

A scenic landscape featuring a dirt path that leads through a lush green field. The path is flanked by tall grass and various trees, some with vibrant green foliage. In the distance, two large, rounded trees stand prominently. The sky is a clear blue with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Round About

*the villages of Langford Budville
and Runnington*

June/July 2021



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Welcome ...

To the June Edition of Round About. As we ease our way out of lockdown, I am sure we are hoping that the plans for re-opening the economy on June 21 does not get derailed again. Most of us will have been vaccinated by now, and with the weather improving we should be able to meet safely out of doors, and even within. **Langford Ladies** have managed some outdoor meetings, and it was lovely to be able to get to **Budvue Cinema** and The Martlet again. They're now open inside too, with a good fire when needed, so rain need not stop us. Check **What's On** for details.

It has been a strange Spring: cold and very dry one month and very wet but still cold the next. A changeable climate needs us to be adaptable and resourceful. Our gardens aren't sure what to expect next. Perhaps they need food — so maybe the **Green Fingered** could try hot composting. And if you have got a surplus of Rhubarb, do check our **Seasonal Treat**. You can learn more about herbs and their use as part of **Living Well** by visiting the Open Garden at Harpford Farm.

Our local **Greener Langford Budville** initiative is off to a good start, with many questionnaires returned. Analysis of these is beginning, and various groups are looking for volunteers to move it along. There's a website, and lots of interest groups you can join to help. Do check it out. The **Broadband Team** also reports back: It seems that some lucky residents will be getting hooked up soon via BT/USO, but some will be left out. The Team continues to fight our corner.

The **Friendship Circle** and other groups are starting up again at the **Jubilee Hall**. The Trustees have been busy improving the gardens and the Hall itself ready for us all. If you have got really fit with all the walking you've done in lockdown, you could have a stab at going **Out & About** on the Brendon Towers Way — a reasonably local but quite challenging walk around the churches of Wiveliscombe. And our **Young Buddies** might like to go butterfly counting.

The **Parish Council** has worked hard during lockdown to keep things going, but with the resignation of our longest serving Parish Councillor and the Parish Clerk, they are in need of help. Do please consider if you might be able to serve the community in this way.

Runnington has **Welcomed** several new residents in the past months, and have also have been saddened by loss, bidding farewell to old friends. But our **Churches** are coming to life again after a long hibernation. **Our School** has been back for a while and doing a lot of catching up.

Saranne Cessford on behalf of the editorial team.

What's On:

Function	Venue	Date	Time
Police Beat Surgeries have started again.	Jubilee Hall	Wed. 23 June Wed. 21 July	10.00 to 11.00 am
Budvue — A beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 19 June	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Green LB: Biodiversity Training	Jubilee Hall	Sun 13 June	t.b.c.
Langford Ladies: Kittisford Gdn	Meet at Martlet	Wed. 16 June	6.15 pm
Green LB Bat Walk	Jubilee Hall	Thurs. 24 June	9.00 pm
Open Garden at Harpford Herb Farm (see p.14)	Harpford Farm	Sat 26 June Sun 27 June	2.00 to 5.00 pm
Friendship Circle	Jubilee Hall	Fri. 2 July	11.00 am
Budvue — Little Women	Jubilee Hall	Sat. 17 July	7.00 pm
Langford Ladies: Herbs	Harpford Farm	Wed. 21 July	7.00 pm
Green LB Bat Walk	Jubilee Hall	Thurs. 22 July	8.45 pm
Budvue — Love, Sarah	Jubilee hall	Sat. 21 August	7.00 for 7.30

Budvue Cinema

Budvue Cinema returned to the Village Hall on Saturday 22 May. It was a good turnout with a lot of familiar faces. The film, **23 Walks**, had a full range of emotions including humour and was well received. Well suited to our audience. A good start to the summer season.

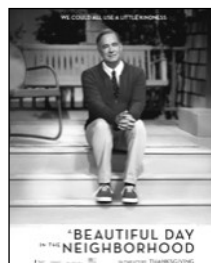
Tim Wyatt

Coming up in June "A beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers, in a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod.

In **July**, we will be showing the latest version of "**Little Women**": Lousia May Allcott's timeless classic set in the years after the American Civil War and starring Saoirse Ronan, Laura Dern and Emma Watson among others.

You can find reviews and information about all the shows coming to the Hall online at www.moviola.org/films/



Farewell and Welcome:

Farewell to Ruth Whall

Ruth Whall, who died recently at the age of 76, lived in Runnington from 1990 until moving back into Wellington a few years ago. She was born in Herefordshire, trained in London and came to Somerset in 1966. Her working life was spent mainly in Wellington School office and in helping to run a boarding house there.

Ruth loved Runnington; she was brought up in the country and that was where she felt happiest. She was a great supporter of church activities even after moving back to Wellington. Keeping up with people and helping them was what she loved doing. Those of you who knew her, some fairly recently through the village Bridge Club, will agree that she was genuinely one of the most thoughtful and generous people around. She was also very good company, ready to laugh at anything pompous or ridiculous.

Working in Wellington School meant that she knew many people, and will be missed by many. Ruth and her family have been among our closest friends for many years.

Ian and Chris Loudon

Welcome to Runnington

Runnington has welcomed several new residents in the last few weeks.

Tim and Sharon Hiscock have moved into Malthouse Barn from Hampshire, where Tim ran a boatyard. They wanted to move to the West Country to a property with a piece of land.

Fliss Maxfield has moved to Malthouses and works at a local veterinary referral hospital. She has lived in the West Country for seven years and wanted a garden suitable for her disabled elderly boxer, Sullivan. She has been pleased by the warm welcome she has received from her neighbours.

Siobhan Murphy moved into The Tallet in November. She is a dentist, currently commuting to Leicester three times a week. She has been busy creating a beautiful garden and courtyard at her new home, and is looking forward to planting fruit trees on her plot of land. She thanks all her neighbours who have welcomed her to Runnington.

I am sure that everyone in the village will wish to send them our warmest regards, and look forward to meeting them soon.

Maggie Norvell

News from the Villages

Parish Council

Planning Applications:

Case Ref: 21/21/0012 – Proposal: Erection of a compost toilet in the grounds of St. Peter's Church, Langford Budville. *The PC has no objections to this proposal.*

Case Ref: 21/21/0016 – Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 No. dwelling on land at Courtlands Farm, Courtlands, Langford Budville. *The PC objects to this proposal on the grounds that there is no access to the building site for public vehicles. Residents of Courtlands pay for the upkeep of this private road.*

All applications can be viewed in full at: <https://www2.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/asp/webpages/plan/plapplookup.asp>

Triangle Community Team Update: Councillor Derek Sowden received an update from Tim Dyer regarding 'design ideas' for The Triangle. Bird and human friendly tree choices were discussed to incorporate a wide variety of potential species to plant. A meeting of volunteers will be arranged. David Faulkner managed to source 200 hedge plants and, with the help of nine others, the plants were positioned along the Wiveliscombe Road. The PC wish to thank Tim Dyer for the countless hours of work that he has put in to improving The Triangle, as well as to all other volunteers who have given up their time to assist.

Litter along the B3197 – Runnington to Tonedale: Councillor Maggie Norvell made multiple reports to SWTC about the litter along the verges of the B3197. Fortunately, SWTC have now cut the grass along the verges and have removed the litter.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday June 14 2021, outside, at 7.00 pm at South Gundenham Farm. From July, meetings should be able to be held in the Village Hall.

Parish Council resignations

Our longest serving member, Valerie Pitman has resigned from the Parish Council. She has held office for six years, during which time she has dedicated unlimited time to the wellbeing of the Village, noting potholes, blocked drains, overhanging branches, dropped litter and dog waste, and reporting them to the appropriate authorities. Perhaps her greatest passion has been the Triangle, owned by the Parish Council, to which she pays particular attention and in which she has taken great pride.

Valerie has lived in Langford Budville for all of her life, and nobody knows its history, geography or its residents better than she does. Her huge bank of knowledge has been of great use in her work as a Parish Councillor, and the rest of the council will miss her experience and understanding. I am sure everyone in the village will wish to join the Parish Council in thanking Valerie for her dedication to the wellbeing and improvement of Langford Budville, and we wish her well for the future.

Carly Payne, the Parish Council Clerk, has also submitted her resignation, due to pressure of other commitments. Carly has served the Parish Council with dedication and professionalism, and has been of great support to the council members, who would like to thank her for her hard work and efficiency. Her post will be advertised shortly, and if anyone fancies a part time administrative job serving the local community, please do get in touch.

Maggie Norvell (Parish Councillor)

Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer [RFO] at Langford Budville Parish Council

We are in need of a part time Parish Clerk RFO (between five and seven hours per week flexi time). Working from home, you will support the Parish Council administratively, and by providing advice to Councillors, support sound and legal decision making.

You will attend Parish Council meetings, produce agendas and formal minutes; and handle the correspondence and the financial affairs of the council. Competent IT skills and good interpersonal skills are essential. The successful applicant will either hold, or be willing to give a commitment to obtain, the Certificate in Local Council Administration [CLCA].

The salary will be £11.53 per hour in accordance with the national recommended salary scale for a Parish of this size. Clerks may also claim £26/month expenses for working from home.

For further information, a job description and application form contact the Parish Clerk langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com

**Closing date for applications: 7 June 2021:
Interviews will be held on 8 June 2021 5pm to 8pm**

The successful applicant will need to attend a half day online training course for new parish clerks from 10am to 1pm on 15 June, 29 June and 6 July, if not already qualified with the CLCA.



News from the Village Hall

It's great to start to see regular hall users come back and to welcome some new ones. We will continue to follow the guidance issued by ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to keep the hall as safe as possible during the remainder of Step 3. We very much hope that all restrictions on social contact will be relaxed from 21 June, but we are well placed to react quickly to changes in guidance should we need to.

A huge thank you to the 20 people who came and helped plant up the bank behind the village hall on a changeable Saturday morning last month. We put in over 400 plants in a space of around 200m² and hope that they will prosper in tricky soil and provide year-round interest. There is a second phase to plant grasses and herbaceous perennials on the bank but that now feels much more manageable.

Over the last two months we have had some interaction with the developers of the houses adjacent to the car park. They believe they have found a way forward with a shared surface water drainage system capable of adoption by Wessex Water.



Separately, we are thinking about the other outside spaces around the hall and particularly whether we might be able to host, for example, a wildlife area, a picnic table, barbeque, notice boards, or an outside cinema. We need to ensure that we don't interfere too much with the enjoyment of the licenced area by hirers of the hall, and also to procure the funds to complete some of the outstanding work from the construction phase. These include improvements to the drive and carpark, drainage and steps to the front of the hall and courtyard surface to the back.

Finally, it does feel as if it is a time for change. We have our AGM coming up hopefully in July and would love to welcome some new trustees. In particular, Pam would like to step down as treasurer after many years. It would also be great to contribute to putting on more village events.

Please do get in touch if you have any views on these issues.

Michael Huntingford - 07880 706889: Chairman. Village Hall Trustee Committee

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**



LB Team Broadband Update

It appears the USO contractors have started work at Swifts putting in fibre cables. Completion of fibre infrastructure to the first tranche of properties is scheduled for July 2021. BT have told us that approximately 70 properties in Langford Budville are included with a possibility of further additions (dependent on capacity). All included properties will receive notification about two weeks before the service goes live with details and service contract options.

For those not eligible for USO fibre, Airband will be surveying most of our parish at the end of the year with a view to complete work in August 2022. Thorne St Margaret and Wellisford are unfortunately not due for completion until March 2024. We have been trying to ensure that all those in our partnership are included but as this is not a demand led project, it is ultimately out of our hands. We strongly recommend you register your interest with Airband to increase your chances of inclusion: <https://www.airband.co.uk/>

Karen Grabham

Art Group:

We will provisionally be re-starting the art group on 14th July at 10.00 am - 12.00 in the committee room at the Jubilee Hall; it is a very informal group and we usually do our own projects, but other ideas will be welcomed. The cost is £3 per session. Please contact Pam (pjayfarr@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

A Greener Langford Budville



Supported by a grant from the Somerset County Council

Results of the parish survey

With 66 replies (about 26% of those delivered) and over 40 people volunteering for activities and projects, there is plenty of energy to help with the current greening initiatives and to start new ones. However, with the wealth of information gathered, it's going to take a while to make the most of it all!

In summary, it is wonderful to report that so many of us are keen to actively support nature, with a good sprinkling also excited about supporting the human population. Most parishioners are enthusiastic about making it safer and more pleasant to cycle and walk but there are a few who feel that this should not be at the expense of any change to the freedom (and dominance!) of the car. The idea of a village shop has provoked much thought... There are some great new ideas, such as bee keeping, community gardening and walking groups which support both nature and people.

Ideas to help nature

Please see the biodiversity article for all that is already happening. If you volunteered for anything in this section of the survey, your details are now with Ian and Christine Loudon, and Hannah Montag who have coordinated these activities so far.

Ideas for people

Finding and using information has changed so much in the last few decades that parishioners are somewhat divided between those that feel that good advice is easily available and those that would welcome old-fashioned face-to-face contact for more than just the information exchanged. A new website is now accessible (see adjoining article) which can be used to try to bridge the gap between on-line and real.

Many people have craft, hobby, outdoor and technical skills that they would like to share. We can list skills and potential teachers available on-line but perhaps demonstration mornings would be fun? Similarly, a program of speakers on specialist "green" topics would be welcomed by many, but putting together the program could happen through the website. Well-placed noticeboards would also be a boon.

There is definitely potential to hold a green/craft fayre, possibly with a seasonal element: perhaps linked to apples and cider?

Changes to travel

There will be some professional support in the autumn to help us rationalise infrastructure improvements for cycling and walking. Lots of parishioners would like a bus, which is an unlikely dream. In the meantime, why not try to initiate shared

journeys once we are out of lockdown – either by asking or offering directly or through the website? The use of a central location for deliveries is a popular idea to reduce our collective fossil fuel consumption and cut down on very local traffic.

Exchanging stuff and a village shop

There is clearly much enthusiasm for exchanging things rather than buying new and also for shopping locally. An image of a possible shop at the Martlet is emerging - a place to both sell and swap, and share information with a focus on fresh produce and local sourcing. Village-grown vegetables, home-baked goods and meat/dairy were your top "products to buy". A shop would be a place for social engagement and frequent purchases which would complement more occasional supermarket shopping. I will coordinate a steering group meeting. Let me know if you are interested and have not already volunteered.

Full details at oneplanetfb.wixsite.com/greenerlb

Tryphena Huntingford

Biodiversity Action gets under way

Under the supervision of a local ecological consultancy, several surveys are planned this year: bat walks, checking bat roosts in homes and barns, and a water vole/otter survey. There is so much to be learned about wildlife on our doorstep. You are welcome to join the search and become citizen scientists, regardless of your wildlife knowledge. We will then be able to carry on making annual surveys as a community.

A Library of Things

For a small deposit, these items will be available for all from a central location. Training in their use will be included and a training event will be held in the village hall at **3.00 pm on Sunday 13 June**.

- Bat detector - to leave out in your garden to record bat calls over a period of time
- Trail camera - motion sensitive and infra-red camera to catch glimpses of species which may visit your garden
- Mammal footprint tubes – great for identifying hedgehogs (comes with footprint guide)
- Moth trap – trap with blacklight bulb which traps moths overnight to be identified and released in the morning (comes with a moth ID guide)
- Reptile tins – corrugated metal that slow worms, lizards and grass snakes love to bask beneath (comes with a reptile ID guide)
- Bottle traps – a licensed surveyor will help you to set these out in your pond to see which newt species you might have

Bat activities that you can join

Paul Kennedy, chairman of the Somerset Bat Group will be leading a walk each month to explore the bats within our local area. Learn about the different species, their ecology and how to tell them apart. Bat detectors will be provided.

We will be meeting at The Village Hall 30 mins before dusk. Please bring a torch as it will be dark by the time we finish! Times and dates below:

Thursday 24 th June	9:00pm – 11:00pm
Thursday 22 nd July	8:45pm – 10:45pm
Thursday 19 th August	8:00pm – 10:00pm
Thursday 23 rd September	6:45pm – 8:45pm



Photo: RSPB

If you have, or think you have, bats in your roof or barn and would like to know more about the species or type of roost, please let us know and a licensed volunteer will come and check, and talk to you about your bats and their ecology.

Get Involved:

If you would like to get involved in any of these things, please email **Greener.LB.Biodiversity@gmail.com**

Ian Loudon and Hannah Montag

New Website

As a source of information on progress towards a greener Langford Budville, a record of wildlife data and a forum for discussion, a new website has been set up:

<https://oneplanetlb.wixsite.com/greenerlb>

This website is the forum for everyone's contributions as well as the main conduit of information to find out what is happening. Please take a look and add to it. On the website you can:

- Sign up to post to the forums
- See the full survey results and get engaged in community projects
- Record your wildlife sightings and join the nature groups
- Borrow the citizen science equipment
- Read the small print about the Somerset County Council grant!

The household survey and biodiversity survey are supported by a grant from the **Somerset County Council**, as part of the government initiative to improve lives and reduce our carbon footprint.



Seasonal Treats: Rhubarb

Rhubarb & Grapefruit Jam

This recipe is taken from Jane Grigson's Fruit Book and is one of the most popular jams in our house. The flavour is complex and a long way from the more familiar berry jams.

$\frac{3}{4}$ kg (1½ lb) rhubarb cut into 2cm pieces if thin or 1cm if thick

2 grapefruit (preferably pink to improve the colour)

$\frac{3}{4}$ kg (1½ lb) sugar

Put the rhubarb into your jamming pan (or a bowl if your pan is aluminium). Grate or zest the grapefruit rind and add to the pan. Peel the grapefruit and press it through a coarse sieve with your hands. You want the flesh but not the segment walls or pith. Add the grapefruit to the jamming pan and pour the sugar on top. Cover the pan and leave overnight, in a similar way to strawberry jam when you are trying to retain some whole fruits.



The next day, bring slowly to the boil, stirring often. Check the back of your spoon for sugar crystals and, when there are none left, raise the heat and boil hard for 15 minutes. Check that you have reached setting point and pot up.

Makes approximately 4 jars. It is easy to double the recipe.

Perhaps this is an opportunity to join the **Langford Budville Trash to Treasure** WhatsApp. Those with a glut of rhubarb can publish that information to reach those who want some. If you don't have or use a smart phone, we have spare rhubarb at the moment – 07805 512388.

Tryphena Huntingford

Trash to Treasure

Do you have **useful** items around your home that you don't want any more that are just too good to throw away? Give yourself more space, avoid the landfill, and make a neighbour happy by giving your unwanted treasures away?

We've set up a **neighbourhood swap-shop** and giveaway group on **WhatsApp**. Your mobile phone number will be shared with the group, but this is just for parishioners. No money is involved. All you need is to have the app installed on your phone, join the group and post the details of the item that you'd like to give away. And you might see something on there that you fancy for yourself! To join, scan the temporary QR code above, or email Josh at One.Planet.LB@gmail.com and he'll send you a link to the group.



Out & About: Brendon Towers Way

A Stunning Local Walk around Wiveliscombe and the Hills Benefice

After all this walking during Lockdown I am sure we are all fit and keen to tackle more demanding routes. The Brendon Towers Way offers just a little more challenge!

This new walking route, which was officially opened last year, starts in Wiveliscombe. It is a circular path visiting all the churches in the Wiveliscombe and the Hills Benefice. There are eight churches to visit and many have significant histories and architectural features. My favourite was **Tolland Church** which I visited when the churchyard was swathed in daffodils, although a close second was dinky **Raddington Church** (fifth smallest in England) with its magnificent C14 church door.



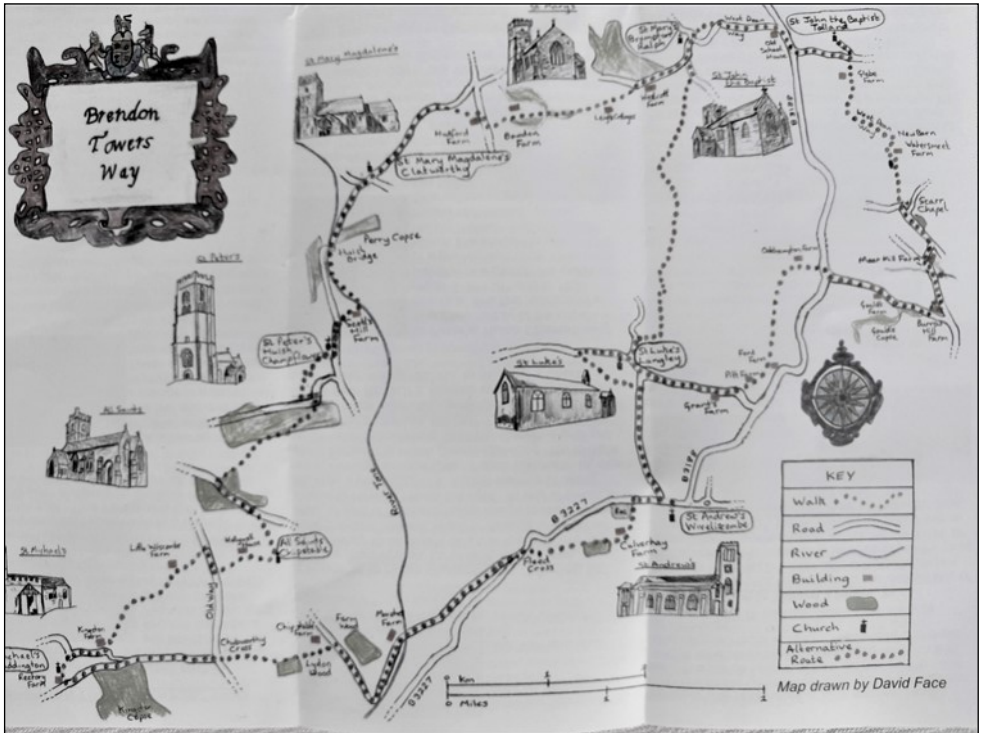
The entire walk is 20 miles long and I suppose could be completed in a day for the really energetic! My son and I completed the route in three sections and I was astonished to discover such stunning walks so close to home. My particular favourites were the sections around Tolland. Although there is no getting away from some pretty steep climbs – Wiveliscombe hills can be tough - the rewards are well worth the effort.

The Way is very well waymarked with bright red signs throughout the route. A leaflet with details of the route has been produced, which also gives a wealth of information about all the churches on the Brendon Towers Way. This can be obtained from Wiveliscombe Post Office, Library and Community Office in The Square. Cost £1.00. Various websites such as **WalkersAreWelcome** give further details and there is also a Facebook page.



If you would like further information about suggested sections to walk, please get in touch. I would be happy to accompany any walkers who would like to take on the challenge!

Zenah Rowe: zenah1@btinternet.com



From Our Village Agent

West Somerset Bike Project expands into Taunton.



The successful 'West Somerset Bike Project' has gained additional funding from Somerset West and Taunton Council, using money from the Hinkley Point C Fund, which will allow it to expand into the 'Taunton Deane' area. A simple idea: match someone able to donate a bike (that they no longer use) with somebody who needs one. A bike mechanic checks the bike over, makes small repairs, and a helmet, lock and lights are added, then the bike is ready to go! So far, the project has shared 100 bikes and there is funding for 40 more.

The bikes are being offered to people who need a bike to access **work, education, or training**. For example, to attend an interview, take up a job offer or attend college or an apprenticeship. The project must ensure that the bikes go to the people who need them most. An email to **Izzy Silvester** izzy@Somersetcc.org.uk with the contact details of anyone interested in accessing the scheme will mean that someone will be in touch to discuss their needs. It is important that they meet the criteria for needing the bike.

We still need donations of bikes (of reasonable quality). If you have a bike to donate, please get in touch with **CCS Village Agent Izzy** via email above with your name and phone number and a brief description of the bike or call **07931 018 045** to arrange for a free collection.

Herbs for Aging Well

Herbs can be a useful complement to other aspects of aging well, such as a varied diet, moderate exercise, keeping up friendships and, regular mental stimulation. However, our bodies will age and inevitably work less vigorously. Herbs can help minimise common problems such as poor memory, sluggish digestions (including constipation), insomnia, as well as more “medical” conditions such as high or low blood pressure. Regular intake of sensible normalising and gentle herbs as part of a varied diet is self-care.

Dandelion – The mildly bitter leaves are diuretic (hence the French: pis-en-lit) and are good in a mixed salad. The root is a great gentle laxative and quite tasty – either chew it or make a decoction to drink by chopping and boiling for 5 mins. The roasted root makes a no-caffeine alternative to coffee.

Sage and Rosemary – Both have well-founded reputations for improving memory and alertness. Be generous with them in cooking and use regularly in herb teas. (Avoid large quantities of sage if pregnant or epileptic.) Sage is revered in China for longevity.

Hyssop – One of my favourite herbs in teas, hyssop stimulates the digestion and is useful in a range of lung complaints. It can be used as an expectorant and is also anti-spasmodic and anti-inflammatory. It used to be an important culinary herb.

Lemon balm – a balm for the mind and the digestion, this herb makes a delicious tea at any time and smells wonderful.

Nettles – Nettles, easily available to add to soup or drunk as a tea, are mineral rich and for that reason alone are valuable in any diet. They also stimulate elimination, are useful as an all-round tonic and can help with a range of allergies.

Garlic – Garlic is good for you! In particular, garlic helps improve the digestion of fats which can become an issue as we age. Garlic also helps maintain a healthy circulation, reduce blood pressure and balance blood sugar levels.

Chamomile – Chamomile is regarded as the king of digestive herbs and is also calming. There is a good reason why it is the most popular herbal tea, It's a lovely way to end a meal, particularly in the evening. Try combining with lemon balm.

Tryphena Huntingford



Open Weekend
at
Harpford Farm

26th & 27th June 2-5pm
More info at www.harpfordherbs.co.uk

- Herb field, polytunnels and new woodland next to river
- Tone all open
- Herbal tea tasting
- Tea and plants for sale
- 3 medical herbalists and guided tours

Langford Ladies

Taking advantage of the relaxing of the socialising rules, 14 of us made our way to **Chibley Park** where, by kind permission of Maxine Morland, we enjoyed a guided tour of the grounds and gardens of what had once been the home of Edward Clarke MP, Auditor to Queen Mary and landlord of most of Langford Budville. Although his mansion is long gone, we were still able to appreciate the walled garden, bowling alley and lime avenue he would have known, while the former stables, now upgraded to a handsome dwelling, gave a feeling of what had stood there before. Our thanks to Saranne for arranging the visit (and the wonderful weather) and to Maxine for making us so welcome.

Sylvia Gothard

The next Langford Ladies visit will be to **Kittisford House Gardens** in Kittisford, on Wednesday 16 June from 6.30pm, when the head gardener, Mark, will show us around. The views from the garden are pretty impressive, and the garden is beautiful. The tour will be around an hour long, though Mark seems very flexible. I guess it rather depends on the weather!

I suggest we car share and meet at The Martlet car park at 6.15 pm. Please can you let me know if you are able to attend by **Monday 14 June**. Contact details: zenah1@btinternet.com. Directions on request.

I suggest we enjoy a drink or supper at The Martlet afterwards.

Zenah Rowe

Friendship Circle

We continue to use email, telephone or Zoom meetings to keep in touch, but as previously reported, we have booked the Jubilee Hall for Friday 2nd July at 11.00 am -12.30, when we look forward to seeing everyone.

As always, new members will be made very welcome. We have yet to decide on a program of events, because of uncertainty around the Covid situation, but being able to get together is quite a step!

Pam Farr



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GreenFingers – Hot Composting

I recently had my interest piqued by an advert for a hot compost bin. It makes liquid fertiliser and compost in a few months compared with cold composting, which can take over a year. Plus, you can add meat, fish, bones and perennial weeds. What's not to like? Well, the price actually! Undeterred, I googled DIY insulated hot composters bins, but the best option I found used polystyrene (eco-unfriendly) and I envisaged rats burrowing in for a snack and a warm bed. My neighbours, Graham and Sarah, who took the plunge and bought a commercial bin, suggested a large wooden box lined with something like cavity insulating board. It would also need a snug fitting lid, a thermometer, and holes in the bottom to release the liquid fertiliser and let air in. It is also possible to 'hot compost' with an open pile but they don't get as hot and you can't add meat and fish for obvious vermin reasons.



In all cases the correct carbon ('brown') to nitrogen ('green') ratio is essential for aerobic microbial activity and to heat up the pile (50°C – 60°C), whilst avoiding anaerobic bacteria that will make the compost smelly. 'Brown' ingredients include straw, dry corn stalks, shredded paper, small twigs and dry fall leaves. The 'green' ingredients include grass clippings, food scraps, garden deadheads/trimmings, coffee grounds, tea bags and manures.

Advice on ratios of 'brown' to 'green' material vary but the rule of thumb is: if it gets too dry add water, if the temperature drops add 'brown' stuff and if it gets too wet add 'green' stuff. It should feel like a well rung out sponge. Other tips: chop everything finely and add some finished compost as an activator.

I think I am going to try a DIY insulated box first. If it's a success, it will reduce waste and I will get some nice compost in a month or so. Otherwise, a commercial bin is going on my Christmas list.

Thank you to Graham and Sarah Warner for advice and photos.

Jane Hancock

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You don't have to wait until July, as Langford Buddville already has a wildlife spotting group! Your parents can scan the QR code below to join our parish Wildlife WhatsApp group where you can upload photos of your discoveries and ask other members questions about the interesting creatures that you've discovered.



News from the Churches

Bishop's Letter: - Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton:

A time to learn

'I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught,' wrote Winston Churchill. I think many of us would echo that thought!

A huge 'thank you' to our teachers and all who support our schools! There has been a tremendous effort across our diocese to ensure our children have been able to continue their education during lockdowns and the need to restrict normal practice. Not only have the children been learning but teaching staff have also been going 'back to school' in order to find new means of communication. Governors, church communities and individual volunteers have gone the extra mile too, to encourage our teachers through gifts and cards and prayer. The whole school team deserves our gratitude.

Learning online is a challenge. Those of us who are spending many hours in Zoom rooms online these days can vouch for that. It's tiring! And it is not just our children who have found it so. At the end of this month we shall be celebrating the ordinations of our new priests. Last year they were ordained as deacons in September following three months as lay curates as a result of the pandemic restrictions.

What a year to be a deacon! They've had a very different learning experience than would normally be expected. Not so much opportunity of the 'hands-on' experience yet, perhaps an even more profound learning possibility. I'm looking forward to hearing their stories!

We shall be repeating the new pattern of ordinations with our incoming deacons being licensed as lay curates initially this June. For them, colleges and courses have taken place principally online and they've had experience of digital worship on top of regular lectures and seminars. How might that prepare them for our 'new normal' of blended worship, with live-streaming of services in person?

As the Church emerges into this 'new normal' we have the opportunity together to learn and discover new things, new gifts, new ways of being the people of God. It is the same good God, the same story of His love to share with others, but there's a new landscape. How might you and your community respond to that? What have you learnt in this time? And how might that learning change you and the way you do things? Do share your stories with us!

"One learns from books and example only that certain things can be done. Actual learning requires that you do those things." (Frank Herbert)

Every blessing

Bishop Ruth

Church Services Rota

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	First Reading	Second Reading
6 June	11:00 am HC HC	Join Langford Budville	Genesis 3. 8-15	2 Corinthians 4. 13 - 5.1
13 June	Join Runnington	10:30 am Lay-lead Service	Ezekiel 17. 22-end	2 Corinthians 5.6-10 (11-13)
20 June	No service	No service	Job 38. 1-11	2 Corinthians 6. 1-13
27 June	Join Runnington	9.00 am HC service	Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15, 2. 23-24	2 Corinthians 8. 7-end

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Your Story

If you would be willing to share part of your faith story please contact Rev Selina. It would be wonderful to have a wide range of people and stories to share to inspire us all in our faith journeys and to help those interested learn a little about what it means in our everyday lives to be a Christian.

Retirement of Bishop Peter

Bishop Peter is retiring as the seventy-ninth **Bishop of Bath and Wells** after an online farewell service from Wells Cathedral on Saturday 22 May.

Covid restrictions and Bishop Peter's treatment, which prevents him from going into public spaces, meant his farewell service from Wells Cathedral had to be streamed and it is available to view online from Saturday 22 May from 3.00 pm. The link to the service:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/content/pages/documents/farewell-peter-final-service-10-may-2021.pdf>

News from Runnington Church

On 9th May we had a lovely reflective evening Taize service with chants, hymns, and candles, with John Young playing the organ, and a violin and flute accompaniment. We hope to have another Taize service before long.

After the service we presented **Susan Osborne and Wendy Pollard** with flowers, in acknowledgement of their enormous contribution to the PCC over many years (Sue thinks over 50 years in her case!). They are now stepping down from the PCC to well-deserved retirement. Penny Spackman and Louise Bancroft are joining in their stead, and we are delighted to welcome them both onto the PCC.



Looking ahead, Alan will be taking (or will have taken, by the time of Roundabout publication) his first service since lockdown at Runnington on 23rd May, with **Holy Communion** at 9.00 am. The pattern of services from then on will be a 9.00 am Holy Communion service on the fourth Sunday of each month and a morning (or possibly evening) lay-led service on the second Sunday. With Langford's Holy Communion service on the first Sunday, that will mean a service between Langford and Runnington on three out of four Sundays each month

John Houghton

Runnington Church
at Easter
Photos: Andrew
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Notes from St Peter's

We have very little to report this month as the covid restrictions are still in place. Good news is that we are able to hold services in the church again and our first service is on June 6th at 11am. Thereafter we will have a service on the first Sunday in the month at 11am. I do hope you are able to join us.

Our monthly lunches will be starting again on Wednesday July 7th at 12 noon and will continue to be held on the second Wednesday in the month.

The new flower rota is on the noticeboard in the church porch and the key rota will be drawn up as soon as we are allowed to open our Church daily again.

Sarah Nutt



Our School:

The children have just completed half a term at school after months of home schooling during the winter lockdown. Almost everyone has settled back into school routines and is enjoying playing and learning together once more.

Rev Selina set up an exciting Easter activity for the children during the first weeks of term. On a windy, chilly and decidedly damp morning we listened to sections of the Easter Story in the church (complete with an amazing large scale cardboard donkey and palm leaves) and then joined in a hunt outside for tiny wooden egg-shaped pieces, which were shared, discussed and then exchanged for a special 'Angel of Joy' gift for each child. The activities helped the children understand the complexity of this story through a unique, multi-sensory experience.

Despite the unseasonal weather, we have continued to enjoy regular outdoor activities, from welly walks to picnics in the local area. Indoors, the older children have designed and decorated impressive boomerangs and made models of Sydney Harbour Bridge (complete with working lights) as part of their topic about Australia, and have created some wonderful masks, in connection with their poetry writing. The younger children have been making castles – from a giant play castle to individual clay-based motte and bailey models.

We held a Poetry Week, where children learnt poems and wrote their own poetry about Faces. Following a special outdoor sharing assembly, a few of the finished poems have been entered into the Somerset Literacy Network annual poetry competition.

By now, we had hoped to dispense with some of the Covid restrictions after all these months; however, schools must continue to abide by their measures for a while longer. I hope that by September, social distancing and separate bubbles will be in the past and we can look forward to whole school events where we can invite people on to the site once again.

Jane Major

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