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*Can we repair the church clock? See page 22*

*We would love more occasional and regular*

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# Welcome

August is a most curious month with several regular events paused and a whiff of annual Summer holiday on the air. For those not travelling, you can get a taste of foreign joys with Spanish lessons running through August. I have tried to flag up when regular events have re-timetabled for August. We also have a few book reviews on page 14 for reading ideas for those leisure moments. Fiona's recent trip on the West Somerset Railway is an advertisement for the potential for wonderful local trips. However, I ran out of room for details of further inspiration offered by the new local bus service—next issue.

Looking forward to September, Budvue and Café Plus are both returning. See pages 12-13 for details of the Wildlife Corridor activities at the next Café Plus. Josh has also set up a pub meeting on September 5 to talk about renovating the church clock.

Five new ads: Awgars Garden Maintenance, Holywell Tea Rooms, Gibbins Richards Lettings, Rebecca Richards Massage Therapy and Spanish Lessons

*Tryphena Huntingford and the Round About team*

*Inside cover photos are of Tom's Biocentric garden enjoyed on a trip by GGG. (Apologies for failing on numerous occasions through the magazine to sort out the photo attributions.)*

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# What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Fri 1 August	Friendship Circle: Sidmouth Trip		
Tues 5 August	Spanish Lessons for Beginners	Jubilee Hall	12—1 pm
Mon 11 August	Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Hall	6.30pm
Tues 12 August	Spanish Lessons for Beginners	Jubilee Hall	12—1 pm
Wed 13 August	Police beat surgery	Jubilee Hall	2—3 pm
<b>Wed 13 August</b>	<b>Jazz Night</b>	<b>Jubilee Hall</b>	<b>7 for 7.30pm</b>
Fri 15 August	Friendship Circle: Summer buffet	Jubilee Hall	11am-12.30pm
Tues 19 August	Spanish Lessons for Beginners	Jubilee Hall	12—1 pm
Wed 20 August	Langford ladies: Summer tea	Jan's House	4pm
Tues 26 August	Spanish Lessons for Beginners	Jubilee Hall	12—1 pm
Fri 29 August	Friendship Circle: Speaker	Jubilee Hall	11am-12.30pm

## Tuesdays and Thursdays No. 27 Bus to Wiviliscombe and Wellington—details awaited

*\* Below are weekly events held at the Jubilee Hall. This list is not exhaustive so please check for further details at: [lbjubileehall.com](http://lbjubileehall.com)*

*Tuesday	Pilates	11.30-12.30pm
*Wednesday	Tai chi and Qigong	1.30-2.30pm
*Wednesday	Short Mat Bowls	10-midday
*Wednesday	Bridge	1-3.30pm
*Wednesday	Art Class	10am-12pm
*Wednesday	Ladies Boxing Fitness	6-7pm
*Fridays	Dancercise	9.30-10.30am



## Farewell

Tim and Jill Seddon reluctantly left Bindon Cottage (the old gardener's cottage tucked away beyond Bindon House) at the end of May after many decades. They held their wedding reception there in 1989, and raised their daughters there, attending LB primary school.

They remember the old hippy organic days with Leary at Bindon Home Farm, the Smalls living without a car at Bindon House, and the heady days of Bindon Country House Hotel with helicopters, weddings and Shakespeare on the croquet lawn.

However, Tim and Jill have not moved far, and intend to keep up with their friends, activities and visits to Langford Budville. They look forward to their new home and adventures in Wellington.



*Tim and daughters with Bindon Cottage in the background, about 1995*



At the Hall, Trustees have agreed to spend funds on two capital projects:

- \* to pave the outside area behind the building so that this can be used more flexibly; and
- \* to install solar panels on the roof together with a battery in the boiler room so that bills are reduced and the Hall is less exposed to volatile energy costs. With this work we also plan for the Hall to provide emergency power to the community in the event of grid outages.

We are also really pleased that Pat Webb and Ellen Williams have started to take over the job of administering bookings and invoices from Margaret Brown who has done this so competently for many years.

*Michael Huntingford*

# LB Parish Council Update

## Road Traffic Options

Road traffic invariably creates untold problems from speeding, congestion, emissions etc., but it is a necessary evil to allow us to live our lives with the mobility we often crave. Unfortunately, an unintended consequence has been a number of incidents where large HGV's have found themselves in wholly inappropriate places in both Runnington and Langford Budville causing damage to hedges and residents' properties.

For some time we have, with the invaluable help of Somerset Councillor David Mansell, been in direct discussion with the County's traffic management team to try to eradicate these problems. We recently received a communication from the TM team, which I have broken down into headlines to show the many actions that are being submitted to the appropriate Council departments:

1. Install two "unsuitable for HGV signs" - a lorry symbol with line through- on the Runnington junction of the B3187, and the village hall junction along Langford Common Road, plus improved width restrictions signage.
2. Refresh all faded lining in Langford Budville, including yellow bar markings, roundels, slows and junctions.
3. Upgrade school signage by the flashing warning lights.

I hope you all agree this is a big step forward, which has taken almost nine months of persistence to get the necessary agreement.

I'm sure you remember that we sought the views of our residents regarding whether we should introduce a 20's plenty scheme. The overwhelming feeling was that this would be desirable, and the outcome of that survey can be seen in our community now. The main issue with any such scheme is it is advisory only, however, we have begun discussions with the County Council to see if it is possible to make the 20mph speed limit official. We understand there will be a cost involved. We will look to move forward if it is felt to be financially achievable.

Also, we are beginning to look at possible improvements to the B3187 Wivey Road for better speed management, primarily near the children's play area. We will update you once we have more news on the subject.

*Derek Sowden, Chairperson*

# Stitch Together

Stitch Together had a day out to Exmouth in July. We arrived in time to have brunch at Bumble and Bee before visiting the Fabric Shop and then onto the Yarn Shop in the indoor market. Supplies were purchased for a range of projects including lamp shades, crochet whippets, blinds, jeans and dresses. Some of the party then went for a quick paddle in the sea and continued on to the Oak Barn to look at sofas, wooden horses and have tea and cakes before returning home. A very enjoyable and productive day all round. We are planning another outing to Heathcoats in Tiverton at some point.

Stitch together will return in September on Thursday afternoons at 3pm in the Jubilee Hall conference room for creating, chat and a cuppa. Everyone welcome, whatever your project may be. If you would like to come just pop along, £5 per session or email Ali, [alisonjoyeland@gmail.com](mailto:alisonjoyeland@gmail.com), if you have any questions.



*Jane Hancock*

# Friendship Circle

At our meeting on 4th July we welcomed the gynaecological oncologist Dr. David Milliken from Musgrove Hospital. The setting up of the Somerset post-menopausal bleeding self-referral scheme, the first of it's kind in the country, has been a great success. Wellington Cottage Hospital has been chosen as one of seven cottage hospitals in the county to have a specialist clinic. People registered with a GP can contact this service online or by phone and this has enabled waiting times to see a specialist drop from 63 to 5 days. Dr Milliken also touched on other aspects of cancer care such as the emotional impact for the patient and their family. The discussion also covered the current problems facing the NHS such as funding, staffing and the impacts of increasing obesity.

This was a sobering but much needed and informative talk as all members of a family are often affected by a patients' cancer diagnosis and we were left feeling much more hopeful about what could happen to us should we be impacted in the future.

## Future meetings

1st August	Sidmouth Festival Trip.
15th August	Summer buffet
29th August	Speaker - Peter Gill on Noel Coward
12th September	Speaker F.E.Burroughs on humorous monologues
26th September	Charity coffee morning



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

The £2 entry includes one raffle ticket

*Barbara Hughes*

The **Art Group** meets every Wednesday in the village hall committee room; 10.00 - 12.00. We pay £4 which covers hire cost and tea/coffee/biscuits. If anyone would like to know more, please email Pam at [pjayfarr@gmail.com](mailto:pjayfarr@gmail.com)



# Considerate parking-again!

We are having increasing safety issues, particularly with school related parking at Swifts and the area immediately surrounding the school. It was brought to our attention that the local PCSO Victoria isn't receiving any/many official complaints, reports of illegal parking and requests for a presence during school drop off and collection times. It's been made apparent that it is important to record and report those incidents and issues so that Victoria can better serve the community by allocating her time and having sufficient evidence to act in a legal capacity.

As has been mentioned in previous editions, we are very concerned about emergency access and the safety of the residents and school children due to obstructions caused by poor parking.

We would like to encourage residents to come forward and report to Victoria ( [Victoria.Henderson@avonandsomerset.police.co.uk](mailto:Victoria.Henderson@avonandsomerset.police.co.uk) Tel 07889659476 ) ideally with pictures, any issues they are facing relating to poor and illegal parking, such as parking on the foot paths, vehicles causing obstructions, parking on the yellow markings around the school, so that she can hopefully take action and improve the situation for all residents.

*Zoë & Mark Beasley*



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The latest listing from our film provider Moviola has just arrived so we have yet to finalise our schedule for the autumn. It is likely that our selection will be from Mr Burton (the story of Richard Burtons early days starring Harry Lawtey, Toby Jones and Lesley Manville ) , Black Bag (a spy thriller starring Cate Blanchett and Michael Fassbender) , The Penguin Letters ( from an autobiographical book by an inspirational teacher starring Steve Coogan and Jonathan Pryce ) , Four Letters of Love ( a romantic drama starring Helena Bonham Carter and Pierce Brosnan ) and possibly The Salt Path (based on the controversial memoir by Raynor Winn starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs ) if it becomes available. **The first film night will be on 20 September.** More details will be advertised when the schedule is confirmed.

*Tim Wyatt*

## No-stir Courgette Risotto

### Ingredients

250g Risotto rice  
100g Parmesan cheese grated  
Juice of one lemon  
1 medium onion chopped  
700ml stock  
2 medium/large courgettes  
Tablespoon olive oil  
Torn basil leaves



### Method

Heat the oven to 200 degrees (fan 180)

Slice one courgette, brush with oil and arrange in a single layer on baking tray and cook in oven for about 20 - 25 minutes until cooked and just starting to brown.

Meanwhile soften the onions in oil in an ovenproof dish.

Grate the second courgette and add to the onion for a couple of minutes stirring.

Add the rice and fry for a minute stirring.

Add the lemon juice and stock and bring to the boil.

Put in the oven with the lid on for 20 minutes, stirring once halfway through.

Add Parmesan and stir through.

Replace lid and leave to stand for 5 minutes.

Add baked courgette slices to the top with some basil and serve.

*Jane Hancock*

## Courgette Fritters

### Ingredients

500 g Courgettes

½ tsp salt

40g plain flour

½ tsp baking powder

20g fine polenta or cornmeal

4 spring onions

2 eggs beaten

Nutmeg

100g feta cheese or parmesan

15g fresh herbs (dill, basil, parsley)

A good pinch of chilli flakes (optional)

Olive oil for frying



A colourful moment at Harpford  
Herb Physic Field and three  
images from LB Wildlife  
WhatsApp Group



Inquisitive (and possibly hungry pony)  
Photo by Laurian Cooper



## Method (Fritters cont.)

Grate the courgettes coarsely and sprinkle with salt.  
Set aside for 20 mins

Mix the flour, baking powder and cornmeal in a large bowl

Finely chop the spring onions

When the 20 mins is up, place the courgettes in a clean tea towel and squeeze out all the liquid.

Add to the bowl with the flour.

Add the remaining ingredients and stir well.

Form into flatish burger patties

Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry the patties for 5 mins on each side or until golden brown and crispy.

Serve with a green salad and a squeeze of lemon (or sweet chilli sauce, if that's your desire!)



*Fiona Barber*



## SUMMER SOCIAL

Monday, August 4th 6.30 to 9 pm

Sylvia and Philip Gothard have kindly offered to host us.

Havilands

Gudenhams

Langford Budville

TA21 0QR

(Follow signs at end of lane)

All members are invited and do bring one guest

This is a bring and share party. RSVP by July 31st to Pam Langton

[pmlangton49@icloud.com](mailto:pmlangton49@icloud.com) or WhatsApp Pam on 07518903872

indicating if you can bring a savoury or dessert. Soft drinks provided. BYO beer or wine.

Hope you can join us.



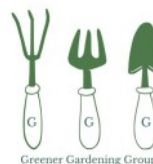
# LANGFORD LAKES



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**Christmas Tree Farm**  
set in the heart of rural  
Somerset

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## Visit to Tom Neilson's private garden



Since the GGG began as part of the Greener LB initiative, the talks and visits have been..... miscellaneous. But on July 7<sup>th</sup> we went to Tom Neilson's garden in the wild country north of Milverton which was green gardening in front of our eyes.

Tom's gardening business is called Biocentric but his garden is not normally open to the public. Inspiring photographs are on the inside cover.

Tom's philosophy is only to grow and sell plants that look after themselves after planting. This style of gardening with "chop and drop" and "right plant right place", with no watering or feeding, makes for a very resilient, low maintenance garden. His plants get one watering on planting, and he even knocks off some of the pot compost so that the roots will move out into the soil. In this garden, the soil is sand and gravel and very free draining, so if it works there.....

It helps to have Tom's knowledge of plant families, including the exact location of their wild counterparts; choosing the right spot for your choice to thrive is all part of the skill. A lot has been written about the present drought. We are going to have to change our lifestyles; we can start in the garden.

Greener gardening surely includes its wildlife benefits, as well as sustainability. Something else we learned: did you know that plants in the Willowherb family are a foodstuff for the Elephant Hawk Moth?

*Christine Loudon*

## Potato Growing Competition

Thank you Sarah for hosting a very happy evening for the much anticipated potato competition weighing. Philip and Sylvia, with Roger as support, tipped out twelve entries carefully sifting the soil through a sieve so not one gram of potato was missed! There was considerable interest as each pot was upturned and it was really lovely that for some people it was their first, or nearly their first time, of growing potatoes and you really don't know how you've done until that moment. The three top weights were Roger and me on 2kg, Tryphena and Michael on 1.75kg and Josh and Juliette as newbie potato growers came in an admirable third with 1.31kg. It turns out, big containers, good growing medium, water and food are all necessary components for success!

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the fun of growing a simple potato. Enjoy eating the results of your labour. *(Photos illustrating the winner and the weather!)*

*Jackie Milsom*





# **Come For Coffee at the Welly2Wivey Wildlife Corridor Cafe**

**Langford Budville Jubilee Hall's Cafe Plus  
Saturday 13th September 10am - 12:30pm**

Do join us and spread the word about the Welly2Wivey Wildlife Corridor,  
joining up wild spaces for nature.

Along with delicious coffee and cake:

- Create and buy your own bird and bee boxes - guidance by Trevor Phelps and his team
- Mini-pond dipping - newts, dragonfly larvae...
- A Big Wildlife Quiz - and guess the name of the owl
- A wildlife corridor game from Somerset Wildlife Trust
- Our website to play with on display on the big screen

**Add your own green project to the map, from  
hedgehog holes to regenerative farms**

Form a group to make the pilgrimage to the event.

Or cycle to it.

Or just turn up!

[WELLY2WIVEYCORRIDOR.ORG](http://WELLY2WIVEYCORRIDOR.ORG)

## WILDFLOWER AREA ON THE TRIANGLE

When the idea of making one corner of the Triangle into a Wildflower Area began, it was a woodland glade. Minus five ash trees, it's a prairie! Keeping the grass down has been helped this year by perhaps 10,000 yellow rattle, which are partial parasites on grass. There's a range of flowers here which make a small but worthwhile contribution to corridor and local awareness.

From the start the idea was to collect and distribute excess seed and packets of Somerset seed will be available at the Café Plus event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks are due to all who have helped with the management of the area, including the mowing of the paths but there is scope here for even more volunteer activity if anyone would like to join in.

*Christine Loudon*



*Bluebell, Common spotted orchid, Yellow archangel, Broomrape, Yellow rattle, Early purple orchid, Knapweed, Wild clary, Meadow cranesbill*



## CAFÉ PLUS WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EVENT

Come to the Village Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September to enjoy the return of Café Plus. This time, the Plus is a jamboree to promote and celebrate the idea of a wildlife corridor between Wellington and Wiveliscombe. See the poster opposite for some of the extra activities –an invitation you can't turn down!

We are also asking groups from neighbouring parishes, like Wivey Walkers, to make the pilgrimage to the event. A group from our parish, walking some of the Jubilee Trail, is also a possibility. Please contact me if interested.

But what are these wildlife corridors? Briefly, they bridge the gaps between habitats allowing animals and plants to migrate or disperse. Actions like greener gardening, tree planting, hedgerow management and wildlife friendly farming can all contribute to fill these gaps and extend the corridors.

*Ian Loudon ([ifloudon@googlemail.com](mailto:ifloudon@googlemail.com))*

# Book reviews

## Love Untold by Ruth Jones

As a holiday let owner, I do a lot of cleaning and one of the ways to make the chores easier is to listen to audiobooks. I had never read anything by Ruth Jones before but as a fan of Gavin and Stacey (brilliant script!) I had high hopes. I was not disappointed.

Love Untold tells the story of a family rift and this in itself, is intriguing but the real nugget of gold within these pages is the relationships between the mothers and daughters of four generations of one family. It is hugely relatable, uplifting and heart warming and is the perfect holiday book to read by the pool as you sip something cool and refreshing or in my case cleaning a shower tray! I'm off to download another Ruth Jones novel - I think I maybe hooked!

*Fiona Barber*

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## One of us is Dead by Peter James

Detective Sergeant Roy Grace (of Brighton) investigates a series of seemingly unconnected deaths, which are in fact the work of an ingenious professional killer. A bit blood thirsty at times but a good thriller.

*Laurian Cooper*

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## The Dalai Lama's Cat by David Michie.

This apparently light and easy read is about an adopted, delightful, and rather vain cat who, from an early age, lives in and around the home and company of His Holiness The Dalai Lama. This astute feline observes, learns and shares her thoughts with her readers.....

In case of interest, there are two more volumes in the Trilogy :

- The Art of Purring.
- The Power of Meow.

*Penny Spackman*

## Be still - a message from our curate

It's not uncommon for my journeys to be delayed as I travel between our village churches. Not long ago, I found myself stuck behind a pair of cyclists taking a leisurely pace down a narrow country lane. You know the sort of moment—running late, no way to overtake, nothing to do but wait. Resigned to my fate, a line from Psalm 46 came to mind, *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* (Psalm 46:10)

Stillness is not something we're particularly good at these days. Even in our rural setting where the pace of life might seem gentler, the pressures of modern living still reach us. We fill our days with activities, commitments, notifications, scrolling—our minds racing even when our bodies are still.

Busyness tends to breed isolation. I have found that the busier my life becomes, and the more rushed my schedule is, the more disconnected I feel from those around me. The temptation is to speed up in pursuit of an elusive future plateau of pace. If I can get more done now, then next week.. next month.. next year.. will be easier.

But God's invitation isn't to do more. It's to stop, to be still. And in that stillness, to remember who we are, and know who He is. We are not defined by our busyness, but as part of the community of creation; belonging in the balance of the world, inherently loved and known by our Creator, connected to the world around us and each other.

Scripture often speaks of rest not as idleness, but as restoration. Stillness is about becoming present. Psalm 46 speaks of tumult: of quaking earth and roaring seas. Yet, in the middle of all that noise, God calls us to stillness. Not escape, but attentiveness. Not passivity, but connection.

Those moments when we're forced to pause—a traffic delay, a lack of phone signal, even a late-running friend—can feel inconvenient. But perhaps they are holy invitations. Opportunities to step back from the rush, to look up, to breathe, and to remember that we are not the centre of the universe .... but we are cherished by the One who is.

So the next time life presses pause—whether by choice or by circumstance—perhaps it's not a delay at all. Perhaps it's a quiet nudge from God: *“Be still... and know.”*

*Rev. Sarah Rowden, Curate - Benefice of Trinity & Saints*

## Notes from St Peter's sad news for the weathervane

Laurian Cooper

The weathervane; sad news on the points of the compass part, which has been condemned by professional steeplejacks. Already previously mended, it is a liability. We were very lucky no-one got hurt when it fell during Storm Darragh. We also have yet to find anyone to mend the 1911 cockerel, so this is going to be a long term project I am afraid. If anyone would like to help us with researching this challenge, please get in touch! Laurian Cooper

## Our stunning kneelers on display

We are 25 years on since Jean Mathison guided us through the Millenium project to make our stunning kneelers. They are currently displayed all round the church rather than being hidden between the pews so do pop in to have a look - a folder on the far table explains the designs. Besides transferring drawings into stitchable designs, Jean was for many years our bell captain. We wish her a steady recovery from her recent illness.

## "To Win the Day"- a most successful performance

On the hottest day of the year so far, a good audience of nearly fifty found coolness at a high quality performance of *To Win The Day* by *Time and Tide*. Both the *a capella* singing (unaccompanied) and spoken verse were crystal clear (and the group were very complimentary about our church's acoustics!) Created by Sophie Wright from Wareham, the play recounted the ordeals of the Tolpuddle Martyrs both in 1834 and subsequently. We all learnt a lot but also had

a very sociable evening over wine and delicious canapes in the interval. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, which raised over £500 for the church - *Time and Tide* generously gave their performance for free. Thank you especially to Carolyn Bill who not only printed the tickets and handled the website but also cleaned the church to sparkling heights!





## School leavers service and prayers for Minehead Middle School

On Friday afternoon 18 July, our school celebrated the eight Year 6 leavers with music, song and verse, wishing them well on their way. However we started by lighting candles and praying for all those affected at Minehead Middle School and in the wider area by the tragic coach crash the previous evening. A collection was taken for them.



## CHURCH SERVICES

Rev'd Helene Stainer 01823 400305

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	Thorne St Margaret
3 August	11.15am Holy Communion	Join Langford	Join Langford
10 August	Join Runnington	10.30am Worship	Join Runnington
17 August	11.15am Worship	Join Langford or Thorne	9.30am Morning prayer
24 August	Join Runnington	9.30am Holy Communion	Join Runnington
31 August	11.15am Holy Communion with Baptism	Join Langford	Join Langford

## Days out from Langford Budville:

### Five Go Off To Watchet!

Have you ever been on the West Somerset Railway? Well, we hadn't although we had seen the little train puffing along the beach at Dunster and often idly talked about taking a little trip but had never got any further. So, when Alby's brother and his family visited from New Zealand, it seemed the perfect opportunity to explore the countryside from the comfort of a vintage steam train!

The train runs from Bishops Lydeard all the way to Minehead but we decided to start our journey from the sweet little station at Crocombe on the Quantocks. Do give yourself enough time to take a look round the perfectly preserved 1930's station with its old metal signs and beautifully cared for garden. You can even have a cup of tea or an ice cream as you drink in the surroundings!

There are a number of different carriages, including a dining car but we chose to sit in a six-seater compartment with a sliding door onto a corridor. The vintage vibe continued, with luggage racks above the bench seating and grey conical shaped metal wall lights. It was a beautiful sunny day and the journey of about 20 minutes,

allowed us to take in the Quantocks scenery from the window before culminating in a view of the sea as the train chugged along the coastline.

On our arrival in Watchet, we headed for Chives tearooms for scones and jam and hot buttered teacakes served with very good coffee. Suitably replenished, we had a browse in the excellent interiors shop, 'Perfectly Lovely Interiors', before exploring the little museum on the quay which was fascinating. A history of Watchet dating back several hundred years and a wide ranging



collection of exhibits including some very large fossils was an ideal place to spend another hour.

We left the museum and followed the quay through the Marina and had a quick browse in the art gallery and rather lovely and eclectic gift shop before walking over the headland to Donniford Beach. This is part of the South West Coastal path and is a beautiful walk, with far reaching views out to sea. Whilst not far, there are some steps to climb up and down, so please bear this in mind if you are visiting with friends who are not so fleet of foot.

Within 20 minutes walk, you arrive at the steps down onto the rocky Doniford beach with its rock pools and surprising very large ammonites embedded in the shore. We took our time to really explore the beach which was not busy with just a few dog walkers.



We wandered back along the coastal path and decided to get some Fish and Chips from the chippy next to the museum and sat in the sunshine outside The Esplanade on the quay. Very obligingly, this pub permits this as long as you clear up the rubbish and order a drink. We decided it would be very rude not to! So cold pints of cider were the order of the day as we ate our Fish and Chips – bliss!

We paid £22 each for a return ticket from Crocombe to Watchet. It is also worth noting that Alby's niece has autism so her mother travelled free as her carer and all the staff were attentive and accommodating.

All in all, it was a very nice day out and just a short drive from LB. So when you are wondering what to do, why not get the train to the coast?



*Fiona Barber*

## Update from the school

What an action packed term this has been, from Year 3, 4 & 5's cultural residential in Bristol (which included travel by road, rail and water), to Year 6's Outward Bound residential in Torquay, to county cricket tournaments, sports day, our weekly forest school sessions come rain or shine, Shakespeare, Picasso, Darwin, castles and even gingerbread men! As the end of the school year rapidly approaches we say farewell to our Year Six Leavers and wish them well on their secondary school journey, and we look forward to welcoming our preschoolers into our infant class. Our school motto is "Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly" and as the summer holidays beckon we take a moment to reflect on just how much our children have developed in their time with us, and of the open skies of their future into which they take flight.



I'm sure that you're aware of the increasingly difficult parking situation in the middle of Langford Budville, brought on by the increasing number and size of vehicles. The issue of a fire engine not being able to get past the parked cars of residents on a weekend emergency was raised by the chair of the parish council in a previous newsletter, and we often see the recycling trucks struggling to manoeuvre. It is a symptom of modern life that parents more often than not drive primary school children to school. Speak to anyone who lives near a school about drop off and pick up times and you will hear a common thread! We try our utmost to be mindful of our friends and neighbours and have put several strategies in place to reduce congestion for the half an hour or so in the morning and afternoon when parents pass through. The church, village hall and the pub have all offered space for temporary parking and indeed we provided a walking bus from the Martlet for much of the year. The roads throughout the village are a public highway and open to all so



Roots to Grow,  
Wings to Fly



Moorland Federation



we humbly request that complaints about parking are directed towards the council in a polite and reasonable manner, rather than at the school. Thankfully most residents are understanding of the brief periods of extra congestion and we are grateful for the support of our parish council, police, neighbours and friends and for reminding us all of the strength and positivity of community.



We especially thank those wonderful people of Langford Budville who continue to give generously of their time, skills and support, especially, to those who come into school to listen to readers or who help with special days like the annual apple press, bird box making, or the leavers' climb up the church tower. A generous villager even took our Easter celebrations to the next level this year by bringing her donkey! We love meeting our neighbours regularly, whether it's while cleaning road signs, helping the conservation group collect seeds for the Triangle's lush wildflowers, or passing a dog walker on a footpath and chatting about the weather, swallows or wayside fruits. It is kindness and community spirit like this that helps develop rounded characters, and helps make a village school education so special.

We wish everyone a balmy and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you out and about next term.

*Jonathan Moise-Souch and  
Josh Wedderkopp*





# Can we repair the church clock?



The church clock, halfway up St Peter's tower, last ticked around seven years ago. After years of care by a few dedicated parishioners it finally gave up the ghost and stopped. It's odd how quickly you can get used to the absence of a thing, but for many locals its quarter hourly dongs are still a greatly missed aspect of village life and something that they used to set their tea breaks by! Whether religious or not, living with the chimes of a village clock is a shared community experience - the Cockney tradition of having to be born within earshot of Bow Bells of East London is a wonderful example!

Our clock, constructed in 1881 at Gillet & Brand's Steam Clock Factory in Croydon, isn't Cockney; it has a character all of its own! And it's still there, waiting in the tower. It could run again.

**Come to the Martlet at 7pm, Friday 5th of September, for a drink and to talk clock!**

*Josh Wedderkopp & Alex Abrams*

## Poetry

The glorious weather we are experiencing made me think of Shakespeare -

I know a bank whereon the wild thyme grows  
Where oxlips and the nodding violet blows.  
Quite overcanopied with lush woodbine  
With sweet muskroses and with clemantine.

I am also thinking of South Africa and the wonderful aroma rising from the hot earth when the first rains fall. It is called petrichor, from the Greek, but I cannot help thinking Shakespeare would have found a better word.

*All good wishes, Joy Randle*

# Bus News

**No.27 timetable changes** - There will be a change to the 27 route in September and it will start at Langford Budville instead of Wellington. We are awaiting details of the new timetable. There will be some adjustments to the 25 timetable too.



**Milverton** – there have been problems in Milverton with traffic flow, road closures, badly parked vehicles etc. with buses arriving in Milverton too early, owing to the allowance on the timetable of 17 minutes between Wivey & Milverton – this issue has been reported and it is hoped adjustments will be made in the September timetable.

**Wiveliscombe road closures** - The 27 should be as normal with the current Church street closures in Wiveliscombe, apart from being a couple of minutes late due to going via Ford Road and Northgate to North St and the town centre.

**Future Campaigns** - Campaigns after September 2025 in time for possible changes in April 2026 are as follows:

- An afternoon service for the 27
- Better services for students. There is a bus service between Welly and Richard Huish in the mornings and afternoons – could this be extended to Langford Budville, Milverton & Wivey?
- An evening 25 bus from Taunton – the last bus home at 5.40 is far too early.

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# LANGFORD LADIES

May was a walk organised by Pam and Barbara around lesser-known parts of Wellington together with history snippets. June was a boat trip to Sidmouth to see the Jurassic coast, organised by Michelle. In July, Tim Dyer gave a fascinating talk about mills and leats in our landscape accompanied by delicious ham and salad, hosted by Tryphena. Thank you to all our hosts for your hospitality and wonderful event ideas, and to guest speaker, Tim.

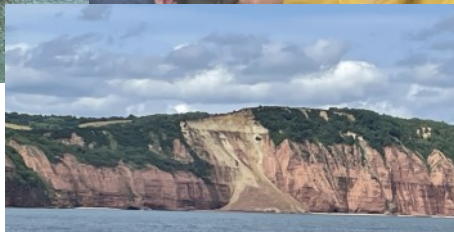
Debbie's Mad Hatter's Tea Party has now been postponed and Jan has kindly stepped in and offered to do an afternoon of tea and cakes at her home on August 20 at 4 pm. Please bring along a cake or biscuits to help support this last minute change.  
*Jane Hancock*



*May*



*And June*



# Three Local Transport Services

## The Welly Hopper

The Welly Hopper is a Patient Transport Scheme for registered patients at the Wellington Medical Centre and Luson Surgery who have difficulty in getting to and from medical appointments.



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The Welly Hopper Patient Transport Scheme was set up by the WMC Patient Participation Group. **Restarting September 15, 2025**

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- ♦ To use the bus you have to book a place at least 24 hours and up to 14 days in advance. Bookings can be made between 9.30-3.30, Monday to Friday by calling 01823 331266.
- ♦ The Slinky bus will make up to three return journeys a day at approximate times to Wellington and once to \*MPH. When you make your booking, check the current times which can change.

\*There will be an extension to and from Musgrove Park Hospital on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for those who cannot use conventional buses.

.. It isn't possible to just turn up at a bus stop and board.

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