

Round About

*the villages of Langford Budville
and Runnington*



August/September 2022



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Welcome ...

To the August/September edition of Round About.

You will quickly realise that this issue is very much a **Jubilee issue**. I feel that the village put on such a good show, and everyone was so supportive, that it has to be celebrated. I know from talking to others from outside the village that many places did very little if anything. It is one of the advantages of living in a village with such a great community. Round About would like to congratulate all those involved in pulling it together in such a great fashion. You did HM proud!

I missed some of the inside events as I was due to go on holiday, but others have very kindly written reviews for me and sent pictures. I want to thank Lynne & Keith Moore, Jackie Milsom, Karen Grabham, Margaret Brown, Laurian Cooper, Sally Pritchard, Barbara Hughes, Jo Pocock, Ali Eland and Caroline Bill - as well as the regular Round About contributors - for various words and photos, and most especially Polly Lloyd (aged 12) who wrote up the **Barn Dance** for us.

The story of the **Mini going to London** was a highlight for me - I am sure you'll all enjoy that! Jackie's review of the **Duck race** hits the nail on the head. The impromptu **cricket match** on the triangle afterwards was also great fun. I missed the **Barn Dance** and **Big Lunch**, but understand that they were well-attended with a capacity crowd at the Hall for the Lunch. The puds look delicious.

Our Churches supported the event: bell-ringing, tower visits, a **posy competition**, and a maze/quiz at Croxhall all featured.

We have slotted some of the Jubilee reviews into our regular features where appropriate, going **Out & About** on the new **Jubilee Trail**, and finding community spirit and **Wellbeing** on the **cricket field**.

The **Open Gardens** was another success story: We learned a lot and we'll do it again, even better, in a few years. The gardens themselves were stunning as you'll see from the photos, tucked into the **Green Fingers** slot. The green-fingered will have harvested gooseberries, so our **Seasonal Treat** looks at ways to use them.

There is still plenty in the pipeline too: check out **What's On** to find out about the **Gala Film evening** and the upcoming **Café Plus**. As usual we give you the important news from the villages - from your Parish Council, the Village Hall and the Churches. Let us know of departures/new arrivals in your neighbourhood, please.

Round About would like your help: one of the great things about the magazine is that it is delivered free of charge to all houses in the parish. We rely on volunteer distributors, but we have lost one of our volunteers and need someone to pick up the baton. The round would be White Post to Bere Farm. Please get in touch with Saranne on lbr.roundabout@gmail.com if you can help us. It is only once a month!

Saranne Cessford on behalf of the editorial team.

What's On:

Function	Venue	Date	Time
Police Beat Surgeries	Jubilee Hall Car Park	Wed. 17 Aug. Wed. 14 Sept.	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Jubilee Hall	Mon. 8 Aug. Mon. 12 Sept.	6.30 pm
Harpford Physic Field Open for visits	Harpford Farm	Mon. to Sat. until 27 Aug.	9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Friendship Circle: Garden party	Tbc	Fri. 12 Aug.	tbc
Budvue: Phantom of the Open	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 20 Aug.	6.30 for 7.00 pm
Friendship Circle: AGM	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 26 Aug.	11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Scything demo	The Triangle	Sat. 3 Sept.	From 10.30 am
Friendship Circle: Vietnam talk	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 9 Sept.	11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Budvue Gala Evening: Les Miserables	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 10 Sept.	6.30 for 7.30 pm
Café Plus: Plant & produce sale	Jubilee Hall	Sun. 18 Sept.	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Runnington Pet Service	Runnington ch,	Sun. 18 Sept.	10.30 am
Macmillan Coffee & chat	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 23 Sept.	11.00 am - 12.30 pm

CAFÉ PLUS



The Pop-Up Shop team are organising some **Café Plus** mornings which will be a combination of great coffee, drinks and cake together with different community "events". The first one is on **Sunday September 18th**



which will include a **plant and produce sale**. Please bring your spare plants and produce either for sale or to swap. All monies raised will be used for further Café Plus activities such as talks, workshops, craft and art sales, swap shops, seasonal fairs etc. If you have any ideas for activities or would like to help organise the Café Plus, please get in touch with us at LBCafePlus@gmail.com

Bud Vue

AT LANGFORD BUDVILLE VILLAGE HALL

You are all invited to a
Gala Film evening
Saturday 10th September

Langford Budville Jubilee Hall

In celebration of the 10 year anniversary of the
opening of the Hall

We are showing the film version of the
widely acclaimed musical

'Les Miserables'

Complimentary glass of 'Fizz' or soft drink on arrival
together with a selection of canapés

Ice creams at the interval

Pay bar also available

Entry is completely free but please email
budvuegala@icloud.com to register your interest and
receive on-line tickets in order that we can cater accordingly

Doors open at 6.30 pm for lights to be dimmed at 7.30

Bud Vue

Jubilee Celebrations

Big Lunch (Street) Party

We were all hoping that the weather forecast was going to be wrong. We checked the rain radar, but it didn't look promising. Unfortunately, the decision had to be made and we had to resort to the village hall.

The hall really came into its own under the circumstances. It was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and looked so colourful and fitting the occasion.

We have never seen the hall so full, and we couldn't have squeezed in another family. Every table had to be used and we all had to sit cheek by jowl. There were people who had never come to the hall before, and many others brought their extended families. Old, young and many in between.

The organisers hadn't expected so many people to turn up: extra chairs and tables were forever being requested, to the point that the chairs eventually ran out! It was a joy to see so many people having such a lovely time.

A group of us had decided to plan our shared meal and, of course, we ended up with more than we could eat. Dishes were passed down the tables for others to help themselves. Everyone was in the party spirit, and we all coped with the lack of space.

When the heavens opened, we knew that the right decision had been made. A great lunch was enjoyed by all and then we ventured back home to watch the parade from our own living rooms.

Margaret and David Brown
Photos: Carolyn Bill, Alison Eland



News from the Villages

Langford Budville Parish Council:

Parish Website

Some of you may have tried to access the **Parish website** recently and found that it is not available. The reason for this is that the company responsible for administering it has gone out of business and another company, Heart Internet, has taken over all their websites. They are asking us to pay £150 to re-gain access to our website. We are very reluctant to pay this as we have no knowledge of Heart Internet or how reliable they are. Furthermore, to purchase the web address and transfer our website name to a different well-known internet company will potentially cost up to £1000, which is completely unreasonable. We therefore have a dilemma, given the importance of the village website to the community.

We have, however, been extremely fortunate and have accepted a very kind offer from a parishioner to build us a new website at no cost to the Parish (other than the normal monthly fee charged by all such companies of approximately £15 per month). He is presently busy putting together the new website. I have seen the initial stages and I am happy to report it already looks very professional: it will be a real asset to the whole Parish. I hope to be in a position to give you the new domain name and its start date in the next interim issue.

There will also be an opportunity to be part of this new enterprise. If you understand website administration and would like to assist in the upkeep and updating of our new site please email me with your details. My email address is in the back of the magazine.

Ash trees on the Triangle

The Parish Council has had a meeting with our **chosen tree surgeon** to deal with the **Ash trees on the Triangle**, which are in imminent danger of collapse due to Ash dieback. Around September/October he will be felling six Ash trees at the wildflower end of the Triangle. Needless to say, this is going to have a major impact on how the Triangle will look, but we have no choice but to remove them before they fall down.

We will of course be replacing all the trees to be felled and although they will not be Ash, they will all be native to this country. The cost to the Parish for this work will be £1500. This will be the first of three payments we will have to make as part of a three-year plan that has been agreed with the tree surgeon. Two Elm trees that have died from Dutch Elm disease will also be removed at no cost to the Parish.

In order that you can safely avoid the area while the work is being done, we will do our best to let everyone know the relevant dates relating to the removal of the Ash trees.

Derek Sowden: Chairperson, Langford Budville Parish Council



Langford Budville Jubilee Hall Trustees' Report June 2022

Summary

Last year we held our AGM in September 2021, so this report to June covers nine months rather than twelve. The 2021 accounts show income from hiring at around 25% of pre-Covid levels: early indications from 2022 are that we should be well on the way back to those levels.

In common with thousands of other community buildings around the country, the Covid business support grants have been of great assistance to the Hall and our financial position is more robust on exiting Covid than it was beforehand.

It has been a busy period this Spring with all the usual activities plus a few more for good measure – particularly the **pop-up shop** and **Jubilee events**.

Capital works:

In addition to the normal maintenance work during this period we have:

- ◆ Installed a new sound system
- ◆ Improved the drainage outside the fire doors
- ◆ RegROUTED the slabs around the outside of the building

Later in the summer we will lay a new floor over the "temporary" under-floor. Outside, following some work unblocking conduits, there is now no impediment to the Hall receiving broadband services.

Thanks to Tim Wyatt, Tim Seddon and David Brown for making these things possible.

The housing development

There has been very little communication with the developers of the new housing scheme adjacent to the hall since Spring 2021. Very recently they have been back in touch to take forward a Heads of Terms under which there would be a shared liability for downstream damage caused by failure of the attenuation basin.

The Hall is also seeking a contribution to its outstanding capital works by way of consideration for its investment in drainage infrastructure. It is in the Hall's interests that the storm and foul drainage systems are adopted by the utility which would happen on completion of the housing development.

Events

The major events since the **Parish Party** in September 2021 have been the **Jubilee Barn Dance** and **Street Party** held earlier this month. Both were successful in terms of bringing people together and attracting a wide range of ages – including many who were not familiar with the Hall.

Earlier, in April the Hall lobby and committee room were used as a **pop up café** and shop on four successive Saturdays. Again, a wide range of local people seemed very happy to be able to meet and socialise to good purpose. Going forward there may well be a case for a weekly or monthly café plus shop selling very local produce. At present the Hall seems to be the best location within the village for this kind of venture.

A major theme for both the shop and the Jubilee events was to try to introduce more people who are not Trustees to help with organisation. On events we are very much indebted to Josh Wedderkopp for his creativity and energy.

Other initiatives

We continue to aspire to place the hall at the centre of the local community and to provide a welcoming and inclusive space. There is more to do in respect of providing information and joining up with other village groups and initiatives.

We have participated in a number of webinars organised by the **Community Council of Somerset** on environmental and sustainability themes. Whilst the Hall has been well designed and is operated efficiently and economically in terms of energy, it may be possible to install renewable energy technology and/or EV charging units as funds become available. We'd also like to ensure that all the products for cleaning and supplies that we use are as sustainable as possible.

Trustees, key holders and helpers

We cannot operate without our trustees, key holders and supporting staff. I am really grateful to all of them and particularly to Rosina, our cleaner, and to Steve Care who maintains the outside space. I am also very grateful to Keith Moore who continues to provide support on a wide range of matters. A particularly big thank you also to Margaret Brown who continues to act as our secretary and booking clerk and, along with Lynne Moore maintains flower beds around the building.

We are delighted that Mike Grabham has agreed to become Treasurer and are very grateful to Pam who has carried out the role for many more years than she would have wished.

Michael Huntingford, on behalf of The Village Hall Trustees

News from the Villages

Jubilee “profits”

There are some inadvertent profits from the **Jubilee Duck Race** and **Barn Dance** which is useful seed money to help make events happen in the Parish.

The idea of a **community fund** that can be used for all sorts of community activities has been in discussion for quite a while and the Jubilee may just be the catalyst to make it happen. The details are currently being thrashed out between the Parish Council and the Jubilee Hall as to the best way to manage community funds and encourage parish activities. Watch this space!

Richard Hutchings is running the London Marathon

Richard is a local farmer from Harpford, who grazes his Red Devons on Rewe Mead reserve and grazes sheep on several small fields round Runnington: he is possibly the only farmer who inspects all his stock on foot - as training!

He only took up running in March 2021 so it's quite something to be running the London Marathon only 19 months later on October 2nd. He has been incredibly lucky to get a place in the “ballot”. Most runners receive places via charities in exchange for committing to raise two to three thousand pounds, some of which goes to cover the cost that the charities have to pay to the marathon organisers! This system favours the big national charities so Richard is delighted that he is able to raise money for **Reminiscence Learning** based in Wellington - with no associated admin costs. If you would like more information, email Richard at Richard.fouracres@gmail.com



To sponsor Richard, please go to his Facebook page:



Fingerpost Team

The team responsible for renovating the fingerposts in the Parish, with one of the newly renovated fingerposts. They would welcome new members. To offer your services please contact the Parish council.

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JUBILEE ROUND-UP

Barn Dance

For the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** everyone around the country was marking this special occasion, and in the village everybody truly got stuck in at the village **Barn Dance**. People young and old were having a great time celebrating the Queen having been 70 years on the throne. The many flags and the live band – **Hopping mad** - really made the hall look great in honour of her Majesty the Queen!

The dancing was amazing with the brilliant caller Ian: it was inclusive for everyone, whether you knew how to dance or not at all, and I think that absolutely everyone danced at some point in the night. Lots of people danced every single round - it was a fun, joyful (as well as a tiring) experience. It was a very lively night which started at about 7:30 and ended about 10:30. There were many rounds of dancing, drinks at the bar, and a delicious dinner of bread, butter, quiche, salad and a wonderful array of red, white and blue cupcakes.

The atmosphere could not have been more welcoming with an amazing band, caller and so many generous volunteers helping do stints on the bar, making the food, and baking the sweet treats which were beautifully arranged with many

Duck Race

Thank you to everyone who made the Jubilee duck race such a happy event, especially organisers Teresa and Charlie Jacoby, all the 'tea & cake' makers and hosts Ashley & Jess Vellacott who opened their beautiful farm to us all.

Recent rain had made the course deep enough to be fun but safe enough for all to enjoy. 200 chirpy little ducks were launched with much excitement, and our three-year-old granddaughter loved running down the bank and watching them go by and then standing on the bridge as they bobbed underneath. Her visiting grandparents from Dorset were very impressed with the tea and cakes on offer and the happy atmosphere.

Thanks to Charlie's trusted prawning net and waders none escaped down the river to the sea. We all enjoyed watching the willing and rather wet volunteers who shepherded those less intrepid ducklings that became trapped in the eddies and vegetation out into open water again.

Jackie Milsom



Pam and Barbara were in the money - in second place! Your editor's duckling came in third!

different cupcakes to choose from – Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this such an unforgettable night.

I know that everybody I have spoken to thoroughly enjoyed the evening getting to know everybody and spending time with their neighbours. Friends and family that came along too were able to see what a great community there is here. There were so many people and it was a wonderful event for being able to socialise as well as celebrate and mark the occasion .

Thank you to everybody who was able to come to the barn dance and make this event such a success and a night nobody will forget.

Polly Lloyd (12)



Under starter's orders.....



Top: counting the ducks back in after the race



Right: Tea and chat before the off....

Out & About: Jubilee Trails

During the Jubilee weekend Andrew, myself and our dogs, Pip and Chester, joined a group of about 17 determined souls for the longer of the two planned parish boundary walks. The weather was fine and warm. With eager anticipation, we listened to a briefing from Zenah Rowe, expedition leader.

We set off enthusiastically from the **Village Hall** rendezvous point, walking across **Crown Field** and crossing the main road by the **Church**. The group was great company from the outset, making the time fly by and the walk a very pleasurable experience despite the exertion! We followed the footpath down the gentle slope to **Runnington**, enjoying panoramic views of Wellington and the Blackdown Hills, crossing the Tone at the iron bridge and heading in a broadly westerly direction along the line of the old canal with the **River Tone** to our right.

Pausing briefly for a well-earned snack, drink, and photo call at **Rewe Mead**, we crossed the road to **Wellisford**, past **Stancombe Farm** and on to **Higher Poleshill Farm**, where we encountered a herd of Devonshires. Staying close together, and quickening our step somewhat, we escaped unscathed from our bovine encounter. We crossed the Poleshill Road at **Carriers Gate**, heading through the woods and up the hill to **Crosses Leigh Farm Cottage**.



Opting to complete an additional loop, we headed west to **Stone Hill Lane**, returning past the **old lime kiln** to the cottage before crossing the fields to **Leigh Farm**, and down their drive to the main road. A short hop and a skip down the road, we received a very warm welcome from Keith and Lynne Moore at **Bindon Lodge**, for a refreshment break in their lovely cottage garden.

After a brief rest, Andrew and I departed for afternoon tea at The Cleave, feeling that we had earned the right to indulge, leaving the rest of the party to enjoy their lunch. The stalwarts then continued their journey along **Mousey Lane** to **Chipley** and back across the fields to the Village Hall.

Thanks to Zenah, expedition organiser and leader, for guiding us along footpaths as close to the parish boundary as possible, to Lynne and Keith for their hospitality and to the rest of the group who made the day so enjoyable. I'm now looking forward to the next village walk.

Sally Pritchard

As part of the village Jubilee celebrations Zenah Rowe, Parish Footpaths Officer, mapped out a walk around the villages, touching each of the hamlets that comprise the parish. On Thursday 2 June, she led about 17 villagers around the longer 9¹/₂ mile circuit, while 10 walkers joined Saranne Cessford for a shorter 4¹/₂ mile version. We are working on producing a pamphlet describing the walks, which we hope to have available free of charge soon.



Friendship Circle

The July "coffee & chat" was well attended and we are still attracting new members, so do come along and give us a try. It would be lovely to see more folk from the immediate locality, although all are welcome of course.

The barbeque was also popular and our thanks are due to Sarah Nutt, Pam & John Harries for organising and cooking.

After some debate, it was decided that the next seaside trip will be to Sidmouth: hopefully it will be dry and less hot! We are also hoping for dry weather for the garden party.

The next meetings are:

Aug 12th - Garden Party (tba)

Aug 26th - **AGM**

Sept 9th - A talk on **Vietnam** by Rachel Fenwick

Sept 23rd - **Macmillan Coffee & Chat**

All the above meetings are at 11.00 am - 12.30 pm, in the Jubilee Hall (unless otherwise stated).

The £2 entry includes one raffle ticket.

Pam Farr/ Barbara Hughes

Langford Ladies

Over 20 **Langford Ladies** gathered in Jane Hancock's garden for a very relaxing evening of giant games (Jenga, Snakes and Ladders, Four in a Row) with the most delicious nibbles served by Paul. We all enjoyed the chat and the scent of wet grass from the rain (which ceased in time) at a pleasant normal summer temperature! Thank you Jane and Paul!

Next month our meeting will be on **10th August**, not the 17th, and is a **Barbecue** at Margaret's house (Brockney House).

Please inform Laurian (croxhall@gmail.com) by Sunday 7 August if you will be coming, and whether you will bring a salad or a pudding. Meat will be provided; please let us know if you are vegetarian.

Laurian Cooper



Sustainable Gardening Group

The next indoor meeting will be on **Monday September 26th at 6.30pm at the Marlet**

Mini goes to London for the Jubilee

We spotted a paragraph in the press outlining planned activities for the Jubilee celebrations in London, asking owners of vehicles built through the decades of the Queen's reign to apply to participate in the part of the Pageant called '**Time of Our Lives**'. Our Mini-van is a **1962 ex London GPO engineer's van** purchased by Keith (when an impoverished student) in 1969 when out of GPO service. As it was fully restored to original condition, we responded, sent in photos and identity details and thought no more about it.

We were overjoyed when a few days later we were invited to take part! Then apprehension set in – how would we get the van to London, where would we stay, what if it was hot and the van overheated or conked out?

All problems were eventually resolved; car transporter hired with son offering to drive, hotel booked, security checks passed (us and the van!)

Two informative webinars from the organisers explained how the pageant of 8000+ people would be arranged without any rehearsals apart from the military.

Friday 3rd June; 4.30am. We left Langford Budville to arrive for vehicle security checks at 10.00am in London before parking up on Horse Guards Parade.

The **Platinum taxis, Bridgwater Carnival float**, vintage buses for the celebrities, Jaguars for the dames, bicycles, James Bond cars and vehicles from all the decades filled the parade ground. We collected our personal security passes and were then free to enjoy the spectacle until Sunday morning.

Sunday 5th June. The big day! We were back in Horse Guards by 09.30am and gathered with the other Mini owners to be introduced to our marshals who made a final check of our details. We were then led in a walk along the pageant route to make sure we were familiar with the bends and bottlenecks, including negotiating **Admiralty Arch**. Crowds were already lining the streets and, bizarrely, cheered as we walked past! The atmosphere was electrifying and intensified the closer we got to **Buckingham Palace**.

Double barriers, bollards, miles of bunting and enormous union flags had been put in place and traffic lights disconnected along the route. The view to Buckingham Palace along the Mall was stunning. TV cameras were in position, policemen were congregating, and stewards and marshals were instructing, directing and explaining to the gathering crowds.

2.00pm. The Pageant begins. The vehicles followed the **military parade**. 1950s **Morris Minors** led, 1960s **Minis** followed the scooters, with a 1960s bus behind. Huge crowds clapped, cheered and waved Union Jacks. Fortunately the weather was perfect for elderly vehicles moving at walking pace for over two hours.

Congratulations and jubilations all round when we arrived safely back at Horse Guards. It was announced that all participants could follow on foot the buses when they were driven down the Mall to get in pole position in front of

Buckingham Palace to see the **Queen and the Royal Family on the balcony**.

Here we had our first glimpses of all the dancers, acrobats and carnival floats as we could see little from the van while in the Pageant. It was only at home afterwards that we saw the whole spectacle on TV.

What an adventure! Well worth all the preparation. We've been buzzing ever since.

Lynne and Keith Moore



Security check Friday am.



A final polish: Horseguards, Sunday am.



Platinum taxis - all electric



Leaving Horseguards

Rounding the Victoria memorial in front of Buckingham Palace



Corgi trail



Living Well: Cricket on the Triangle

On Jubilee weekend, amidst all the celebrations, Tim Dyer put forward a spur of the moment idea for a game of cricket on the triangle. This was enthusiastically taken up by a group of villagers. The field was prepared by Tim at the playing area on the triangle.

It attracted all ages and abilities, from 7 to 70. We divided ourselves into two teams, Butts Lane v the rest of the village. After two years of lockdowns and living with Covid the Saturday afternoon match was just what everyone needed. It gave us all a lift, physically and mentally. When I say physical, it was soon apparent that a few of us had not exerted ourselves running between the wickets for many a year, but it wasn't going to stop us: the joy it brought to everyone far outweighed any aches and pains the following day.

The mental well-being it created was there for all to see, the smiles, the laughter and the banter! We even attracted a small audience from passers-by, some even found lost cricket balls that had been hit for six into the stinging nettles. Luckily there was also a farmer or two on standby with a staff hook!!



It was a fun-filled, active afternoon, with little standing around. Everyone had a go at bat and a ball. We even had a dedicated scorer thanks to Carolyn Bill.

At stumps, Butts lane were victorious, but only just. The day finished with a well-earned visit to The Martlet to

reflect on the match highlights and continue the camaraderie of the day. We hope this becomes a regular event for all to enjoy: do come along - even if only to cheer your neighbours on.

So if you would like to join us for a game of cricket next time, just think of the benefits: endurance and stamina, balance and coordination, physical fitness and improved hand-eye coordination. As well as the physical health benefits, cricket provides opportunities to nurture team skills, improve social interaction, cooperation and communication, and most importantly it's great way to meet new people and make new friends.

Karen Grabham



Harpford
Herbs

Open Mon - Sat. until 27 August

PHYSIC FIELD

10am - 5pm Mon - Sat

harpfordherbs.co.uk free entry

Seasonal Treats - Gooseberry Fool



It seems like every other kitchen you go into at the moment has bowls of gooseberries on the table with perplexed looking owners wondering what to do with them all. Of course, the list is long: chutney, jam, crumble, cheesecake, sorbet, frozen... Here is a recipe for gooseberry fool. The recipe is an amalgamation of a couple of different recipes with a few valuable bits of advice from friends. It is a very easy, quick recipe and the fools are delicious, light and summery.

Ingredients

500 g of gooseberries
1 to 2 tablespoons of elderflower syrup (or water if you have no elderflower)
100g caster sugar
300 mls double cream
One egg white

Method

Put the gooseberries and elderflower syrup into a saucepan, cover with a lid and simmer gently for 5 to 10 minutes until the fruit is soft.

Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the sugar to taste.

Beat with a wooden spoon, or if you want it really smooth pass it through a colander (some say this is removing the tastiest bits though). Leave it to cool.

Meanwhile, whip the double cream until firm and whip the egg white until you have peaks.

Once the gooseberry mixture has cooled, fold in the double cream and the egg white. Put the mixture into bowls/glasses and leave in the fridge to set for at least 2 hours (preferably overnight) before serving.

There are many variations you can do on the gooseberry fool: blackcurrant, blackberry, apricot, rhubarb, raspberry, all of which have good colour and flavour. Here I have used a mixture of green and red gooseberries which has given the fools a lovely pink hue – although it did remind me a little of the colour of Angel Delight. Thankfully they tasted nothing like Angel Delight.

Jane Hancock



Green Fingers: Open Gardens

18 & 19 June 2022

The weather was rather against the Open Gardens event, with a 10°C drop between Friday 17 and Saturday 18 July and a distinct chill in the air! However, the gardens looked absolutely fabulous and all those who participated either as hosts or guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The photos can only give a hint of just how good the gardens are. The teas were also a great success with huge thanks due to the many parishioners involved in one way or another.

Just under £900 was raised which has been split equally between **Somerset Wildlife Trust** and **Reminiscence Learning**. The thank you receipts will be posted on the Community Board in the Jubilee Hall.

Tryphena Huntingford



Lower Wellisford Cottage



4 Higher Houses, Runnington



Teas at Wellisford



Harpford Herb Farm



LANGFORD LAKES

Local Family Run
Christmas Tree Farm
set in the heart of rural
Somerset

Call us on **01823 400476** or visit www.langfordlakes.co.uk

Greener Langford Budville

Travel Consultancy

The Greener Travel Consultancy has not been finalised but is still happening. Although it is now very late, the initial grant has not been forfeited which is good news. Presenting the results of this and other Greener LB activities looks like a prime candidate for a Café morning following the format of the Pop-Up shop - a chance to debate "what next?" and have a good catch up. The date will be fixed asap.

Wildlife and Conservation:

The Wildflower Area on the Triangle

Given that we have a large nature reserve in the parish, is there any point in creating more space for nature to flourish? All over Somerset, communities are joining the Nature Recovery Network and the Wildlife Trust's Team Wilder, as we have done, to provide stepping stones and linking corridors. These provide precious habitat, however limited, for species like bees, butterflies and other pollinators and give cover for small mammals like voles and shrews. Even a small area like the Triangle has much to offer if a wider range of local plants are introduced. The work to establish wildflowers there below the football (and cricket) field over the last year has had this very clearly in mind. Fifty new wildflower species will now disperse their seeds before the area is cut on 3rd September.



Common spotted orchids have appeared on the Triangle since mowing was curtailed.

Ian Loudon

Damage to the SSSI

Langford Heathfield is one of over 4,000 **Sites of Special Scientific Interest** (SSSIs) in England. This is a **legal status**. Damage to any aspect of these can incur a fine of up to £20,000 and may require the damage to be repaired. The little Two Ashes triangle, which is part of the SSSI, was under botanical observation this year by the Wildlife Trust but was mown by someone, probably quite unaware of all this, beyond the statutory one metre limit for visibility. This action, however well-intentioned, has made further survey observation impossible for another year.

Another concern is the deliberate cutting of the electric fencing which happens most years, without thought for the safety of the ponies should they escape.

David Northcote-Wright: Reserves Manager, SWT

News from the Churches

A wealth of ministries

Half-way through the year already! Midsummer's day past. It hardly seems possible. We have now had Bishop Michael's election as our new Diocesan Bishop confirmed and we have joined together in a Day of Prayer to mark this new chapter in the life of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Praying with hope and joy as we look forward to the next part of the journey together, and with realism as we recognise the challenges we face especially with our limited financial resources.

However, we are rich in other ways. The missional and ministerial resources amongst us are strong. We continue to see people drawn to exploring ordained ministry and yet an even greater number seeking new lay ministerial opportunities. Reader training is beginning to increase once more. Chaplaincies of all shapes and sizes are developing. Recently we introduced chaplaincy to the courts in Taunton, and Weston-Super-Mare is following after. Churchwardens in this past month have demonstrated their commitment to service at the annual Visitation services.

And there are loads more ways in which the wealth of the Church is seen, through pastoral care, worship leading, and children and youth work, to name but a few. Our deaneries are working together on plans for local shared ministry focusing on the particular needs, context and gifts of each place and community. It is an opportunity for us to note God's abundant goodness to us and the gift of the people with whom we gather.

I am looking forward to sharing in our celebration of all the lay ministries across the diocese. It is an opportunity to hear the stories of one another, to reflect on creative possibilities and ways you can join in. Please respond to the invitation to come along!

Every blessing, *Bishop Ruth*

Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton



View from St Peter's Church tower. Photo Juliet Shrimpton

Church Services Rota

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	First Reading	Second Reading
7 August	11.00 am Holy Communion	Join Langford	Genesis 15. 1-6	Hebrews 11. 1-3. 8-16
14 August	Join Runnington	10.30 am Lay-led Service	Jeremiah 23. 23-29	Hebrews 11. 29-12.2
21 August	No Service	No Service	Isaiah 58. 9b-end	Hebrews 12. 18-end
28 August	Join Runnington	9.00 am Holy Communion	Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18	Hebrews 13. 1-8. 15-16

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Foodbank: The Foodbank will also 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 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/>

News from Runnington Church

At the time of writing, we are due to play host to John Young over the weekend of 23/24 July for his **Sing and Stomp** around the 14 team churches (in preparation for his 26 mile hike raising money for Alzheimers Society in August). John's plan for that weekend is to walk from church to church in two 12 mile sections - one section on the Saturday and one section on the Sunday - each taking in 7 churches, and with a quick sing in each one. The Saturday section will end at **Runnington Church at around 5.25pm**, and the Sunday section will **start there around 10.00 am**, immediately following the 9.00 am Holy Communion service to be taken by Rev Andrew Norris.

Looking further ahead, Runnington August services will be lay-led on August 14th at 10.30am, and Holy Communion on the 28th at 9.00am. In September, services will be lay-led on September 18th at 10.30am (Pet service - all pets very welcome!) and Holy Communion on the 25th at 9.00am (Harvest Festival - all harvest produce very welcome!)

John Houghton

Notes from St Peters -

Our first Sunday of the month service was well attended, but we would love to welcome some of the newcomers to the village to join us. Taking communion is not obligatory and we always enjoy a chat over coffee and biscuits after the service, while our bell-ringers are letting the village know we are here.

The **School-leavers service** was held in the church on the 21st, and the school leavers climbed the church tower and admired the view over the village and the surrounding countryside.

The wood from the felled Holm oaks has now all been taken, but in your enthusiasm the wood stored next to the porch, which was earmarked for use in the churchyard, was also taken: a donation for this would be welcome.

Our future planning includes our **Harvest festival** which is provisionally booked for October 2nd at 11.00 am. We hope you will come and celebrate with us.

Sarah Nutt



Jubilee Flowers in St Peters : red, white and blue



Wandering the maze at Croxhall, in the rain –the editor and the Parish Council chairperson

Jubilee Posy Competition

"**Could you make a posy for the Queen**" was run by the PCC, coordinated by Laurian Cooper, who invited Jenny Vickery to judge it. (Jenny had made a posy to present to Princess Margaret.)

We had eleven entries and the winner of the adult class was Lauren Farrar, with Amy-Jane Wilson coming second, then Brenda Taylor and Margaret Brown jointly coming third. The winners in the younger categories were Josie Bartlett and Willow Bogan-Chandler. Tim Dyer received a beginner's effort prize.

On the Sunday evening, all the posies were given to the residents of Nynehead Court. They made a small but very pretty display.

Laurian Cooper

Top: The winning posy
Bottom: Winners, Judge and posies



Our School:

Here at school we are in the midst of preparations for the end of the school year. It is always a time of mixed emotions. Everyone – adults and children alike, are counting the days, hours, minutes, seconds until the summer holidays. On the other hand, it is also a time to say goodbye. This year we will say farewell to our seven Year 6s: Holly, Izzy, Grace, Chloe, Troy, Charlie and Arnold. We wish them all well as they head off to secondary school in September. This year we are also saying farewell to Jools Wood – our beloved class 2 teacher. She has only been with us for a short time but has become a valued member of our school. We are also saying farewell to Cathrine Sharland. Cathrine has been involved with the school for over 30 years, first as a parent helper and later as a teaching assistant, school meals supervisor, cleaner, shoulder to cry on, caretaker, after-school club leader, fire officer, tea maker etc etc – I'm not sure how we are going to cope!

In September, we will be welcoming Helen Morley as our new executive head and Abbie Bown as our new head of school and Class teacher. We will also be welcoming Thea Urmann-Smith and Ali Kelly to our Key stage 2 team.

As usual the children have been busy having fun. Class 1's topic this term has been the seaside. Obviously, it was necessary for them to go to Minehead for the day. They had a fabulous day looking out for all the man-made and natural features we expect to see by the sea. Back at school they have been doing lots of seaside-inspired writing.

Meanwhile, Class 2 went to Kilve for their Residential trip. Climbing, shelter-building, long Quantock walks, and much more, it was an opportunity to build friendships and make memories that will last a lifetime.

*Moirra Brown: Acting Head of School
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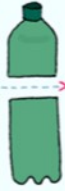


The bottle method

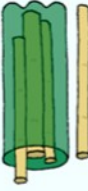
You will need

- 2 litre plastic bottle
- Scissors
- Bamboo canes (of differing diameters)
- Strong twine

1 Cut off the top (lid) half of your plastic bottle.



2 Measure and cut your bamboo canes to the length of the bottle, and pack tightly inside.



3 Tie the twine around the bottle, and hang it in a sheltered, sunny, dry spot.



Ensure there are no obstructions inside the canes – you should be able to see all the way through!

The wood block method

You will need

- An untreated block of wood
- Saw
- A drill with varied sizes of wood bit (2mm to 10mm)
- Hammer
- Strong twine

1 Cut your block to 10cm x 10cm x 10cm.



2 Drill different sized holes, evenly spacing them across one side of the wood. The holes should be as deep as possible but not go right through the wood.



3 Hammer a nail into the top of each side, and create a hanging loop with the twine.



4 Hang the the block in a sheltered, sunny, dry spot.



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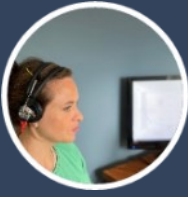
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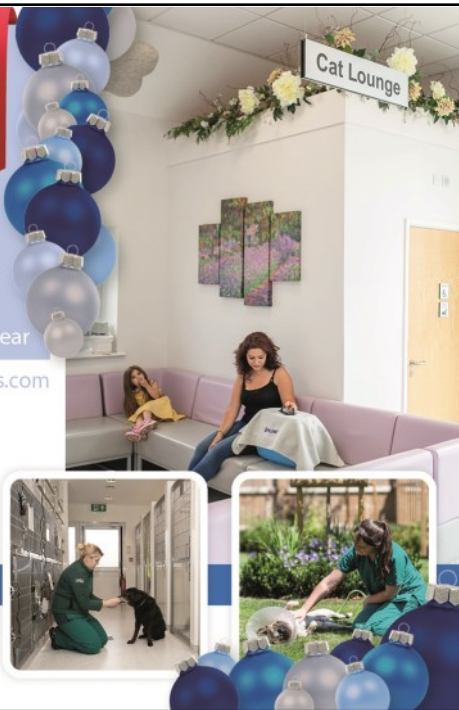
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