a powerful taste, a bit reminiscent of old-fashioned sweets. It is anti-microbial and very soothing to the respiratory system as well as helping with a sluggish



digestion and a general lack of energy.

Cut the fresh root into 5mm slices or cubes and half fill a jam jar. Top up the jar with runny honey and leave for a minimum of two weeks before using. You can just use the honey or, for a bigger kick, chew one of the pieces of root. Enough cleaned root from Harpford Herbs (07805512388) for a 1lb jar costs £5 with free delivery within the parish and an empty jar if you need one. A piece of split crown ready for rooting costs £2 which will grow into a beautiful, 2m tall, flowering perennial and provide you with all the root you will ever need. Avoid using elecampane in pregnancy.

Elderberry syrup is a great antiviral:

Elderberry is anti-viral and a "winter" syrup makes a good hot cordial with the addition of clove, cinnamon or cardamom spices. We will try to remember to publish a recipe in the August edition when the berries are ready!

We all need a Hot Toddy when we are full of cold.... Here's a recipe

Generous Teasp runny honey; Teasp fresh lemon juice; Teasp fresh ginger root chopped into three or four chunks; Two sprigs fresh thyme.

Add hot water, leave to brew and remove thyme before drinking.

As you start to get better add a splash of whiskey if you are feeling up to alcohol.

Tryphena Huntingford & Jane Hancock



Our School

Christmas in school is always an exciting time. We had hoped that COVID restrictions would have been eased by then, but the arrival of Omicron meant our plans had to be modified. Despite the situation, the children managed to celebrate in style.

Our Nativity play, **It's a Miracle!** was staged at the Jubilee hall. Since an audience was not possible, we filmed the show and shared the Oscar winning production with families. Bella Chidgey, our class 1 teacher, was director and cinematographer, while Tim Wyatt gave his time generously to provide sound and lighting.

When it became clear that a carol service at the church was not going to be possible, we relocated to the playground. We had a really special afternoon with children and parents standing, socially distanced, around a beautiful Christmas tree, donated by Langford Lakes, singing carols and songs from the Nativity play.

We had a whole school collective worship for the first time since the pandemic started, when Rev. Richard and Bob House came to share the Christmas story. Rev Richard, who had been a physicist before becoming ordained, fascinated the children with his knowledge about light. Bob House linked the science to Jesus being the light of the world and the comfort we can get from knowing he

is always with us. Later in the week, after a Christmas dinner with crackers, Father Christmas visited and left all the children gifts.

Some of the school have **guitar lessons** with James Eady. James organised a concert by the guitarist for class 2 at the end of term. Our school concert before Christmas included pop and rock classics from Coldplay, Oasis and REM. Staff and children were humming along!

Returning to school after the holidays, we faced increasing COVID levels and quickly had to increase our precautions. However, everyone celebrated when it started to snow! We hoped for more but the children made the most of the chance for a bit of snowball throwing!

You may see class 1 out and about on their weekly "Welly Walks". Class 2 are taking advantage of these cold, cloudless nights to enjoy their stargazing homework as they are studying Earth and Space in science. We are hoping to visit the planetarium at We The Curious in Bristol later in the term to enhance their scientific investigations.

Moira Brown

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

Friendship Circle

We enjoyed our coach trip to Saltram near Plymouth, in spite of it being a gloomy day: the ground floor of this NT house had been

"dressed" with lights and decorations to show the story of "The Nutcracker" and we were also able to explore outside and enjoy what the cafes had to offer! A few days later, a small group of us went to a carol concert at Hestercombe in which the Taunton Military Wives Choir and Taunton Concert Band performed some well-known carols and other pieces. Most of us managed to sing along through our masks!

Our Christmas party was the last meeting of the year; Duncan & Roger led us in a singalong and Maggie's catering did us proud! This was followed by our grand Christmas raffle. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this possible. Our first meeting this year was a coffee and chat which was very well attended.

The next meetings are:

Feb 11th - Coffee, Chat & quiz Feb 25th - Trip - Haynes Motor Museum (time tba)

All meetings are 11 am - 12.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall (unless otherwise stated).

Happy new year!

Pam Farr

Langford Ladies

January's Langford Ladies was our annual meal and meeting to discuss and plan events for the upcoming year. It was a good turnout with 23 of us at the village hall, and Margaret arranged for a two-course meal to be supplied by Stefan Warwick – who used to run the bakers in Lancer Court. My choices of stuffed chicken breast and sticky toffee pudding were very good.

After dinner thoughts moved on to planning next year's events, and thanks to Lynne who directed proceedings, we now have a cracking line-up for the year ahead. From a tour up the **monument** and **bluebell walk at Otterford Lakes** in May, outdoor **giant games** in July, a **barbecue** in August to a talk on **Antarctica** by Saranne in November, plus much more.

It all kicks off on 16 February with a butterfly workshop organised by Laurian. We will be making paper butterflies to raise awareness for a very good cause – **Reminiscence Learning** – a forward-thinking charity in Wellington who support those with dementia and their carers, providing help, activities and reminiscence. They will form part of a huge exhibit in the Alan Rogers Centre at Wellington School.

Thank you to Margaret and all the helpers for organising a great evening and we look forward to the year to come.

Jane Hancock

Green Fingers: Testing your Seeds

I am now at the beginning of the fourth year of my veg growing obsession. At the beginning of my second year I was advised to buy Franchi seeds. They have on the whole been a very good choice; very productive and you get loads of seeds in each packet. However, in March last year my borlotti bean germination was really hit or miss even though the previous year had gone without a hitch.

I eventually gave up and bought a new packet. These were much more successful, but I had lost precious time at the beginning of the growing season.

This year I was feeling a little apprehensive as many of my seeds are yet another year older. Even though I have stored the packets taped up in an airtight container in a dark cool room, they may not be viable any longer. Then I stumbled across an RHS article from January 2021 that said one of January's jobs is testing your seeds; sowing a few now to see if they germinate.

Brilliant I thought, I will know if they are viable, and I will also get to pacify my desire to see something emerging out of a bit of mud!

So, I have placed a few seeds from each packet into a small pot of seed compost, watered them, covered them with cling film (to retain moisture) and placed in a warm room. I am hoping that as long as the temperature doesn't drop too much at night, they are kept damp, and there are enough seeds in each test pot (at least three to give them a chance) I will get a good idea whether I need to replace any of them.



Such a simple idea, that will hopefully give me some stress-free germination in the months to come.

The only problem will be throwing these young seedlings out. I know if I let them grow this early, they will be weak and ultimately unrewarding so I must be disciplined, chuck them out and wait another month or two before the games begin.

Jane Hancock



Greener Langford Budville

Practical steps to reduce our carbon footprint

In the October/November edition we reported that Langford Budville's annual carbon footprint is almost double the national average: 24.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide († CO_2) per household compared with 13.1 – staggering! Our footprint for food, goods and services is 1.5 times bigger, our footprint for travel is twice the average and, for housing, our average is triple! Because we live away from the town and its easier access to services, these high numbers reflect our high reliance on fossil fuels for travelling and heating as alternatives are harder to access. However, there are actions we can take and we can collectively find ways to make it easier and more enjoyable to change. Clearly, we need to take action!

Juliet Shrimpton has put together some (probably familiar) pointers on ways to get our numbers down. The big hitters are going to be for projects that come along once in a while but are hugely worth considering and often have grants attached. Roof insulation, heat pumps and solar panels are all huge wins. Contact the parish council if you need help in accessing advice on any of these. Also, making your next car an electric or smaller one or swopping to a bicycle (fully pedal or electric) will make a massive difference.













We all know about trying not to be energy wasteful - see the infographic for useful prompts. However, there are three things that can make a particularly big difference and knock more than a tonne of carbon dioxide off each household's footprint:

- turning down the thermostat by one degree
- "recycling" everything you possibly can
- reducing your meat / dairy consumption

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

It remains a conundrum that boosting the economy by buying things has direct negative impacts on the environment. Perhaps we have reached "peak stuff" and we'll all move away from endless shopping! The next **Repair Café** in Wellington is March 5, 10 am -12 pm in the Baptist Church Hall. It's a great way to prolong the life of favourite objects.

The parish "**Trash to Treasure**" WhatsApp is a fun and very successful way of recycling just about anything. Items that have been snapped up in the last few weeks include: demi-johns, willow canes, stationary, children's toys, a BBQ and furniture. Contact Josh on <u>Greener.LB.Info@gmail.com</u> to join.

The new kerbside recycling boxes have been a boon, though buying your food without the packaging saves the energy of both making and recycling the packaging. The "but" in this case is to reduce the packaging in a way that doesn't result in more food waste. The advent of a community village shop will reduce our need to travel and make it possible to buy very locally produced food without excess packaging. Good luck to that project.

Upping the veg

We are lucky to live in an area which produces high-welfare meat and dairy produce, often with low imported inputs. However, there is no doubt that a diet high in vegetables is good for you and lowers that pesky carbon footprint. Eating vegetarian meals is an ever-more attractive option as we learn new recipes. If you have great vegetarian or vegan recipes to share or would like to run or attend a vegetarian cooking club, please let us know and we can help organise it. Also, send in recipes to Round About for publication.

Juliet Shrimpton, Tryphena Huntingford

News from the Churches

Music in our Churches

In the Times Weekend Supplement on 15 January under "27 easiest ways to lift your mood" number 26 was "Belt out a tune". "Sing in the shower or car, or wherever you can. It makes you feel happier, more alert and energised, as networks of neurons on both sides of our brain are activated when we sing. Especially when you do it in a group, according to a study by the University of East Anglia".

There was quite a bit of varied group singing within the Wellington Group over the Christmas period. As well as our church services, there were carol services in St Johns Wellington, Nynehead, Bathealton, West Buckland, Rockwell Green, Sampford Arundel and Thorne St Margaret. Then Epiphany carols at St Johns Wellington and at Runnington. But what does a church do when it doesn't have a resident choir to lead the singing and decides it wants some support for the congregation or to have some choir-only singing as well?

John Young plays the organ at St Johns Wellington, and is also the Director of Music, with Simon Forrester as organist, of *In Ecclesia*, an auditioned choir of about 30 singers who sing Sunday Choral Evensongs in local churches, and on holiday weekends in cathedrals around the country. They meet for rehearsals on Thursday evenings in term time in St Andrews Wiveliscombe. Among their 2022 commitments are Evensong to mark the Queen's Accession at St Michaels Milverton (6 February), Evensong and Eucharist at Chichester Cathedral (26 and 27 February), and Evensong and Eucharist at Worcester Cathedral (29 and 30 October).

It was John who was behind a number of **Christmas** and **Epiphany** carol services. At St Johns Wellington on 9 January *In Ecclesia* sang a Meditation for Epiphany "Travellers, Gifts and New hope". It was a well-attended and very moving service of carols, readings and narrations including choir-only carols by Benjamin Britten, Will Todd, Eric Whitacre, Peter Cornelius ("Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar") and Morten Lauridsen ("O Magnum Mysterium" – you'd recognise it when you hear it: it's often played on Radio 3 and Classic FM).

Members of In Ecclesia also formed the base for other, smaller, choirs in carol services in Thorne St Margaret (rumbustious carols in an open barn), at Runnington for Epiphany (choir-only carols included "I Heard the Bells" (a real earworm carol); "The Wise Men and the Star"; "In the Bleak Midwinter"; and an accompanied reading of TS Elliot's Journey of the Magi. Also (unaccompanied) AA Milne's King John's Christmas ("King John was not a good man, he had his little ways...). And of course, in all these carol services, plenty of participation singing for all attending.

Looking ahead, here are three choral events to look out for - all very different.

In Ecclesia are singing in a service of Evensong in **St Michaels Milverton** to mark the Queen's Accession on Sunday 6 February at 4pm.

Church Services Rota

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	First Reading	Second Reading
6 February	11.00 am Holy Communion	Join Langford	Isaiah 6. 1-8 (9-end)	1 Corinthians 15. 1-11
13 February	No service	10.30am Lay-led service	Jeremiah 17. 5-10	1 Corinthians 15. 12-20
20 February	No service	No service	Genesis 2. 4b-9.15-end	Revelation 4
27 February	Join Runnington	9.00 am Holy Communion	Exodus 32. 29-end	2 Corinthians 3. 28-36

Please note that mask wearing is mandatory at all services.

East Group church contact: Revd Alan Ellacott—01823 669824

Interim Team Rector: Martin Kirkbride 01823 400127

Wellington Choral Society (many of whose members sang in the glorious Sing for Somerset Carol Service in Wells Cathedral on 11 December, with 90 singers and an orchestra) are performing the **Armed Man – A Mass for Peace** by Carl Jenkins and the **Faure Requiem** in St Johns Wellington on 26 March at 7.30pm.

And **Milverton Concert Society's** 2022 programme includes **Voces 8**, an a cappella/unaccompanied octet which has performed at many notable venues in its 15-year career, including Wigmore Hall, Tokyo Opera City, Sydney Opera House and now... Wiveliscombe! It's at \$t Andrews Church Wiveliscombe on Saturday 14 May.

Wellington Choral Society also have plans for a singing/social day in Langford Budville in June (TBC) and no doubt John Young has other plans for musical events in our local churches during 2022. Watch this space: and of course, if you are interested in "lifting your mood" by joining In Ecclesia or Wellington Choral Society (though perhaps not Voces 8) do have a look at their websites.

John Houghton

www.inecclesia.org.uk www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk



'Carols in the Barn' at Thorne St Margaret

News from Runnington Church

After the Christmas services (a lovely **Christingle service** on 19th December and a **Christmas Morning Holy Communion** service) we had our **Epiphany Carol** service on 2nd January, put together by Rebecca Osborne and John Young.

John played the organ, we had a choir of twelve, some glorious choral singing, poems by AA Milne and Godfrey Rust, readings from Isaiah and Matthew 2, and mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

Looking forward into February and March, our services will be on 20 February (lay-led), 27 February (Holy Communion) and 27 March. There will be no lay-led service in March.

John Houghton

Notes from St Peters

Our first Soup Lunch of the year was enjoyed by a lively group of parishioners and our **February Soup Lunch** will be on the 9th from midday until 2pm. In March we have our **Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday** - the 1st of March - so there will be no Soup Lunch that month.

Our service will be on the 6th February, the first Sunday of the month to which all are welcome.

Plans are underway for the **Queens Jubilee** including the bells being run, the tower open, a posy competition, a quiz in the maze at Croxhall, and a celebratory service on the Sunday. All this has to be coordinated with the village celebrations and further details will be available nearer the time.

Sarah Nutt

St Peter's Café

2nd Wednesday of the month: 12.00 to 2,00 pm

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Foodbank:

The Foodbank will be opening as a drop-in Centre during normal opening hours 1.30-2.30 pm, where coffee and cake will be provided free of charge. So, if you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know. Steve Jenkins is now a Foodbank Trustee for Wellington.

Pastor Steve Jenkins. Tel: 01823 665622 Mob 07740 555105

Open The Book: Our friendly Open the Book Team is looking for helpers to take Bible stories into our schools. If you're interested call Jackie on 01823 666652 or Alan on 01823 669824

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/

Christmas Tree Lighting Event Saturday 4th December 2021

Due to the ever-changing Covid situation **The Friends of St. Peters** "um'd and ah'd" just before the annual tree lighting event - do we go ahead? Do we provide refreshments? Would

families come? Too late to cancel we went ahead and we needn't have worried. Families came, carols were sung, children made bell decorations and the winners of their competition were excited to switch on the tree lights. It was a wonderfully uplifting community event!

Thank you to all who made it so special; to Duncan who with his usual professionalism, orchestrated the event enthusiastically,

the Friends for providing delicious festive refreshments, mulled wine and hot chocolate, Keith, Tim and John for collecting and erecting the tree and the Church for providing the power to keep the lights switched on through the festive period. Once again, our thanks to Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm for their donation of the tree - as always, the lit tree was a really special sight to greet us.

Lynne Moore







Top: The church Nativity
Above Left: Turning on the lights
Right: Carols in the church

Seasonal Treats: Leftover Turkey Pie

This is a really tasty recipe that is actually for leftover turkey but it works well with cooked chicken too. It came with the Christmas turkey one year and now exists on hand-written scraps of paper so we are unsure of its origins.

Pastry, even the bought variety, hates me and I in turn hate it, but this recipe is so simple even I succeed. I usually make individual pies, but I have also made a bigger pie for two, you just need to leave it in the oven a bit longer for all the pastry to go golden.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil
- Knob of butter
- 1 medium onion chopped finely
- 8 rashers unsmoked streaky bacon cut into small pieces
- 250g chestnut mushrooms sliced
- 400g leftover turkey or chicken
- 2 cloves of garlic crushed
- 2 sprigs thyme (leaves only)
- 1 tbsp brandy
- 100 ml of turkey/chicken stock
- 150 ml double cream
- 150g Stilton cheese crumbled
- 375g Pack of ready rolled puff pastry
- 1 eaa beaten

Method

- Add the oil to a large frying pan and cook the bacon over a medium heat until crispy. Remove the bacon from pan and set aside.
- Add the butter and onion to the pan and cook over a low heat until the onion is softened.
- Turn up the heat and add the mushrooms and garlic for 1-2 minutes.
- Add the bacon back in and lower the heat.
- Add the chicken/turkey and thyme and cook for 2 minutes.
- Add the brandy and allow to bubble for 1 minute.
- Add the stock and cream and warm through.
- Divide the mixture into 4 pie dishes.
- Unroll the pastry, cut out pieces slightly bigger than the top of the pie dishes.
- Wet the rim of the pie dishes with water and place the cut-out pastry on top
 of the dish, pressing down the edges.
- Cut a small hole in the middle of the pastry lid to allow steam to escape.
- Brush the pastry lid with beaten egg.
- Cook for 20-30 minutes in an oven at 180°C until the pastry is golden.

Serve with green vegetables.

Jane Hancock



BT/USO Broadband Update

Many of you may have seen the Openreach vans about recently, which have been connecting some of the properties in our parish with faster broadband under the BT/USO scheme. Openreach connected our house just before Christmas and we are delighted with the faster speeds having previously limped along with about 1 Mbps.

However, there is a caveat. A number of people are having problems keeping their landlines. Even though a landline may have been ordered along with their new fibre deal,



Openreach at work in Langford Budville

they are being cut off physically or electronically and, in some cases, cut off before they even receive their fibre connection. Whether you have ordered an internet-based phone (VoIP) or wish to keep your copper wire-based landline there may be issues.

Our landline was cut off shortly after the Openreach engineer finished connecting us to the broadband, even though we had been assured we could keep our phone line. We then had to wait nearly two weeks before it was reinstated.

So, my advice is check and double check with BT and Openreach regarding your order and if that still fails, this website gives good advice on who to contact https://www.exbtengineers.com/complaints-bt/ (go to the "complaints BT" blog under the BLOGs tab).

If you are not eligible for the BT USO scheme don't forget to register with Airband, who should be coming to our area sometime this year.

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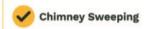
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