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August 2022

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

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Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

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Small ads are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th August**

**Please note that no
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after this date**

August

Tuesday 2nd

Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 6th

The Elizabethan Evening presents 'Peter Pan', performed by Illyria – 6.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Wednesday 10th

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Thursday 11th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall
Corsley WI - 'Picnic and the Manor' – Corsley Manor

Friday 12th

Outdoor Church – 6 pm, St Margaret's Church

Sunday 14th

Bring & Buy and Afternoon Tea – 1 to 4 pm, Garden Cottage, Longhedge

Thursday 18th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 24th

Road closure at Lyes Geen (three days)

Thursday 25th

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

September

Saturday 3rd

Corsley Fayre – 12 noon to 4 pm, Corsley Showground

Ceilidh with live band and hog roast – 7.30 - 11.30 pm, Corsley Showground

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BEYOND MY CONTROL THERE WILL
NOT BE AN OCTOBER EDITION OF THE BRIDGE**



Diary Dates

Sunday 4th

Illyria's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' – 4 pm, Heywood House

Monday 5th

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 7th

Dorothy House recruitment event – 13.0 to 4.30 pm, Winsley, BA15 2LE

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - 'And They're Off' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 28th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

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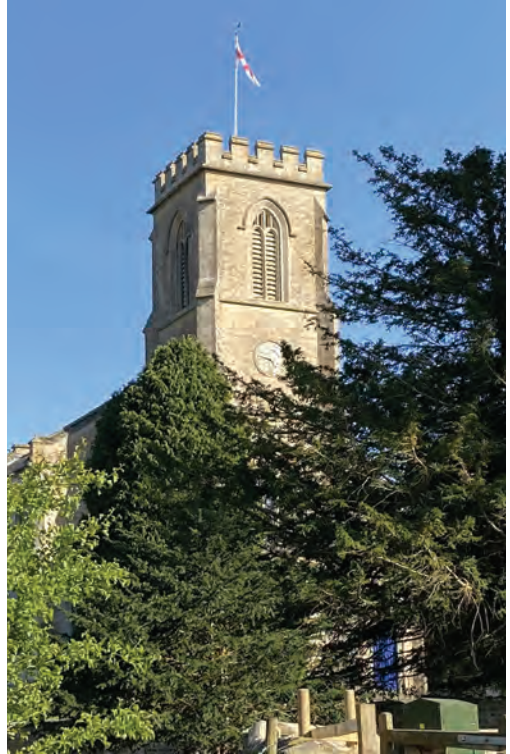
Ever thought of learning to ring the bells of St Margaret's?

Most of us like to hear church bells ringing and even those living fairly near to the church are happy to hear ringing for weddings or services and even the less tuneful 'practice night' on a Wednesday evening. I don't believe that there is anyone in Corsley or Chapmanslade who would like to call a close to this skill that started way back in the early Middle Ages.

At St Margaret's we have six bells, the heaviest being just over 10 hundredweight or $\frac{1}{2}$ ton and so are known as a 'light six'. We are one of the few towers in the area that ring regularly and are always looking for new learners who would like to try ringing and many do stay on as result of 'having a go'.

I don't think anyone has any idea what ringing church bells actually entails and until you come and have a look at what goes on you will be none the wiser. Once you have learnt to ring and are able to control a bell you will always be made very welcome at any of the 5,000 or so towers up and down the country. You can make good friends and enjoy the skill which you can take to more and more complicated levels.

To learn to ring you need to be reasonably fit, have a sense of rhythm and good ear always helps. You do not need to be strong as ringing is a skill that does not rely on strength. Learning to ring in a simple scale with five other ringers is an achievement and controlling a bell swinging through 360



degrees which may weigh $\frac{1}{2}$ ton and has been cast more than 300 years ago is fascinating.

If you are interested, you are very welcome to come up to practice night for a few minutes and see what we do. If you would like to try ringing or would like to visit the ringers practising please contact me at:

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At present, the minimum age to start ringing at Corsley is 16.

*Mike Attenborough
Tower Captain St Margaret's Corsley*

Corsley Reading Room's BUY A TILE

**As announced last month, the BUY A TILE scheme
is now live and ready for donations!**

You can buy as many tiles as you like. Each notional tile is £5 and, if you wish, your name will be up in lights (or maybe ink!) to form part of a lasting art installation. All donations will go towards the Corsley Reading Room refurbishment and upgrade.

Donations can be made online via BACS or credit/debit card (see our website for details) and we receive 100% of the donations made that way.

If you prefer cash/cheque, then please provide your name and contact details and send with payment to: Corsley Reading Room, c/o Vanessa Hyde, The Forge, 104A Corsley Heath, BA12 7PP, or perhaps bring along your payment to a Coffee Morning!

See our website for more information: www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

Thank you so much for your support to this important project. Read about the recent grant on the Reading Room page (43).

Corsley Reading Room Management Committee



Bring and Buy and Afternoon Tea

1 - 4 pm, Sunday 14th August

Garden Cottage, Longhedge, Corsley, BA12 7QZ

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 From which plant is Linseed Oil obtained?
- 2 In what modern-day country is Mount Ararat located?
- 3 What is the common name for the disease Variola?
- 4 The leaf of which tree provides the principal diet of the silkworm?
- 5 In what year did man first walk on the moon?
- 6 Who became Ireland's first woman President in 1990?
- 7 In the Roald Dahl book what do the letters BFG stand for?
- 8 When is the Blue Peter flag generally flown on a ship?
- 9 The elephant is the traditional mascot of which US political party?
- 10 In which Italian city would you find La Scala opera house?
- 11 What was the surname of the family for which Mary Poppins becomes a nanny?
- 12 What colour is a polar bear's skin?

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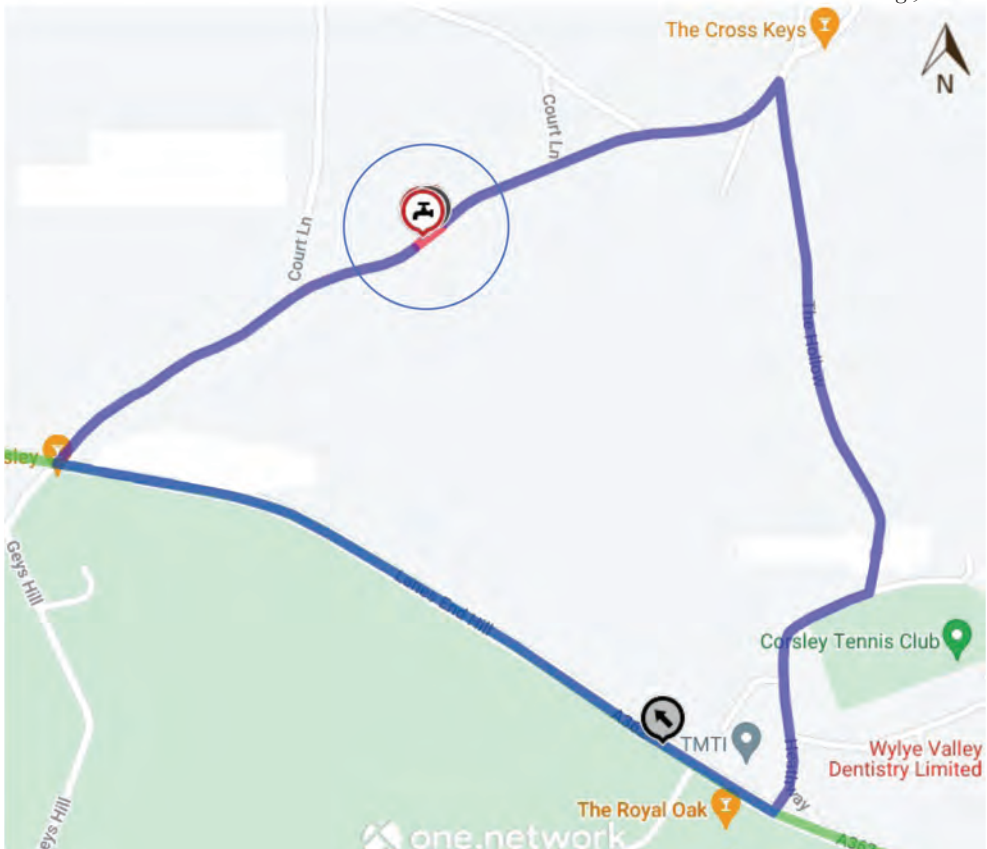
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This Order will come into operation on 24 August 2022 and the closure will be required for three days. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

The Parish Council (PC) met on the 14th July 2022. Four of the Parish Councillors were present. One member of the public attended and the meeting was also joined by PC Mike Obern and PCSO Leigh Holcombe from the Warminster Area Community Policing Team. PC Obern gave us some detail on the changes in the Police team and how they intend to be more proactive. He also said they would be trying to attend more of the PC meetings and would when time allowed support our Community Speed Watch team as well as requesting that PC roads unit add support.

Dog bin

After a request from a resident, the PC considered moving the dog litter bin a short distance away from buildings at the top of Wood Lane. Providing that Wiltshire Council are still able to empty it in the new position then it is hoped to move the bin shortly with volunteer labour from the village.

Village Hall parking

Recently the hall car park and toilet facilities have been used by people attending another local venue and this has caused issues with parking for users of the hall. Following a letter requesting guidance from the Village Hall Management Committee, the PC (Village Hall custodian trustees) considered the implications and possible solutions. A decision was made as a first step to review and update the signage to make it clear what the car park is for and who can use it. Hopefully this will avoid potential for confrontation in the future.

Finance

Our Clerk reported that we have received

the last payment of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money from the Honey Glade development. The council has to decide how this money will be best spent. At the next meeting there will be discussion about spending some of it on a topographical study that will be necessary for improvements to the A3098 road to be carried out and the Village Voice steering group will hopefully meet before then to advise the council on other projects that may benefit.

Planning applications

PL/2022/04014 Proposed change of use of garden room to hair salon a 2 Pedlars Grove. Decision – No objections were raised.

PL/2022/03844. Change the Existing Use of a Golf driving range building to 5no. Dwelling houses. The Driving range at Thoulstone Golf Club. (This was a Notification for Prior Approval under Class MA). Following discussion it was agreed to object to this application.

PL/2022/04679 Erection of rural workers dwelling house at Sienna Valley Farm, Huntenhull Lane. Following extensive discussion it was agreed to object to this application.

Also considered were the various revisions made to the proposed Solar Farm at Lodge Hill **2021/2191/FUL (MENDIP)**. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to continue to object to this application.

The next Parish Council Meeting is planned for Thursday 11th August in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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11th August 2022

Picnic and the Manor: Corsley Manor Farm gardens will be the venue of the summer picnic

8th September 2022

And They're Off: An insight into owning thoroughbred racehorses and the big face meets by Veronica Ferguson LVO

13th October 2022

Bloomin' Marvellous: Annan Stevens, Chelsea Flower Show judge and Denman lecturer will undertake a number of flower arranging demonstrations. (Competition: Flower arrangement in a teacup)

10th November 2022

The Still Sisters: A remarkable tale of sisters setting up an independent gin distillery in Frome. (Visit to the distillery itself. Limited places, members get priority)

8th December 2022

It's Christmas Time: A delicious Christmas Meal cooked by Sandy Parrish

12th January 2023

Medical Detection Dogs: A member of the medical detection dog team will provide an insight into the training and life of a working detection dog

9th February 2023

Sustainable (ish): the well-renowned Jen Gale will educate us as to how small changes you make in your home can help to save the planet

9th March 2023

Annual Meeting and Stayin' Alive: Annual meeting followed by a demonstration of how to use the defibrillator by Nigel Insel

13th April 2023

How well do you know Wiltshire: Sarah Buttenshaw will provide us with an interesting talk on Wiltshire. (Competition: Photo of Wiltshire)

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms, Corsley unless otherwise stated.

If you are interested in joining the Corsley WI please contact
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Whitbourne Chapel

'(God) has... set eternity in the hearts of men' (Ecc3:11, 1984 NIV)

Are Our Eyes Open?

[God] has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men. (Eccles. 3:11, 1984 NIV)

When I look around the garden at this time of the year there are many beautiful flowers – their intricate design, variety, colour all speak of the Creator who made them, but it is only at certain seasons that they show their glory. King Solomon, in Ecclesiastes 3 v 11, said that God has made everything beautiful in its time.

In Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 he says there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven and gives 14 examples of opposites in couplets such as a time to weep and a time to laugh or a time to be silent and a time to speak. We may recoil from calling some things in this list of couplets 'beautiful' – things such as 'hate' and 'war' – yet we long for their opposites – 'love' and 'peace'.

Our life 'under the sun' is a mixture, the ugliness of quarrels, industrial disputes, war, humanitarian disasters, famine, disease and death; and there is the beauty of creation, new babies, celebrations, enjoying our children and grandchildren. The Bible is honest: we live in a fallen, sinful world; and we know too, that there is a world of sin in our hearts (see Mark 7 vv 20–23).

But every now and then, the writer of Ecclesiastes directs our gaze 'above the sun'.



It is there in the second part of the verse: 'He has set eternity in our hearts'. We were made for a relationship with our Creator and Ecclesiastes teaches us that life apart from Him is meaningless and ends in eternal separation from God. The One greater than Solomon, the Lord Jesus Christ, said: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (John 10 v 10b).

George Wade Robinson speaks of this relationship in his hymn 'Loved with Everlasting Love':

Heaven above is softer blue,
earth around is sweeter green;
something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen;
birds with gladder songs o'erflow,
flowers with deeper beauties shine,
since I know, as now I know,
I am His and He is mine.

John Hobson

Visiting preacher at Whitbourne Chapel

Corsley Fayre

Our 'team' is getting ready for the Fayre on Saturday 3rd September. If you've stopped at our Show stall in past years, you'll know Richard Wilson and me (Gill Redman), plus Trevor Brain from Chippenham. We have a new member, Adrian Henson from Warminster, who led the music and singing at the Chapel's Candlelit Carol Service last year.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

My husband and I are sitting in a café in Frome on one of the hottest days the UK has ever experienced and tomorrow it is going to be even hotter. The world is in a mess and the weather with it, and it's all down to human beings' extraordinary gift of living as if they owned the place (the earth, the cosmos, etc), with total disregard for the damage they are inflicting on themselves, other species and the delicate eco system we inhabit; you could be forgiven for feeling rather downcast at this scenario.

Added to the above, I arrived home from taking a service this morning with my back screaming in protest at the necessity of standing up for a while. Several painkillers and a hot water bottle later it's grumbling but not quite as bad. As I ate my lunch feeling rather sorry for myself, I thought about the usual things I do to try to cheer myself up. If I tell you that cleaning the fridge out cheers me up no end, (properly mind, shelves taken out and washed, salad draw likewise) you'll probably think I'm mad. Cleaning out the larder is even more pleasing, but that's perhaps too big a job for such a hot day.

But when things are bad, and despair sets in, I seek solace elsewhere. Some of you will never have set foot in St Mary's Kingston Deverill. It is a beautiful little church, much altered by the Victorians but in a very restrained way. Up in the chancel on a plinth on the wall, is a carved 14th century statue of the Madonna and child. Once she was brightly painted, now there is the merest hint of colour here and there. She is weathered and worn and one hand is missing, a mere stump. But it is her brokenness that speaks to me so powerfully of beauty and pain; she holds the Christ child almost as if she is offering him to us, she seems to be gazing into the future and saying, 'here is suffering and pain, this is what it means to be human, this is the reality we live with.'

I can't quite explain why I find this statue so calming, I think it's because gazing at this battered Madonna I feel but a tiny, tiny part of something much bigger and deeper than myself. I feel drawn into another perspective in which myself, this world, this suffering, this despair is held by something I cannot understand nor articulate. T.S Elliot wrote...

"Here or there does not matter
We must be still and still moving
Into another intensity
For a further union, a deeper communion".

Do go and visit this beautiful Madonna and child, I hope she speaks to you and brings you peace.

Love and prayers,
Pauline

August Church Diary

August 7th: Trinity 8

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

9.30 am Eucharist Corsley

10 am Morning Worship Longbridge



Friday August 12th

Outdoor Church

6 pm St Margaret's Churchyard Corsley

(see advertisement)



14th August: Trinity 9

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade

10.30 am Lamas Service Kingston



21st August: Trinity 10

10.30 am Eucharist Brixton

11 am Matins Corsley



28th August: Trinity 11

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10.30 am Eucharist Longbridge

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday August 18th 10 am – 12 noon at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

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Church and Community Coffee Mornings

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Division A

Vegetables and Fruit

Entry Fee
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Judge – Mr Richard Cripps

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Runner Beans | 6 pods |
| 2 | Lettuce | 2 heads |
| 3 | Beetroots | 3, with stalk |
| 4 | Cabbage | 1, with stalk |
| 5 | Carrots | 3, with stalk |
| 6 | Leeks | 2, with roots |
| 7 | Container of mixed vegetables | a minimum of 4 kinds |
| 8 | Cucumber | 2 |
| 9 | Onions | 3 |
| 10 | Potatoes | 5 (white or coloured) |
| 11 | Shallots | 5 bulbs |
| 12 | Tomatoes | 5, with calyx (other than cherry type) |
| 13 | Cherry Tomatoes | 6, with calyx |
| 14 | Radishes | 5, with stalks |
| 15 | Courgettes | 3 |
| 16 | Chilli peppers | 3, with stalks |
| 17 | Apples | 5, culinary |
| 18 | Apples | 5, dessert |
| 19 | Blackberries | 6 |

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Novelty Vegetables

- 20 Heaviest potato
- 21 Heaviest marrow
- 22 Longest stalk of rhubarb
- 23 Heaviest onion
- 24 Most grotesque vegetable/fruit
- 25 Longest runner bean

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Division B

Flowers and Plants

Judge – Mr Richard Cripps

26	Roses	3 blooms
27	Grasses	a selection of any variety, maximum 10 stems
28	Orchid	in a pot
29	Garden flowers	3 of the same variety
30	Hydrangea	1
31	Sweet peas	6 stems
32	House plant	flowering or non-flowering
33	Fuchsia	plant in a pot, any variety
34	Cactus or succulent	1
35	Fresh cut herbs	any variety/varieties
36	Gladiolus	1 stem
37	Sunflower	1
38	Dahlia	3 blooms, any variety or varieties
39	Dahlias	3 pompon types
40	Dahlias	3 small or miniature

Division C

Flower Arranging

Judged by the public

41	Harvest Home	A miniature exhibit. Space allowed 4"/10cm in width and depth, 6"/15cm height. May be brought already assembled
42	Autumn Abundance	An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers (not silk or artificial. May be brought ready assembled.*
43	Changing Seasons	An arrangement using foliage only*
44	Haymaking	A contemporary exhibit*

**Not to exceed 3'9 1/2cm in any direction*

Division D Children's Classes

Entry Fee
FREE!
for 2022

Judged by the public

Aged under 5 on the day of the Fayre

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------------|---|
| 45 | A dragon picture | decorated with any material (see website for downloadable picture) |
| 46 | A painting | my family |
| 47 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade |

Ages 5-10 on the day of the Fayre

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|----|---|---|
| 48 | A picture of your favourite legendary hero | in any medium, maximum size A3 |
| 49 | A mythical miniature landscape | in a seed tray or similar sized container (approx 15" x 10" x 2.5"/38cm x 25cm x 6cm) |
| 50 | A single decorated pebble | on a theme of Myths and Legends. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade |

Ages 11-16 on the day of the Fayre

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| 51 | Painting or drawing | on a theme of Myths and Legends, in any medium. Maximum size 24" x 24"/61cm x 61cm |
| 52 | Design and Technology | any subject, any size |
| 53 | A dragon | in any material, any size |

Class for all ages

- 54 **A cake** on a castle theme (only the decoration will be judged!). This class will be judged by the public who are invited to give money to their favourite exhibit. Exhibitors keep all the donations! Only one entry per child allowed. Please state the age of the exhibitor on a card to be placed beside the exhibit

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Division E Homecraft

Judge TBC

55	Coffee and walnut cake	
56	Victoria sandwich	Made with 2 medium chicken's eggs and their weight in flour, sugar and fat. The cake should have a jam filling and be dusted with sugar
57	Chocolate brownies	5
58	Cheese scones	5
59	Fruit tart	
60	Meringues	5
61	Homemade drink	alcoholic
62	Homemade drink	non-alcoholic
63	Loaf of bread	any type (machine or hand made)
64	Flapjacks	5
65	Cheese straws	5
66	Lemon drizzle cake	
67	Gingerbread family	4
68	Mince pies	5
69	Rocky Road	5
70	Meat-free quiche	
71	Vegan cake	
72	Marmalade	1 pot
73	Strawberry jam	1 pot
74	Fruit jelly	1 pot
75	Lemon curd	1 pot
76	Chutney	1 pot
77	Any homecraft item	anything not included in the classes above

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Division F Art - Open



Judged by the public

- | | | | |
|----|-------------|---|------------|
| 78 | Landscape | } | any medium |
| 79 | Portrait | | |
| 80 | Building(s) | | |
| 81 | Animal(s) | | |
| 82 | Still life | | |
| 83 | Abstract | | |
| 84 | Autumn | | |

Please ensure that signatures on artwork are covered

Division G Handicrafts

Judged by the public

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|----|-----------------------------|--|
| 85 | A 'work in progress' | |
| 86 | Item of crochet | |
| 87 | Hand or machine-sewn item | |
| 88 | Appliqué work | |
| 89 | Item made of felt | |
| 90 | An item for baby | toy, clothing, play mat, etc |
| 91 | Item of soft furnishing | |
| 92 | Door wreath | in any medium |
| 93 | Christmas decoration | |
| 94 | Item of metalwork | |
| 95 | Item of woodwork | not wood turning |
| 96 | Item of wood turning | |
| 97 | Item of pottery | |
| 98 | Item of any other craftwork | anything not included in the classes above |

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Division H Photography

Judged by David McGirr

- 99 Wildlife or nature
- 100 Pets
- 101 People
- 102 Holiday
- 103 Triptych on a theme
- 104 Sport
- 105 Landscape
- 106 Macro (close-up photo)
- 107 Abstract
- 108 Open class (anything not included in the classes above)

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Charity Class

Judged by the public

109 A decorated heart

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We're walking in open country this month and our destination is Southwick Country Park, this side of Trowbridge. Don't use the entrance car park, but go through the gate ahead, pass the 'running man' statue on the right and glide left, uphill to the Hope Nature Reserve and Café car park. I've tried twice to lunch here and failed, because they don't book tables, so do what I did last time and have a second breakfast before you walk! This place is for youngsters with special needs; those who are able can progress here, in the café or as zoo keepers, perhaps earning a living and having some independence. A Reserve tour isn't cheap, but it's enjoyable and, again, your money could give a young person a better future.

For the walk, step through the car-parking spaces beside the animal enclosure and follow the grass path ahead. Look at the size of the field you're in - and it's the first of many! Using the grass track, pass a lone tree on your right and join a gravel track, turning left where the bin is; the track winds its way right and then left. There's a low wooden rail on your left, then two tall slender trees with lovely red bark, just where the bench is, plus a marker stating '3 KM'. Stay with the hedge and the animal reserve at your left, until you reach a cross-paths. Use the narrower path straight ahead, which becomes a mud track when you reach a field. On your right should be a round wooden 'sculpture', but keep going ahead.

Should you get lost at any time – downhill takes you away from the reserve and café car park, while uphill gets you to a spot where you should see them! The grassy track you're on now passes trees on the left, but take the one meandering across the field at an angle, arriving at the distant hedge; I lost count of the butterfly varieties I saw here. Turn left at the hedge and nearby, on your right, will be a gap in the hedge and a mud path through, useful if the sun's out and the day's hot. The path's wide, with tree roots to avoid falling over. You'll find tall and beautiful trees here, bird song to identify and, later, emerge into open air and another field! Ahead of you now should be a single tree again, but turn left on the grass track, following the hedge and then an 'embankment' on the left, as the field edge curves right. Another single tree should

appear on your right and beyond it will be a wide 'gap' into a new field. This really is 'open' country!

This 'gap' is a bridge, with water running under it when we get enough rain. A gravel track's ahead of you now; turn left on that, round the bend, pass the bin and ignore the part-hidden narrow bridge across another dry watercourse; I've never ventured beyond the park, but let me know if you do! When you see a lone tree, in a low rail enclosure, turn left and stay on the snaking gravel track. It rounds the field corner, passes a bench



and reaches a bigger footbridge on your left, with metal decorations of different creatures. Cross the bridge and you're in yet another field, but on your left, now, will be a wood-bark track through more trees; go that way. Almost at once the track splits, but stay with the right side, where the tree stump is. Each time the track branches, use the right one, UNTIL the left track looks like a tunnel; use that one, into a new field.

There's a wooden seat at the right. Follow the mud track curving along the left hedge, which becomes a gravel track and eventually crosses a narrow footbridge, with a bin away to your right. The gravel track you're on splits, but take the left turn into yet another field and way ahead of you, now, will be houses. Stick with the left fork here and the gravel track becomes a grass one, once you pass the footbridge to the houses. You're walking alongside Wid Brook, I think. Stay with the waterway round the field, to where the Park's entrance car park is, then join the gravel track left, going uphill to the reserve and café car park.

Need sustenance and facilities? Drive out of the park, turn right towards Warminster and try The Bell Inn at Standerwick, where I've enjoyed good food and excellent service lately.

Cranborne Chase International

Dark Sky Reserve

Councillor Bill Parks sheds some light on a dark matter

Many of our villages and much of the surrounding area lie within the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB).

Recently, I attended a seminar given by the Cranborne Chase ANOB regarding the designation as an International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR). Being only the world's 14th IDSR in October 2019, this was achieved after a rigorous assessment process, but the designation was 'provisional' only and requires improvements in reducing the amount of spilled light, which has a detrimental impact on the darkness of the sky as well as on the wellbeing of nocturnal fauna and human health.

The international assessors of the IDSR require that 67% of all domestic and business outside lighting must meet Dark Sky criteria. The sad fact is that the current level is assessed at between 15-20%.

If this is not addressed as a priority over the next 18 months, the Area could lose its Reserve status.

Reducing lighting is not just important to see the stars for those of us privileged to live in

the AONB; it benefits astro-tourism, attracting more visitors into the area and boosting the local economy. Reduced lighting protects insects and their predators, including bats. Too much blue light affects our circadian rhythms, may affect our own health and it kills insects.

The AONB officers can give businesses, farms and residents help in advising them on how to reduce light spill. You might want to think about the purpose of your lighting, timing of the lighting (does it need to be on all the time, and would a motion sensor be more appropriate?), character of the light provided, switching and controls. Feel free to contact them at info@cranbornechase.org.uk

There are often very simple and cheap ways to reduce light spill, so don't be put off doing your bit to protect the IDSR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with local issues.

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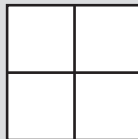
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Hot, hot, hot!

I'm writing this up to the deadline as usual, on 19th July, with the temperature in our two villages registering over 30°C. The previous two days were the hottest ever on record with Heathrow Airport registering 40°C, it certainly was exhausting just doing nothing!

My sympathy went out to those who had to work in that weather and to those who found it hard such as the very young and very old keeping their body temperature at 38.2°C.

Care with pets, farm animals and those in zoos and safari parks all needed exceptional care in those temperatures.

Our milking cows, who are usually out grazing day and night this time of year, were given access to the covered yards, where cooler air was circulating, there were high roofs to protect them from the sun's rays and they had easy access to fresh cold spring water.

Thankfully, the sheep in this area will have been shorn a few months ago so they do have a thin coat of wool to protect their skin, but they appreciated the shelter afforded by trees and hedges.

Most hedges are trimmed during the winter months but, legally, they can be cut back from mid July if it is to improve road safety, or to prepare hedges before winter planting of crops.

I think I have mentioned before the importance of hedges for shelter for small and large animals but, particularly during those few weeks, birds were moulting and as they

lose their feathers it was nearly impossible for them to fly, to avoid predators and to get food on the wing, so hedges keep them safe and nourished.

The few cuckoos who came to the UK earlier in the year have now left our shores and the birds that were tagged have been traced to south of the Sahara.

Voles and moles were working deeper in the ground until the rain hopefully comes to dampen the topsoil when the worms will rise.

There were signs of hedgehogs back in my garden searching for food and water, so the dish of water and some easily digested dog food put out for their nocturnal wandering was probably appreciated.

Although fairly battered by the storms in May, the winter wheat has been harvested, with fairly good results in weight of wheat seed which is now in store.

On my recent journey down the A303 I was aware that the harvest was in full swing with many lorries travelling from the eastern counties down to Somerset, Devon and Cornwall with large straw bales for winter feed and bedding.

Hopefully the extreme heat we just experienced will soon give way to our usual summer temperatures in the lower or middle 20°C and we can again enjoy our gardens, our countryside and holidays

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

Chairman, Hugh Deed, reports on the latest happenings at the hall



The next Coffee Morning on Tuesday 2nd August from 10 am to 12 noon, why not join us for a coffee/tea and a chat? The September Coffee Morning is Tuesday 6th September.

Refurbishment programme and 'Buy a Tile'

We are delighted to report that we have received a £5000 grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards the roof refurbishment costs and are awaiting a response from another application. So, including funds already set aside, we are over halfway to the projected £50,000 costs. We are planning to apply to the recently announced Village Hall Jubilee Fund as soon as application details are announced.

The 'Buy a Tile' scheme has been launched. See our website for details of how to donate and buy tiles. Your support is important to us no matter whether it is one tile or more. An easy "Buy a Tile from any Trustee" scheme is coming soon as an alternative. If you prefer to pay with cash/cheque then please contact Vanessa Hyde, or perhaps see one of the committee at coffee morning. Each notional tile is £5. All donations will go towards Corsley Reading Room refurbishment and upgrade.

Another photographic opportunity

We are very pleased with the feedback about the pictures that are now on display in the hall and can confirm that a further competition will be held for those pictures you have taken since last winter. The cut-off date will be probably be mid-October. Full details on the website soon.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up to date information and more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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Committee Members

David Carruthers, Hugh Deed, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett,
Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Gill Parkinson, Mark Richards

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

For up-to-date information such as parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, and other useful information, please visit www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk or chapmanslade.org.uk

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 From the dry ripened seeds of the flax plant
- 2 Turkey
- 3 The variola virus causes smallpox
- 4 Mulberry
- 5 1969
- 6 Mary Robinson (December 1990 – September 1997)
- 7 Big Friendly Giant
- 8 When it leaves harbour. It was intended to alert crew and passengers ashore that they should return to the ship
- 9 Republican Party
- 10 Milan
- 11 Banks
- 12 Black – not that I've ever looked!

Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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