

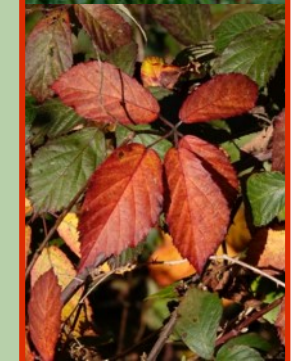
# *Round About*

*the villages of Langford Budville  
and Runnington*



*December 2021/January 2022*





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# Welcome ...

To the December edition of Round About.

It has been a bit of a challenge this month getting everything together. We ran into a glitch with printing - seems like the gremlins got at the printer toner! This issue has been printed by a different company: we will see how it works out.

Our **Parish Council** has been very busy - they have a new team in place who are on a steep learning curve. With all the upheavals of Covid and the current initiatives related to the **Greener Langford Budville** grant, planning for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations and simply trying to keep on top of all the demands of a lively parish, they've been kept on their toes.

**The Jubilee Hall** has been busy too: bookings are almost back to normal and the Trustees are planning maintenance and improvements. There's been quite a bit going on - it feels strange after all the months of nothing at all! **Budvue** is up and running again, and most classes have resumed. **Our School** has also been working on their Nativity play, and marking Armistice day with some lovely art.

The community **Apple Day** was a great success - everyone had a lot of fun, and more than 250 bottles of juice were produced.

**Our Churches** are also planning for the Jubilee and **Friends of St Peter's** are hoping to raise funds towards the purchase of new ropes for the bells at St Peter's so they can be safely rung to mark this event. I am sure you have all been delighted to hear the bells ringing out again after the long hiatus that was Covid. Let's make sure they can keep ringing. Do come along to the **Lighting of the Tree**.

Christmas is looming. Some of us are lighting our windows for a slightly untimely **Twelve Days of Christmas** in anticipation: we hope you will find time to come and enjoy them. We all want to be able to celebrate with our families again. But shopping has become a schlepp, so we have some suggestions for **Seasonal Treats** and other gifts you can make yourself, all part of **Living Well**.

Tree planting is good for the planet, and **Green Fingers** tells us this is the time to **plant bare-root trees**. The **Conservation group** has plans to plant some near the Hall, and some memorial fruit trees have been planted on the Triangle as well.

**Village news** is a bit scant this month: We have a very sad farewell to say, but I haven't had any welcomes to offer. Do please let me know if someone leaves or arrives in your neighbourhood so we can offer them a welcome. The magazine comes to you free of charge: this is only possible because it is distributed by local volunteers who collect it and take it around. They are sometimes away so if you think you can help cover for your local distributor, do get in touch - either with them directly or via us - our contact details are at the back of the magazine.

My thanks to all the contributors, distributors and especially to my team. We would be very happy to have a few more on board! Have a great Christmas.

*Saranne Cessford on behalf of the editorial team.*

# What's On:

Function	Venue	Date	Time
<b>Police Beat Surgeries</b>	Jubilee Hall	Wed. 8 Dec. Wed. 2 Feb.	10.00 to 11.00am
<b>Parish Council meetings</b>	Jubilee Hall	Mon. 13 Dec. Mon . 10 Jan.	6.45 for 7.00pm
<b>Friendship Circle: Trip to Saltram</b>	Meet Jubilee Hall	Fri 3 Dec.	10.00 am
<b>Lighting of the Christmas Tree</b>	St Peter's Church	Sat 4 Dec.	5.30 pm
<b>Conservation Group Workday</b>	Opposite Jubilee Hall	Sat. 4 Dec. Mon. 6 Dec.	10.00 am
<b>12 Days of Christmas Windows</b> See p. 13 for info	Butts Lane*	6 to 22 Dec.	From 4.30 pm
<b>Christmas Soup Lunch</b>	St Peter's Church	Wed. 8 Dec.	12.00 to 2.00pm
<b>LB Primary School Nativity Play</b> <b>It's a Miracle!</b> *See p. 27 for info	Jubilee Hall	Thurs 9 Dec. Fri. 10 Dec.	Call office for tickets 01823 400483
<b>Langford Ladies Christmas party</b>	Jubilee Hall	Wed. 15 Dec.	7.00 pm
<b>Friendship Circle Christmas Party</b>	Jubilee Hall	Fri 17 Dec.	Fully booked
<b>Budvue Cinema: The Last Bus</b>	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 18 Dec.	7.00 for 7.30 pm
<b>12 Days Xmas Windows walk</b>	Butts Lane	Sun. 19 Dec.	4.30 pm
<b>Jubilee Footpath meeting</b>	Martlet Inn	Fri. 7 Jan.	7.00 to 9.00 pm
<b>St Peter's Café Soup Lunch</b>	St Peter's Church	Wed. 12 Jan.	12.00 to 2.00 pm
<b>Friendship circle: Happy New Year</b>	Jubilee Hall	Fri . 14 Jan.	11.00 am -12.30 pm
<b>Greener LB Biodiversity Audit Launch</b>	Jubilee Hall	Sat, 15 Jan.	11.00 am - 1.00 pm
<b>Budvue cinema: The Courier (tbc)</b>	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 15 Jan.	7.00 for 7.30 pm
<b>Langford Ladies Planning meeting</b>	Tbc	Wed. 19 Jan.	tbc
<b>Friendship Circle: Speaker—Roy Budd</b>	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 28 Jan.	11.00 am -12.30 pm
<b>Friendship Circle: Coffee, chat, quiz</b>	Jubilee Hall	Fri . 11 Feb.	11.00 am -12.30 pm
<b>Langford Ladies Reminiscence butterflies</b>	Tbc	Wed 16 Feb	tbc

# Budvue Cinema

It was nice to see that so many people came to see **The Father** on 20<sup>th</sup> November. Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman both gave great performances and kept the attention of the audience throughout. The film covered the difficult topic of dementia and Alzheimer's and showed a window into the life of a sufferer and his carer. There was humour as well as sadness as we witnessed the love of a daughter for her father endure through a difficult time for them both.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December, the last film of the year is the aptly titled **The Last Bus** starring Timothy Spall. He puts in a brilliant performance as an old man who travels from John O' Groats to Land's End by bus. To find out why and what happened along the way you will have to come and watch: you will not be disappointed.

Next year's films are not yet confirmed but the first one is on 15<sup>th</sup> January and likely to be **The Courier**, a thriller starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Look out for more info in the Hall, the roadside sign boards or contact us in the new year.



*Tim Wyatt and David Brown*

## The Friends of St Peter's Church, Langford Budville

Invite you to

### The Annual Lighting up of the Christmas Tree

Saturday 4 December 2021,

5.30 pm in the churchyard



Winners of the children's competition will get to turn on the lights!

Carols, mince pies, nibbles and mulled wine in the church afterwards

Refreshments - Adults £3.00, children £1.00

Help keep the Bells ringing: Donations will be collected to raise funds towards replacement of the bell ropes at the church

Details of the children's competition:  
contact Bindon Lodge 01823 400665

Christmas Tree kindly donated by Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm.

# News from the Villages:

## Langford Budville Parish Council

We wanted to tell you about some recent changes on the Parish Council, and also about our finances and future intentions. A number of new faces have joined the PC. Currently there are four co-opted councillors: **Derek Sowden (Chairperson); Juliet Shrimpton; Julian Kupfer; and Theresa Jacoby**. The PC Clerk, **Helen Chadwick**, provides financial regulation, legal and procedural advice and is a position required by law. We meet once a month in open forum, which means any parishioner can attend. It's a good opportunity to bring to our attention anything anyone believes needs to be rectified, but this can also be done by email to the parish clerk (below).

The PC is responsible for a number of essential services, all financed by the receipt of an **annual precept** from Somerset County Council. In 2021/22 we received £8500. Major outgoings include £3208 - clerk salary/expenses; £2899 - grass cutting and emptying of dog bins. We have installed a new bench on the Triangle and replaced a damaged fingerpost at a total cost of £2178, plus we have many other essential fees to satisfy. The felling of potentially dangerous ash trees continues to hit our finances hard, making it all a major juggling act. One huge success has been the receipt of £11000 to initiate the **Greener Langford Budville** project, which the PC whole-heartedly supports.

Now COVID restrictions have eased we would like to restart maintenance jobs such as litter picking, and we are also looking at tree planting, and developing a virtual Parish notice board. If you feel willing to contribute in any way, or you would like to join the team as a councillor, then please let us know. Our County and District councils have declared a climate emergency, and your PC will be supporting any important initiatives.

We would definitely struggle without the support of a number of groups and individuals. Zenah Rowe walks the local paths reporting any issues and David Faulkner greatly assists with our website. New support groups have arisen e.g. Tim Dyer ([tree warden/Triangle working party](#)), Ian and Christine Loudon ([conservation/sustainable garden groups](#)), Josh Wedderkopp ([communications/events management](#)). If you feel willing to contribute in any way then please do let us know.

Langford Budville PC has a new, enthusiastic and determined team. We want to be at the heart of the community and work more collaboratively with all village groups towards building a community for everyone to be proud of.

*Derek Sowden*

*Chairperson: Langford Budville Parish Council*

*Parish Clerk: Helen Chadwick; [langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com](mailto:langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com)*

# *Farewell and Welcome*

## **Farewell John Norvell**

It was with great sadness that we learnt of John's death in October following a long and bravely fought illness.

Jim and Maggie Norvell moved to Runnington in 1981 when John was eight. He attended Langford Budville school before moving on to Courtfields School, and from there he went to Lancaster University where he gained a degree in Environmental Chemistry. While at university he met Mandy, his future wife, who now teaches maths at Kingsmead School in Wiveliscombe.

After graduating John got a job with CRE, an offshoot of the old Coal Board, monitoring emissions from combustion units such as cement works, oil refineries and waste incineration plants. This work took him to Pakistan, Nigeria, Algeria and Greece, not to enjoy the usual tourist sites but to measure pollution.

John and Mandy with their two sons, Kai and Finley, eventually moved back to Wellington. Both boys attended Langford Budville Primary School, and John took an active part in supporting the school while they were there.

Settled in Wellington, John helped his parents run their very successful fruit farm. His skill as a strawberry picker had been spotted by the Osbornes when, as a schoolboy, they had employed him as their star strawberry picker, always to be relied upon to pop down on his bike at a moment's notice to pick an unexpected order.

John bore his illness remarkably stoically, never letting his increasingly poor health dampen his courage and enjoyment of life. A few weeks before his death, having been given a terminal diagnosis, he decided to have as much fun as he could with his family and friends. A short camping holiday was followed by an early Christmas party for eighty guests organised by his friends complete with a Christmas tree, crackers, and a full

Christmas meal - an occasion full of merriment and courage. As John himself said, his life was full of quality if not of quantity. John died peacefully aged 48, with his family around him.

Maggie Norvell was for several years a valued part of the Round About Team and a parish councillor. Our deepest sympathy and admiration for their courage goes to her, Jim, Mandy and all the family. John was much loved and he will be missed by all who knew him.

*Susan Osborne*

\* John was also a champion "Wellie Whanger" having won the Wellington Boot throwing competition at least once! He lived his life with gusto.





***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](http://www.lbjubileehall.com)

## ***News from the Village Hall***

The Hall is being well used at present and is hosting a rich range of activities each month including fitness, yoga, art, bridge, Pilates, dance, jazz and film. We are pleased that the school will hold their Christmas production there on Friday 10 December. Sadly, we are not hosting the usual Christmas fair on account of lingering Covid concerns.

A big thanks to Tim Seddon who has organised for the car park lighting to be improved and for the external rear spotlight to be fixed. We have also tried to fix the potholes on the drive, which were calming traffic a bit too enthusiastically.

Inside the hall we are starting to plan for a new floor covering and a new sound system next year. The current floor has always been an interim arrangement and a hangover from the construction phase and has been kept going by periodic teams of volunteer decorators. Improvements to the sound system will be designed by our very own guru – Tim Wyatt – and will hopefully tie up with a future broadband connection to allow us to live-stream events in future.

Separately, Juliet Shrimpton has initiated a sustainability group to assess how we can lighten our footprint on a range of fronts including the energy that we consume and the products that we use.



With the events sub-committee and the Parish council we are beginning to plan for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations in June, and later in the year in September for a more modest event - the 10th anniversary of the Jubilee Hall.

The Hall will be closed between 19 December and 2 January. We wish you a very Happy Christmas,

*Michael Huntingford, on behalf of The Village Hall Trustees*



Global  
Assembly  
Community

## Wellington and Surrounding Parishes are set to guide world leaders on the future of the planet

A citizens' assembly is a diverse group of people who gather to learn about and discuss a topic, and make recommendations to governments and leaders.

Participants of our Community Assembly will be considering the question:

**"How can humanity address the climate and ecological crisis in a fair and effective way?"**

Our feedback will contribute to a major report to world leaders in March 2022.

The climate and ecological crisis is a term describing global warming and climate change, and their consequences for human and non-human life on earth.

The Global Assembly has been designed by a global team of climate scientists and wisdom keepers, citizen participation experts and institutions. It aims to become a permanent tool for tackling global issues. It is supported by the UN and national governments.

The **Wellington and Surrounding Parishes Community Assembly:**

Community members from the local area will participate in a workshop early in the New Year: for more information go to

<http://www.langfordbudvillevillage.co.uk/home.html>

If you are interested in joining, or if you would like to know more, please email Hannah on: [Hannah.Montag@posteo.net](mailto:Hannah.Montag@posteo.net)



**YOGA**

*the Iyengar way*

## Langford Budville Jubilee Hall

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30/Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm

To book contact

Jackie Douglas

[jacqueline.douglas@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqueline.douglas@hotmail.com)

# *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

Planning for next Year's June Jubilee celebrations has started!

So far there are many ideas on how we might celebrate this extraordinary milestone of 70 years of a single monarch reigning the country. There are already detailed national plans over the four-day public holiday and there are great opportunities to parallel those activities within our own community.

The suggested program below and opposite was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting and agreed as a good starting point. Several groups and individuals are keen to lead some of the activities, but there are many more looking for a leader. If you fancy getting involved in any of these ideas or have different ideas of your own, please get in touch.

Some of the ideas are:

**Open Gardens and Cream Teas** – Langford Ladies have taken this on. If you would be willing to open your garden, please get in touch with Laurian Cooper at [croxhall@gmail.com](mailto:croxhall@gmail.com). We know there are some exquisite gardens in the Parish, and it would be lovely to have a chance to visit them.

**Wellisford to Runnington Duck Race** – In hand!

**A Jubilee Walking Trail** – Zenah Rowe (Parish footpaths officer). To celebrate the footpaths of the parish and the Jubilee, it has been suggested that we might create a commemorative trail that takes in the pleasures of Runnington, Chipley, Wellisford & Langford Budville. If you're interested in doing more local walks, learning some new routes or in setting up a commemorative trail, come along to the Martlett between 7 and 9pm on Friday the 7th of January for a chat over a drink. You could also email Zenah at [zenah1@btinternet.com](mailto:zenah1@btinternet.com)

**Bell ringing and climbing the church towers** – The Bell-ringers are booked! Sarah Nutt is the first point of contact if you would like to be involved in any activities at St Peter's, Langford Budville. John Houghton is the contact for Runnington church 01823 661323.








If you have ideas for **sporting activities** around the parish, or for the **street party** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, please add them into the mix. We would love to hear from you. All contributions are welcome, and we need the support of all our parishioners to pull it together.

The calendar opposite is just a starting point - please see if there's anything there you'd like to work on, or if you have another idea, bring it to us, please....

Josh, Michael or Tryphena at [LBJubilee@gmail.com](mailto:LBJubilee@gmail.com),  
or [tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com](mailto:tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com)

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 - Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June

If you would to set up anything with a star, contact Josh, Michael or Tryphena at LBjubilee@gmail.com, or tryphenanunthingford@gmail.com. This will be fun!

Lead-up	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th	Sunday 5th
 National: 'Festival of Footpaths': exploring the parish footpaths Jan-June Jubilee Scarecrows outside homes across the parish	Trooping the colour  Bell ringing at St Peter's Church  Morning	St Pauls service  Open gardens & Church Tower tours	Epsom Derby  Duck race (Wellisford to Runnington)  Picnic/fete on the common, Triangle or village hall: Your ideas... Children's dress up? "Horse races" / barrel race "Queens" footy match...?	  Big Lunch street party - one long shared table! Presents for children 950s theme
 Lunch	Cream Teas at the Jubilee Village Hall or one of the open gardens	Party @ the Palace	Street Pageant	Street Party & Dog Show
 Afternoon	Jubilee Tree planting - site TBC.  Beacons	Film Night	Barn Dance	
 Evening	Beacon/bonfire at the Triangle or on the church tower?			

# News from the Villages

## Parish Council - summary of last meeting

Cllr Wren presented his update, including further details on the move to one **Unitary Authority** to be branded **Somerset Council**. The decision on election dates and changes to election boundaries is due by the end of November. Following a question from the members of public present, Cllr Hunt gave further detail on increased workload vs existing services, short term vs long term cost benefits. Cllr Wren added that there will be understandable staff uncertainty at present.

Cllr Hunt gave the latest figures on **Covid in Somerset**, and updated that Somerset has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country, but also currently one of the highest infection rates. He also gave details on a £4.1m **Climate Emergency Fund** to de-carbonise public buildings including County Hall.

**Greener Langford Budville:** Hannah Montag is working on the biodiversity audit. The contract for the travel feasibility study is due to be finalised imminently.

**Triangle:** Quotes have been requested from more suppliers in accordance with best purchasing practice. Due to the accessibility issues, size and proximity to the highway it is essential this is done professionally and there is likely to be a significant cost. The mowing plan was circulated, aiming to tender for next year's grass cutting early in the New Year. Plan to be circulated in Roundabout magazine in early spring. A new forest shade area and wildflower meadow are planned. The loose matting for the playground area has been ordered and will be fixed in advance of the play equipment inspection.

The draft terms of reference for the **Events Group** were agreed unanimously. A draft Events Calendar has been circulated. Jubilee ideas discussed include a **Street Party** and a suggestion by the footpath warden for a **Jubilee footpath**.

There being no requests to Somerset West & Taunton for an election, it was agreed to co-opt candidates to fill P.C. vacancies. Theresa Jacoby was elected unanimously. A separate committee meeting is planned to discuss and agree the vision and strategy for the council for the future.

Councillors reviewed the draft **Parish Council Sustainability Commitment** circulated with the summons to this meeting. Comments to be sent to cllr Shrimpton.

Update on **Footpaths/Bridlepaths/Rights of Way/Signposts:** Blocked drains have been reported. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way Officer to discuss accessibility issues on the footpath from opposite the Church to Runnington.

**Planning:** The Council's comments on applications No 21/21/0023, No 21/21/0024/T and 21/21/0025 were agreed as circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was agreed to discuss flooding at Chipley, new year litter picks and a proposal from a parishioner re Community Council at the next meeting.

*Helen Chadwick: Langford Budville Parish Clerk*

## *Conservation Group: Tree Planting*

Thanks to Heather and John Cottrell, who have kindly made some land available, the group is about to plant seven saplings on the banks opposite the Village Hall. These are a free gift to the Parish from Somerset West and Taunton as part of **National Tree Planting Week** in December.

It would be wonderful if local children and families could be involved in this and perhaps even help with after-care. The planting will take place from **10am on Saturday 4th December** with a follow up on Monday 6th. Come along with spades and throw some soil in the holes.

All of this was arranged by Juliet, and Derek is doing the collecting, I hear. Many thanks to both.

I'm sure we would all like to increase our numbers, so if you know anyone who might like to join us, please ask them to come along on the 4th and/or the 6th. Children are especially welcome, even if only briefly.

Assuming we get the job done on the Saturday, there is stuff to be done on the Triangle for the Monday. Perhaps nearer the time you could send me a brief YES/NO for each day.

*Ian Loudon*

## *Somerset Bus Partnership*

Somerset has the second lowest number of bus journeys per head in the UK having fallen some 43% over the last decade, a result of public transport not being a priority for the County Council. We sought the parish's view in an earlier Roundabout and the PC contributed to SCC's bid to the Government's **Bus Back Better** strategy via the Somerset Bus Partnership and the council itself.

The Partnership is still looking for local representatives to work with them, especially if you have a knowledge of the transport sector and a real desire to get involved. If you are interested more details can be found on <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk> or Julian Kupfer of [JKLBPC@gmail.com](mailto:JKLBPC@gmail.com)

The PC is liaising with **Wiveliscombe Town Council's** representative as we believe it will benefit both communities and give us a stronger voice in this important initiative - we would all benefit from a proper bus service and transport is the biggest CO2 emitter in Somerset, some 44% of our total emissions.

*Julian Kupfer*



# The 12 Days of Christmas

The carol we know as **The Twelve Days of Christmas** is very familiar to us all with its catchy tune and lyrics. It was penned in its current format in 1909 by Frederick Austin, but it appears to be based on old 'cumulative verse' games of memory-or-forfeit: One person would lead with the first line and all had to repeat this; the leader would add another line and round it would go again, with the number of lines, and the speed increasing each time. Anyone making a mistake would have to drop out or pay a forfeit – a kiss or a favour of some sort. It would have been spoken rather than sung.

The verses in the modern version date back to a 1780 children's book, **Mirth without Mischief**, but there is some evidence that the game goes back even earlier and may originate from Tyneside or perhaps France. Other musical forms have existed, but the Austin version has captured our imagination and survived. It was often sung during the twelfth night celebration by family groups, one person leading, and then going round the circle. Each person had to correctly repeat the lines – or pay a forfeit if they made a mistake.

The lyrics have varied with time and place, and there is no religious meaning to them, other than the reference to the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Attempts to assign them meaning as Christian lessons or catechisms have no foundation it seems – the verses are just secular nonsense. There are some suggestions that most of the birds referred to were game birds that would have been eaten as part of a feast in Mediaeval times.

In Western Christian theology, the Twelve Days of Christmas start on **Christmas Day** (25 December) and continue up to **Twelfth Night** (6 January) or **Epiphany**. That is believed to be the time between the birth of Christ on Christmas Day, and the arrival of the Wise Men. Epiphany is regarded in some Christian traditions as the more important festival when gifts would be given.

Different versions have appeared through time. The gift giver in the verse has been variously "My Mother" and "My True Love". The partridge has been a peacock at times, and the tree a Juniper Tree. The most variable line seems to have been the **Four Calling Birds** – originally they were "Collie or Coley birds" – i.e. coal-black birds or blackbirds, but they've also been "Canary Birds" or "Coloured Birds". The Lords a-leaping have also been Bells a-ringing and so on.

Similar lists exist from several regions, including Scotland, Sweden and the Faroe Islands, and there is a French version which refers to days of the year with similar counting and repetition, but rather different objects. The old Scottish version has the King gifting his Lady with an assortment of creatures including an Arabian Baboon! Here the numbers don't increase, and there are thirteen gifts.

We have shifted our village 'twelve days' to before Christmas as many of us will be away! This is an experiment, and maybe next year we can be a bit more ambitious and go for a village "Advent Calendar" - we'd need 24 people to volunteer to decorate windows for that!



# Butts Lane Festive Fun!



The residents of Butts Lane, and some surrounding houses, will be recreating the 12 days of Christmas in their windows.

Each evening from the 6th - 17th of December a window will light up representing one of the 12 days.

The 12 windows will remain lit each evening until the 22nd December. Feel free to join us for an evening walk to look at the windows together on Sunday 19th December at 4.30pm



## Our Village Agent



somerset village &  
community agents  
part of CCS

Village Agents are delighted to be able to distribute **Surviving Winter** grants on behalf of the **Somerset Community Foundation**, not only to help those most at risk pay for winter fuel, but also to be used in other ways to keep people warm and well - a weeks' worth of hot meals or simple measures such as a new winter coat, hot water bottles, gloves and mittens!

The grant is made possible by people who can afford to, donating their government winter fuel payment to the scheme –

<https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter>

If you can afford to, please donate some or all of your Winter Fuel Payment to help support those living in fuel poverty. With your help, we can help them stay warm, safe and well. We don't want anyone to have to choose between heating or food, and your Village Agent can help with both. Please do get in touch.

Cat Sweatman 07746 340546 [cat@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:cat@somersetccc.org.uk)

We're so pleased to be bringing you our annual **Christmas Festive Listings** – pre Covid time these were always so popular. It's the only place for details of all community events going on across the WHOLE of Somerset. Check out what's on in your area here: <https://somersetagents.org/somersetchristmasevents/>

# Apple Day at Runnington

Jane Lloyd went down with her family and lots of apples: Here's what she had to say...

We had a lovely time. First Fiona and family (Emmy 5, Isla 3 and Jack 18 months, Chris, my husband Richard and I) picked the apples in the orchard, and put them in the trailer. We took the apples down to the yard, washed them under the tap and piled them into various buckets, bins etc.

We then took these down to Runnington where very kindly Hannah, Paul and son Rufus, along with Josh, Juliet, Maia and Robin had set up the equipment. There was an old-fashioned wooden apple press there, and also a much larger 'up to date' version.



With the old press we needed to quarter/cut up the apples first. We then put them into the top of the press, which was lined with a cloth filter. Turning the handle crushed the apples and forced the pulp through the filter. Pure apple juice ran out at the bottom into prepared bottles.

With the large electric machine, whole apples were thrown into the top. The top half was like a large funnel. The apples were all squashed/chopped up and zoomed down into a bucket. We then took this pulp to an apple press, which squeezed out the juice and pumped it through some plastic tubing, which was connected to two metal taps where you placed/hold your bottles to be filled. Once filled and tops screwed on they were pasteurised.

We all loved the experience—*Jane Lloyd*

The exercise netted more than 250 bottles of apple juice, all pasteurised. These will be available to buy at £3.00 per bottle at various community events like the **School Nativity**, and the **Biodiversity Launch**.



# Living Well: DIY Christmas Gifts

For many of us, our views and values have shifted over the last two years and a common theme emerging this Christmas is **"make your own gifts"**; fun to do and a real treat for the recipient. If this is something you fancy having a go at, here are a few simple options and some websites with more ideas.

**Homemade truffles** are delicious and look amazing. They consist of a basic recipe of chocolate, butter and cream but can then be flavoured and rolled in a variety of coatings to produce a stunning gift. For a full recipe go to **Seasonal Treats** on page 25.

Or how about some **essential oil candles**? Melt some candle wax chips in a thick glass jar in the microwave and add 20 drops of your favourite essential oil. Add the wick and hold it in place with a stick across the top until the wax sets. Decorate with ribbons and a seasonal holly sprig. For detailed instructions visit: <https://sugarandcharm.com/diy-essential-oil-candles>



These **spicy coated nuts** from *Country Living* are really tasty and very easy. Combine 750g cashews, pecans, and almonds in a bowl. Coat them in 3 egg whites whisked with 2 tbsp. water for about 1 minute until frothy, then roll in a mixture of 4 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp cayenne, 1½ tsp salt, 250g granulated sugar and bake between sheets of parchment in the oven at 150°C until golden (20-30 mins, turning halfway). Leave to cool and put in an airtight glass jar with a ribbon around it.

If you have run out of time to make sloe gin/vodka there are many ways to flavour vodka quickly for a festive treat. To make **chai vodka** combine 750 ml vodka, 3 cinnamon sticks, 2 tsp chopped candied ginger, 12 black peppercorns, 10 whole cloves, and 10 cardamom pods. Cover and let stand for a week. Strain and decant into a nice bottle with a decorated label. *Good Housekeeping*

For many more ideas search for **Country Living 97 DIY Christmas gifts** and for great ideas on alternative wrapping go to <https://www.treehugger.com> and then search for **wrapping paper alternatives**.

Jane Hancock

An advertisement for HarpforHerbs.co.uk. On the left, a vertical banner reads 'harpforherbs.co.uk'. The main text says 'Herbal Teas Homegrown medicinal herbs in everyday teas'. Below this, it lists 'Manage stress', 'Aid digestion', and 'Keep well'. The central image shows a wooden display board with several sample packs of herbs, each with a harp-shaped label and a list of uses. A diagonal banner across the image reads 'Sample packs available'. The background is a field of green herbs.



# GreenFingers: Bare root trees

The description "bare root" literally means a plant that is removed from the ground for sale rather than grown in a pot and this is the time to plant them: great for the plants and great for the pocket! Deciduous plants are lifted whilst they are dormant, i.e. they've dropped their leaves for the winter. This is much less of a shock for them compared with being moved when they are busy growing leaves, flowers or seeds. They also won't need endless watering during the cooler wet months! Planting instructions should come with the plants, and there's plenty of advice on the web.

Trees, fruit bushes and hedging are all commonly planted as bare root specimens and unusual varieties are often only available as bare root plants. We have found **Adams Apples** at Payhembury is a great specialist fruit nursery. There is a wealth of choice covering appearance, fruit keeping qualities, soil compatibility and disease resistance. Most suppliers will be happy to help with advice over the phone. Some fruit suppliers, such as **Charlton Orchards** at Creech St Michael, have less familiar 'keeping' apples available for sale now if you want to taste them before buying.

If you are thinking of planting a deciduous hedge, now is the time. Hedge plants are typically sold in bundles at approximately £1 per plant. The 30-80cm high specimens look deceptively insignificant. Our little wood on the footpath by the river near Harpford Bridge is only four years old, but some of the trees are now 6m or more. The hedge along the footpath is only three years old and it's over 3m tall! There are several local suppliers, such as **Triscombe Nurseries** on the Quantocks and **Perrie Hale Nursery** near Honiton.

If you have any mass planting of borders to do, bare root stock is by far the most economical choice. Many deciduous plants are available as bare roots. Roses are best planted now, as are many peonies. Some other possibilities are sea holly, astilbe, hardy geranium and agapanthus.

*Tryphena Huntingford*





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# Friendship Circle



Unfortunately, Ken Atherton was unable to do his talk on September 24th, so one of our members, Rachel Fenwick, stepped in to tell us about how she became an Olympic athlete and competed in the 1976 Montreal Olympics at archery. She also brought along some of the equipment for us to see; it's very sophisticated these days!

The **Macmillan coffee** & cake morning, which was enjoyed by all raised £237.37 for a very good cause. The "**Gunpowder, Treason & Plot**" event started with a Guy Fawkes themed quiz, followed by a traditional lunch of bangers, potatoes & beans and delicious desserts (thanks to Maggie Blake).

On 19th November Ken Atherton spoke on "**10 places you will never visit**"; many of these are military sites and former bunkers from the cold war. Some interesting facts and photos.

## Upcoming meetings:

Dec 3rd - **Christmas trip to Saltram** (meet 10.00 am at hall)

Dec 17th - **Christmas Party** (fully booked. Start 12.00 noon)

Jan 14th, 2022 - **Happy New Year** Coffee & Chat

Jan 28th, 2022 - **Speaker - Roy Budd** (B&W Minstrels or Driving Instructor)

Feb 11th, 2022 - Coffee, Chat & quiz

Feb 25th, 2022 - **Trip - Haynes Motor Museum**

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

Pam Farr

# Langford Ladies

The November meeting was held in the function room at the Martlet; We had a lively discussion about Richard Osman's book "**The Thursday Murder Club**", an easy, entertaining read. Most of us were kept in suspense as to who the murderer was and agreed there were lots of loose ends which could be tied up in sequels. Thanks to Pam and Barbara for organising this and the Martlet for welcoming us.

The next meeting will be in the Jubilee hall on Dec. 15th at 7.00 pm. - please bring a wrapped Christmas gift, to be donated to the **Women's Refuge** in Taunton, and a sharing plate of festive nibbles. We look forward to welcoming you all for this festive social gathering. Please let me know If you will be coming on [lynneandkeith@googlemail.com](mailto:lynneandkeith@googlemail.com)

The first meeting in 2022 will be a meal on January 19th (time and venue tbc) to plan the programme for the year. Please come along with some amazing ideas for events/outings/speakers etc.

The 16th. Feb meeting, to be arranged by Laurian and Margaret, will be part of the **Reminiscence Learning Chrysalis Butterfly** project to make 9000 butterflies representing people in Somerset living with dementia. Watch out for details of this event.

Lynne Moore

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**Greener Langford Budville team:** [www.greenerlangfordbudville.com](http://www.greenerlangfordbudville.com)

# Greener Langford Budville

We are now half-way through the Somerset County Council grant period which started last May. It is worth re-capping on the many activities that have been initiated, with some notable outcomes. There has been a particular focus on our environment with much wildlife spotting and productive planting. Many thanks to Ian and Christine Loudon for organising regular activities: the **Conservation Group** and **Sustainable Gardening Group** are both popular. Tim Dyer has been a great inspiration at **the Triangle** and Hannah Montag will be launching the results of the **biodiversity audit on Saturday 15 January, Jubilee Hall, 11.00-13.00**. The survey that was distributed in April has kicked off other groups too, such as the WhatsApp recycle group "**Trash to Treasure**". Josh Wedderkopp's **website** details all this and more and paper summaries are on **display in the church** for those who prefer the older medium of communication. They continue the story from the displays at the Parish Party.

COP26 has been ringing in all our ears recently, leaving many people wondering what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint. We hope to **compare and contrast real household carbon footprints in the parish** in the next few months to highlight the most effective ways for each of us to reduce our dependence on fossil fuel. Volunteers to be part of that project, please contact me.

One effective way to reduce our footprint is to make our economy as local as possible and, with that in mind, a **Community Shop strategy group** is currently working on a business plan with a big focus on the local food supply. The **Apple Day** in Runnington was fun and produced lots of bottles of juice for sale. It will be one of the products for sale at a **Village Produce Stall** at the Jubilee Hall after the School **Nativity** play on December 10. If you would like to sell or donate honey, preserves, spare veg, cakes or other local produce do get in touch.

Finally, the **low-carbon travel feasibility study** is just starting and we will be able to report back in the New Year.

Tryphena Huntingford [tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com](mailto:tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com)

## Tree Planting on the Triangle

On Sunday 14 November – coincidentally Remembrance Sunday – the family of Gregory Paul Bartholomew, formerly of Bindon Home Farm in our parish, planted four fruit trees on the Triangle. Mr Bartholomew died in 2014, but his family have not been able to all get together to mark his passing before this.



Gregory's four children, Lahra, Samphire, Elderon and Luke, all started school in Langford Budville. They and their mother, their spouses and all their children gathered on the triangle, bringing with them the three apple and one cherry tree, spades, stakes and tree guards. They hope that the trees will provide shade, colour and fruit for the village to share.

# *News from the Churches*

## **Bishop's Letter - The heart of Christmas**

What is at the heart of Christmas for you? Is it the feasting and festivities? The carols and the candles? The stockings and the gifts? Or the presence of those you love?

This Christmas we may find ourselves investing more in our preparations, as last year Christmas plans were curtailed and for some even cancelled. A year ago we were to have had all our family gather for Christmas at our house and then just before, my husband Howard had a positive Covid test. Everything changed and in fact neither of us felt well enough to enjoy a special meal together let alone welcome others. So, this year I want to pull out all the stops!

The children and grandchildren will be with us and Howard tells me that Father Christmas will be paying a special visit! However, we are also wanting to make sure that we don't get carried away with all the tinsel and trappings and forget the heart of the story. So, we shall limit our spending on pressies but make sure that we really value the presence of one another and particularly of the Christ child at the heart of it all.

This year as you anticipate Christmas, through the stories told through Advent windows, or carol services in your church, or Nativities on the move, how might you prepare your heart for the coming Christ child? The wonder of Christmas is that God has never given up on us and in fact loves us so much that he wants to spend time with us. The birth of Jesus, God's Son, into a humble human family, brought God into our very midst, into the heart of our homes. This Christmas let's make space for Him once more and listen to the words of love, hope and joy He wants to share with us. And may that inspire our faith in the future, for ourselves and our world.

Wishing you much joy and peace this Christmas!

+Ruth

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## **Christmas Events:**

**13<sup>th</sup> December - Carols around the town Christmas tree:** mince pies and hot drinks to be served. If the weather forecast is bad it will be cancelled.

**Christmas Meal on two fronts:** 1. To have a meal on Christmas Day, as has happened previously, and: 2. To provide meals as we did last year for those who are not able to get out or are still nervous about doing so. The RGCC have very kindly said we can hold it there. We will still be looking for extra volunteers on the day to help.





# *News from Runnington Church*

We have a number of services coming up in December/January, and as well as our usual services, we would particularly welcome all to our special services - our **Christingle Service** on the 19th December and our **Epiphany Carol Service** on January 2nd.

In December we have the usual second Sunday lay-led service at 10.30 am on the 12th; then our Christingle Service at 4pm on the 19th; and our Christmas morning 10.30 HC Service on the 25th.

In January, instead of a lay-led service on the 9th, we are planning an Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 2nd January at 5pm, with John Young and a small choir. As with our Christingle Service, the Epiphany Carols have previously been well attended, and lovely occasions, with choral singing, candles, congregation participation under John's direction (as only he knows how), and wine and nibbles to follow, keeping the Christmas spirit going through into the New Year. As ever, all are most welcome.

There will then be the usual 4th Sunday HC service on 23rd January at 9am.

John Houghton

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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

## **Food Pantry update:**

Steve Jenkins gave an overview of the Food Pantry scheme. More and more Food Pantries are being set up around the country, the idea being that those who are on low income can access some food quite cheaply. Clients sign up for a specific period of time, pay so much per week, and are able to access food worth up to several times the amount they have paid in. Clients will need to live within easy walking distance of their local Pantry. The food they obtain is getting to the end of its sell by/use by date, and is provided by a company called Fareshare. This food would otherwise go into landfill. Bob House is heading up a plan to set one up, which is planned to be based at RGCC. He has possibly someone who would be able to manage it, but volunteers are needed to help run it. It would be open one day per week for limited hours.

# Notes from St Peters

November has been a busy month for St Peters – our Soup Lunch was a great success with our usual participants joined by several newcomers.

And we look forward to welcoming you for our **Christmas Soup Lunch** on December 8<sup>th</sup> (by then the heating should be working again!!!) Soup, mulled wine and mince pies etc will be on offer. Do come and join us. The **January Soup Lunch** will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. An opportunity to go out and visit with friends in what is often a rather gloomy month.

**Remembrance Sunday** saw a full Church as the village took time to remember the fallen of two world wars and other conflicts since then. Our thanks to John Houghton who led a very poignant service.

Once again, the Friends of St Peters are organising the **Lighting of the Christmas Tree** in the Church-yard followed by carol singing, mince pies and hot chocolate or mulled wine in the Church. Do come and join us and also view the entries for the competition made by the children who either live in the village or attend our school. December 4<sup>th</sup> is the day from 5.30 in the evening.

We are holding a **Christmas Service** on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 pm in the evening and all are welcome to celebrate the birth of Christ, sing carols and, if you wish, take communion.

Our regular service is on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00 am when we are joined by Runnington, and we join Runnington on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The Parochial Church Council wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

*Sarah Nutt*

## St Peter's Café

2nd Wednesday of the month: 12.00 to 2.00 pm



**Soup lunches**  
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**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/>

**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

# Young Buddies

## Mathematical Calendar Magic From NRICH at Cambridge University

There is a mathematical method for working out what day of the week each particular date fell on back as far as 1700. I wonder what day it was on Christmas Day in 1801. Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon on July 21st 1969 - what day of the week was it? What day of the week were you born on? Test your parents' memory! You can also go into the future. What day will your birthday be on in ten years?

You need to know the year, month and day of the month. You need the special numbers listed below. And you need to follow the steps.

Month	Month Number	Century Numbers		Day Number	Day!
January	1	Dates from 1700 to Sept 16th 1742	4	1	Sunday
February	4	Dates from 1800 to 1899	2	2	Monday
March	4	Dates from 1900 to 1999	0	3	Tuesday
April	0	Dates from 2000 to 2099	6	4	Wednesday
May	2	Dates from 2100 to 2199	4	5	Thursday
June	5			6	Friday
July	0			7	Saturday
August	3				
September	6				
October	1				
November	4				
December	6				
If it's a leap year January is 0 and February is 3					

Why not work out what day of the week you were born on?  
 What about friends & family?  
 You could time travel into the future and calculate the day of the week of your eighteenth birthday...

Here are the steps, with an example to test it out.

I know my daughter was born on Wednesday October 1st 1986.

Let's check it was a Wednesday

Steps	Example
Step 1: Take the last two digits of the year (1986)	86
Step 2: Divide this by 4 and ignore any remainder ( $86/4 = 21 \text{ rem } 2$ )	21
Step 3: Find the <b>Month Number</b> (October)	1
Step 4: Add the day number (1st) to the numbers found in Steps 1 to 3.	$1 + 86 + 21 + 1 = 109$
Step 5: Divide the answer by 7. If the remainder is 0, use 7 for the remainder number	$109/7 = 15 \text{ rem } 4$
Step 6: Find the century number	0
Step 7: Add the remainder number from Step 5 to the <b>Century Number</b>	$4 + 0 = 4$
Step 8: Match this number to a day on the <b>Day Number</b> chart	4 = It's Wednesday!

Hmmm? I wonder how that works?

# Seasonal Treats: Chocolate Truffles

These are relatively easy to make but are quite messy! They are seriously delicious and make a great gift at Christmas, but be prepared for you and your kitchen to be covered in chocolate. The core recipe is very simple: chocolate, butter and cream. You can then roll them in, or add whatever flavourings you wish, or even add a bit of your favourite tippie. This recipe is for "dark chocolate" lovers, I prefer them with a bit less cocoa.

## Ingredients:

225g good quality Belgian dark chocolate  
(at least 70% Cocoa).

180 ml whipping cream

1 tbsp unsalted butter (room temp)

½ tsp vanilla extract

Toppings: Sprinkles, cocoa powder, crushed nuts,  
crushed chocolate

2 tbsp liqueur (optional)

## Method

Chop the chocolate finely (or use a food processor).

Transfer the chocolate into a glass Pyrex bowl. Place the butter on top of the chocolate in small pieces.

Warm the cream until it is just starting to simmer (keep stirring throughout to prevent it sticking). Pour the hot cream over the chocolate and add the vanilla extract (or any other flavourings/liqueur of your choice).

Leave to stand for 5 minutes.

After 5 minutes mix well. If all the chocolate has not melted place the bowl over a pan of simmering water and stir until all the chocolate is melted. Pour the chocolate into a flat, shallow dish and cover with cling film directly on the surface of the chocolate to prevent condensation. Place in the fridge for 1 - 2 hours until it is firm.

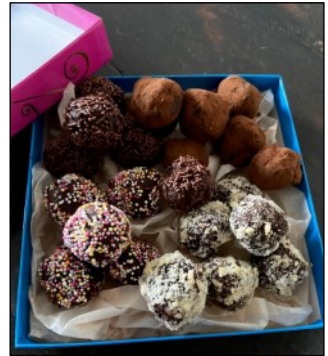
This is the messy bit ;-). Use a tablespoon to scoop out balls of the mixture and roll them between your palms. Then coat the balls in the toppings of your choice. (If the balls have become too soft you can refrigerate them for 20 minutes before adding the toppings. Conversely if the toppings won't stick roll them in your hands for longer.)

Pop them on some crumpled tissue paper in a clean recycled box, add a ribbon, and they will make the perfect gift. (But be sure to add a note saying "**store in the fridge for up to 3 days only**" - they do not contain preservatives!)

This recipe is adapted from *Sally's Baking Addiction*.

<https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/homemade-chocolate-truffles/>

Jane Hancock



The children at Langford Budville Primary produced some wonderful artwork for Remembrance Day.  
Here is a selection of work from the children.



# Our School

Autumn at school continues with the usual events. COVID measures mean that most activities are slightly modified.

Rev. Selina joined us for our **Harvest** celebration when she made her final visit before moving on to pastures new. She has been a really valued member of our extended school family and we will miss her greatly.

Class One visited the Brewhouse Theatre to see a dramatization of the exciting Julia Donaldson story, "**What the Ladybird Heard.**" They had an amazing morning. For some, it was the first time they had been to a live theatre show.



This month, Class One, while learning about questions and statements as forms of sentences, asked and answered some questions about Guy Fawkes.

Kobie wondered, "Why would you kill the king?" His answer was, "Guy Fawkes wanted to kill the king because he hated him. He thought that the king was unkind to the people."

Payton wondered, "Why didn't they kill the king?" Her answer was, "On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1601 a plan to kill King James was discovered and stopped."

Each class marked **Remembrance** by creating art and poetry. Class One visited the church. The whole school joined together in the playground to share the poetry before having two minutes silence as separate classes.

We have started to rehearse our Nativity play, **It's a Miracle!** Barring COVID restrictions, we are hoping and planning to perform it to families and members of the Langford Budville community at the Jubilee Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon and again on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Please call Kim in the school office (01823 400483) if you would like a ticket.

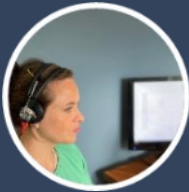
As I write today, school uniforms are nowhere to be seen – it is **Children In Need** day so Pudsey based clothes and face paints are the latest fashion. We had a Pudsey style welly walk on Wednesday. Today, our school council ran fun activities that were inspired by Pudsey for all the other children: "Pin the Blush on the Pudsey eyepatch"; "Drop a penny on Pudsey's eyepatch"; "Cookie stacking" and "Guess what I am drawing?" A fabulous day for all that will benefit children who have challenges in their lives.



Moira Brown

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





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