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Deadline for articles or adverts for the next issue of The Bridge is 4pm 19th July

Please note that no items will be accepted after this date

July

Saturday 2nd

American Independence Day Celebration and Corsley House Open Garden – 6 pm to 10.30 pm, Corsley House

Monday 4th

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

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - Rachel Boothroyd from Cooper & Tanner talk on 'Gemstones' - 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 15th

Chapmanslade Primary School's 150th Birthday – 2-6 pm, at the School

Thursday 21st

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

Saturday 30th

Bring & Buy Sale – 10 am to 12 noon, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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

Thursday 18th

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

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

Sunday 4th

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

Diary Dates

Monday 5th

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

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, 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

October

Tuesday 4th

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

Thursday 20th

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

Wednesday 26th

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

November

Tuesday 1st

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

Monday 7th

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

Thursday 17th

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

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- In which country would you find the holy city of Mecca?
- Who succeeded Gerald Ford as president of the USA?
- In ballet what is the name given to a 360 degree turn on one leg?
- In the "Wizard of Oz", what was the scarecrow searching for?
- 6 Which is the only European mainland country that shares a time zone with the United Kingdom and Ireland?
- In which country would you find South America's highest mountain, Aconcagua?
- 8 In which country is the opera "Madame Butterfly" set?
- In which English county is the town of Learnington Spa?
- 10 In the classic Jules Verne novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea", who commanded the Nautilus?
- Who followed Neil Kinnock as leader of the Labour party?
- 12 In the children's song, what eventually killed the old lady who swallowed a fly?

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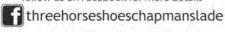
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Chapmanslade Village Hall

Platinum Jubilee

Carol Lewis reports on the fabulous day enjoyed by the revellers in Chapmanslade

Bright and early the field was a hive of activity. Bunting was being hung (homesewn of course!) gazebos and other tentage erected, tables and chairs set out, bar and tea/coffee station made ready, speakers set up for the music. Lanes had already been drawn for the races, along with a couple of giant games. Camilla was ready to save footballs at the Jubilee shootout; the Queen, Charles & William were ready to have their crowns knocked off, and the corgi's mouth was gaping wide ready to catch the beanbags! (No disrespect to the royal family, just a bit of fun!) Some running repairs were also carried out to the guttering!

12 noon and villagers, family and friends started to arrive. Picnics were set up and puddings set out in the hall – a very varied and appetising display. For those who wished to watch the event in London, it was shown on the large screen throughout the afternoon.

Time for the group photograph – smile, cheer, wave your arms in the air – a variety of poses were captured!

The children's races were run, to great encouragement from onlookers. Egg and spoon, three-legged and sack race. Adults then had their turn – with wily moves to get to the line first!

As forecast, the rain arrived, but many stayed on to celebrate and enjoy the day. The diehards stayed on well into the evening, candelabra on the table, and karaoke being

part of the entertainment. Who knows what time the festivities ended?

Lots of positive feedback was received... 'Great afternoon' 'Huge thanks to the team' 'Excellent' 'Thoroughly enjoyed by all' 'Had a blast' 'My girls loved the Jubilee celebration' 'So many great things to entertain the kids – hats off to you all - great job'.

It was good to see so many people joining in to lend a hand to make it such a memorable day. To quote Frank 'My sincere thanks. As chairman I had very little input so it's great to know the ship sails on regardless! So will the bar and the singing!'

Thank you everyone

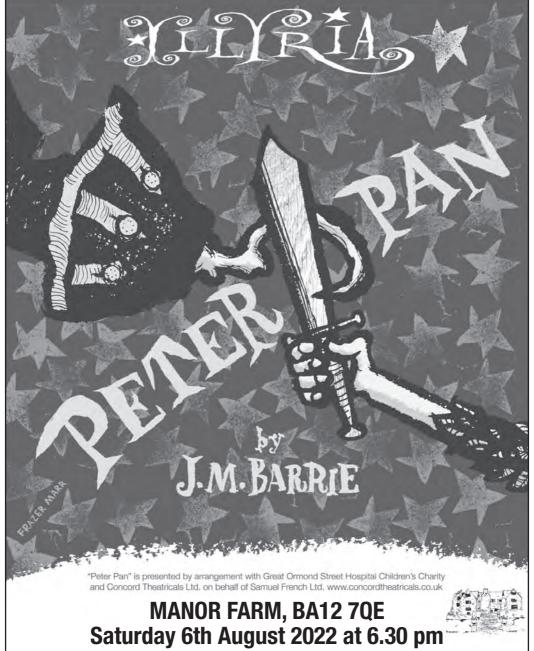
Carol Lerens

Looking ahead

Family social events are planned for some Friday evenings over the next three months, cream teas and croquet in August and a quiz in November.

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit

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During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, people found other ways of being church, all sorts of groups have developed, including Muddy Church, Wild Church and Outdoor Worship. They have four important values; hospitality, creativity, service and authenticity, as all worship should have, but 'Outdoor Church' has its own particular way of expressing itself and many people are finding it helpful.

To that end, we invite you to come and join us for 'Outdoor Worship' on the evening of Friday 12th August – there will be more details to follow in the August edition of The Bridge so watch out for it! All ages are welcome, but we particularly invite tweenies and teens to come. You will need to dress appropriately for the weather, who knows what that will be!

It is most likely that we will be in the churchyard at St. Margaret's, Corsley, as we have running water and loos there for everyone's convenience and plenty of space around the church. There will be food and drink, an activity, some time to gather around a fire with a time of worship with song, Bible story and prayer but it will be fun and very relaxed and shared. By the way, does anyone have a brazier or a firepit we could borrow?

We look forward to welcoming you.

Reverend Gay Maynard

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

Thank you so much for your support for this important project.

Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Reflections from South Sudan

Over time I will be sharing the experience of my recent visit to the Diocese of Maridi and of Yambio with various groups, but for now I thought I would just share some reflections. The welcome we (a team of four) received wherever we went was most amazing. The welcome was always sung and by the whole community - we would walk through a guard of honour made up of all the different church groups including the ever-visible Mothers Union members, and always many children from the Sunday Schools along with worship leaders and clergy, which guided us to the entrance of a place. There was always an air of excitement and expectation - I hope we met their expectations. We were bestowed with many garlands, some more fancy than others. They certainly know how to make visitors welcome!

There are such great needs every day; life for the people in these vastly rural areas is hard, very hard, and yet for those who are Christians there is also a joy sustained by the faith that gives them hope always for a better tomorrow. Despite all the challenges, they don't give up and find ways of resourcefulness that can be astounding.

There is a great desire to learn but one of the things that impedes them the most is the lack of finance for school fees. There were many children not in school and we often saw them gathering around the local water pump, collecting water – helping with a very necessary daily need. Thankfully the water that comes from these pumps is helping to improve health but there are still areas that do not have this facility and sickness from drinking unclean water is prevalent. In Maridi it costs just £,70 to educate a child at

the Haddow Church Primary School, but of course, for a family that has a large number of children that becomes a much larger figure. Where it's a choice between sending a boy or a girl, it will be the boy that goes and yet it so important to educate the girls so that they have better opportunities. A girl that doesn't stay in education is more likely to begin having children in her early teens and the problem of having so many mouths to feed goes on. If you would like to help by sponsoring a child in education in Maridi for just £,70 a year (that is £,1.35 a week!) please do contact me.

Coming back to the welcome, it wasn't just the initial celebration of our arrival, it was the consistent care and watchfulness over our wellbeing as guests. We tend to hear only the negative things going on but it isn't all negative, there is much to be thankful for too and I so loved being with them for a while.

Reverend Gay Maynard

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, recently I travelled to the US to visit my youngest daughter and family. I hadn't been for three years for obvious reasons, so I was really delighted to be able to go this time.

I love New York, and Brooklyn, where my daughter lives, is about as different to our villages as you could possibly get. It's noisy; JFK airport is only 30minutes away (on a good day) so the sound of aeroplanes escaping the city is a constant background accompaniment. Add to that the sound of tyres on tarmac and the ever-present sirens from police cars and fire engines, and you get the picture. Space is another issue; the shops, houses, apartments coffee bars, and numerous other places are crammed into every inch of available space, although I have to say there is a beautiful park near my daughter's apartment with meandering paths through the woods and wonderful lake, so I did get my 'green' fix most days.

But after about a week I was beginning to miss the countryside I/we take so much for granted and as the time to come home approached I was desperate for some quiet and the sight of the downs and fields that surround us here.

Isn't it funny how time away from home, indeed time away from our nearest and dearest can really change our mindset with regard to how we relate to our surroundings both in terms of our families and the context in which we live; towards the end of my stay in New York I swore that I would never moan about English weather again, after all, it's the rain that makes the countryside so verdant and green.

Of course, the corollary to all this is the temptation to look back at past times and bemoan the fact that 'things were different then', meaning, they were infinitely better. It always makes me laugh when I read the bible story of the Israelites escaping their captivity in Egypt. Initially they are relieved and grateful to be free from slavery, but then the moaning starts and they say to Moses: "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Did you bring us out here in the desert to die? We could have died peacefully in Egypt; there were plenty of graves in Egypt. We told you this would happen! In Egypt we said, 'Please don't bother us. Let us stay and serve the Egyptians.' It would have been better for us to stay and be slaves than to come out here and die in the desert."

A yearning for past times and incessantly looking ahead to what we hope will be better times, both result in the same thing; we fail to appreciate this moment, this person, this gift of life in all its fullness today.

Of course, hope is important, but as we move into these glorious summer months, let's make sure we give thanks for the extraordinary 'now' of our existence with all it has to offer us.

Love and prayers, **Pauline**

July Church Diary

Saturday 2nd July American Independence Day Extravaganza 6 pm - 10 pm, Corsley House

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3rd July Trinity 3 8 am Holy Communion Kingston 9.30 am Eucharist Corsley 10 am Morning Worship Longbridge

Wednesday July 6th Crafternoons, 3 – 5 pm (in the gallery), Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

10th July Trinity 4 9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade 10.30 am Eucharist Kingston

17th July Trinity 5 10.30 am Eucharist Brixton 11 am Matins Corslev

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Corsley **Tennis Club News**

Its summer! Sunshine (sometimes), strawberries and that fizzy alcoholic drink that goes with them - it's peak time for tennis in the UK!

No longer restricted by COVID-19, the big tournaments are well under way; Eastbourne, Wimbledon and, here in the village, the local league games and club tournaments are in full swing.

If you are lucky enough to have tickets for the BIG events, you'll get the chance to pick up tips from the greats or perhaps just to admire their skill and resilience. Of course you can also do that by watching the TV coverage and those members who are taking part in our local events have been putting those observations to good use.

We still have the American and Over 70s Tournaments to be held on 3rd and 14th July, so there's more keen competition and excitement to come.

Our new coach, Callum Close, has been running group sessions for adult beginners and improvers. It's not easy re-learning how to hold the racket or where to stand on the

court, but hopefully it will pay off when I get to the two tournaments I have dared to sign up for. Information about Callum's coaching and the courses he will be running for children are on his website and information about the Tennis Club is on our website

> https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ CorslevTennisClub

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We are told that tennis is a good sport for maintaining health, fitness, strength and agility and also has social and psychological benefits - so why wouldn't you?

It's certainly great to see the playing field busy with tennis and cricket players and children and young people making use of the play area on summer evenings. We are so lucky to have those resources in the village and the keen volunteers and committees that keep them going for us. Thanks go to them.

See you on court!

Liz Garrett, Club secretary

Riding for the Disabled Association

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We're based at Widbrook Equestrian Centre in Bradford on Avon. We provide riding and horse-related activities for adults and children with both physical and learning disabilities. The benefits of riding and being around horses are immeasurable and, for some, their only social outing each week. Horses provide both physical and emotional stimulation,

with riding being a vital form of physio for people with physical disabilities. For someone who is confined to a wheelchair, riding can give a feeling of freedom that might not be experienced at an other time.

We are a small charity relying solely on the help of volunteers to provide this invaluable service. We receive no government funding and are only able to keep functioning through fundraising, donations and charging a small fee for lessons



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Corsley WI

June news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the June meeting and announces some forthcoming events



There was a change to our scheduled meeting about the Vatican as the speaker was taken ill; we wish Alistair Benbow a speedy recovery. Instead we learned about 'Blue Footed Boobies and Other Exciting Wildlife' as one of our members, Eve, stepped into the breach

to give an entertaining and informative talk about the Galapagos Islands.

These are a group of volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean, some 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, many of them uninhabited by people. Although they are

volcanic, ageing of the lava has allowed plants to grow; such as cacti, grasses and even small, slow growing trees. Some are fringed by bright green mangroves which grow in salt water.

Eve showed slides of some of the creatures which live there including a number of amazing birds. We saw flycatchers and pelicans, finches and mocking birds, flamingos and penguins. There were pictures of frigate birds; in flight, their dark silhouettes looking almost prehistoric. The male has a red throat pouch which he can inflate; very impressive and designed to attract the female. Then there were the Boobies; these are large birds with brightly coloured webbed feet, blue or red, which are very striking!

As well as birds, we saw sealions, brightly

coloured crabs, lizards and iguanas. Both land and marine iguanas live on the Galapagos Islands and sun themselves on rocks and sandy paths to warm up. When walking you must be careful where you put your feet as they, like all the animals and birds on the islands, do not

> fear approaching humans. The wildlife there is fearless because they have no natural predators. Close up photos are easy!

When Charles Darwin visited the islands he noticed that similar birds were different on each island and had developed different beaks

to adapt and survive. These observations led to his theory of evolution. Today the research station on the islands, which is named after him, does important work in conservation and is a good place to see the Galapagos giant tortoises. We could see from the pictures that they are very well named!

We all enjoyed seeing this unique and very special place. We look forward to our next meeting, which will be held on 14th July at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room, when Rachel Boothroyd from Cooper & Tanner will be talking about 'Gemstones'. Guests are welcome to come along, we are a very friendly group.

For more information, please contact Alice Helliar on 07989 339632

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the PCs recent activities

There was no PC meeting in June, the next meeting is scheduled for 14 July 2022.

Planning Application

PL/2022/04014 2 Pedlars Grove: Change of use of the garden room to a hair salon. There were no objections.

Resilience and Emergency Planning

Councillor John Foster has done excellent work to get the contingency plan to cover major emergencies when the emergency services are struggling to respond (i.e., worst case scenario) off the ground. The framework is in place and work will start soon to create small 'cascade' groups which might be approached to assist in the event of such an emergency scenario. There will clearly be some lessons learned from the COVAG team who are providing valuable input to the plan.

Typical cascade groups will be based around peoples' phone numbers and be formed along the following lines:

> Village Emergency Contact Specialised Group Leader/Deputy (2 people)

Specialised Group Members

The type of specialised groups envisaged include, but are not exclusive to:

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- People prepared to be messengers to ensure information is spread across our whole community when an emergency arises
- People who can offer shelter and/or meals and refreshments
- People prepared to be emergency road marshals
- Etc...

More will be forthcoming as the plan is turned into a working document over the next couple of months, but if you think you can assist in any of the roles above, then do please pass your contact details either to me, or John Foster:

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Wonderful Walks

Into South Gloucestershire



across the road, a turning into St. Martin's Lane, with a church-like building at its right. That was the Congregational Chapel, built in 1848 and now a private home. Turn into this lane and keep walking, passing the old school building next to the chapel and heading downhill, on a bendy road. There are new homes on your left, while on your right will be fields. Pass St. Martin's Park on the left and a farm on the right and you'll see 'Sheepfair Lane' on your left, narrow, twisty and usually muddy, but go that way.

If you use SatNav or something similar, key in 'Marshfield Almhouses', as that's where this month's walk begins. Marshfield is an unusual town, small, affluent and remote, but spread along one edge of the bypass towards Chippenham from Bath, so well-connected.

Park near the Almshouses at the Bath end of the village, built for the poor by local wealthy merchants and finished in 1619; the entrance arch is ornate, with a coat of arms. Head for the town, passing Georgian houses of differing degrees of wealth, until you see,



Sheepfair Lane is long, winding downhill past fields, farms and farmland. Marshfield's wealth began with sheep, wool and sheep fairs, but when that declined, malting barley became the most important trade. There were once 14 malting houses on the High Street! Walk till the lane splits and take the right fork, into Weir Lane. When the lane curves left, you'll see a strange watery structure on your right. This is Weir Pool, where stagecoach wheels ran through the shallow water and were

cleaned off! Round this bend and you're in for a steep climb uphill.

On High Street, turn right, passing the National School, built in 1861 and displaying the coat of arms and motto of New College, Oxford; it's now a private dwelling. To your left should be Marshfield's stumpy



War Memorial, with its etched design representing the armed services. Veer right again, into Market Place and follow the road round. On your right now, should be the Old Vicarage, with its front façade rebuilt in the 1730s. The road here curves left, passing buildings on both sides, but allowing you glimpses of the land in the valley below. There are footpaths here, so do some exploring, BUT remember that what goes downhill has to climb back up - and that includes you! Also

remember that valleys are where the wet ground will be, however dry it is at the top!

Eventually, pass the junction on the right to Ringswell, and pass quaint cottages on your left, but use their paved path, going left into the churchyard. The church is St. Mary's, dedicated in 1242 when it was owned





by Tewkesbury Abbey; there's been a church here since at least 1125. This one was rebuilt in the late 1400s and restored in Victorian times. Follow the churchyard path out into Church Lane, passing the

after.

Manor House on the right and rejoining the Market Place soon

Cross to the left-hand side of the road. where the National School is and, beyond the War Memorial on your right, is the scaffoldfronted Lord Nelson inn, built as a private house around 1700. Cross the top of Weir Lane and the next thing is Bond's Garage, a dairy until the 1930s. The garage's front window is full of cups and trophies, won by showing their lorries at various fairs.

Next is 'Sweetapples Teashop'. If you hope to break your walk here, ring and book a table (01225 891657), as it's small but very popular; there's parking and outside seating behind the building. My granddaughter and I come here when I visit and we always book. I have the veggie breakfast and a small portion of chips for lunch, but if the great-grandchildren are with us, my chips disappear and the ramekin



of baked beans vanishes, too!

Past the teashop is Tolzey Hall, Marshfield Town Council's base, built in 1690; there are public toilets here. Stay on this pavement and you'll pass the village shop, which is wellstocked with goodies. Further on is the 'Bank House', built as a bank in 1792, but used as a doctor's house and surgery from 1890 until the 1970s. Study the doorway, where there's a day bell, a night bell and a 'speaking tube', reminders of its surgery days. Once you pass the turning to St. Martin's Lane on your left, you may be able to see your car, after about three miles walking and numerous architectural gems!



Whitbourne Chapel

"Most importantly, here to worship God." Opening words from SASRA speaker, John Lewis

Preachers for July:

- 3rd Trevor Brain from Operation Mobilisation
- 10th John Hobson from Clink Evangelical Church
- 17th Jim Short, representing 'Good News for Everyone'
- 24th Chris Andrews from West Lavington Chapel
- 31st Andrew Coxhead, our injured preacher from May!

Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture **Reading Association**

SASRA Representative, John Lewis, served in the forces for almost 40 years and began his

Service with us with an impressive statement. "I'm here to talk about the work of SASRA. but most importantly, here to worship God." After our opening time of prayer, he showed us three pocket-sized Bibles. One was a 1628 King James' Version, one a 1900 Bible from the Boer War and the third was a modern soldier's Bible.

SASRA is 186 years old. It began before the Crimea War, when Bibles were sent out to the troops, though few could read them. Eventually a call went out for ex-soldiers to go to the Crimea, to read the Bible to the men there. At present there are fifteen readers, mostly based in the UK, but it's hoped that

one can be sent to the forces in Cyprus, to introduce them to the Scriptures and show them Jesus.

John told us that when soldiers enlist, they are given a form with a section on: Do you want to know more about the Christian faith? Around 70% of new recruits tick that box! A table was set up at Chapel and filled by John with literature, which we could peruse and take away, including a few modern Soldiers' Bibles.

Our reading was from John's Gospel, Chapter 12, verses 20-36. This is about a party of Greeks, in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, who asked to see Jesus. They'd probably heard about the raising of Lazarus

from the dead and seen Jesus' triumphal entry into the city on Palm Sunday. Jesus talked to them about a grain of wheat, saying it had to fall to the ground and die, in order to produce more seeds. He was really telling these men they were meeting a condemned man and predicting His own death. The crowds gathered

and it's likely the Greek party didn't, either. But these words resonate with John, as a soldier, and remind him of servicemen who made the final sacrifice in different wars. He also told us, "The glory and garbage of war produces horror – but also produces loyalty and love."

round didn't understand Jesus' message

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Countryside Matters

Judith Helliar on the weather, wasps and other goings-on down on the farm

The weather once again dictates the lives of farmers and growers and, once again, we see history repeating itself. Reading my daily paper on 18th July, under the heading 'Weather Notes', it said that in 1730 King George 11 made a banal observation "Three fine days and a thunderstorm."

We have just experienced three of the hottest consecutive days recorded for June,

with temperatures reaching 28-30°C followed by a sudden drop of 10C-15°C with the rising humid air causing storm clouds to form resulting in significant downpours of rain!

The sudden high temperatures created a good enough window of lovely hay-making weather. This is a joy for every farmer as good hay is a really good treat for young or sick cattle and is especially good for horses as it is free of dust, easily digested and full of natural herbs. The pleasure in the smell of freshly-made hay is a real treat!

I cannot remember such a wonderful year for elderflowers in our hedgerows, so I hope many of you will have had time to make elderflower cordial or 'champagne'. Elderflower and blackberries seem to grow best just out of reach! Backberries will be ripening in the next month or so, so do walk the footpaths and bridlepaths where the fruit is free of dust and fumes from traffic.

A recent incident occurred on the farm when one of our staff opened a field gate to bring the cows back to the parlour, when she disturbed a wasps nest near the gateway. The wasps attacked her so badly that she had to be treated by nurses at the local hospital. Animals, including dogs, will be very wary of

wasps and swarming bees, noticing

them far quicker than humans; they can often be heard before being seen, so do be aware that there are hidden dangers like wasps, bees and hornets nesting, swarming or just living in fields, hedgerows and on banks.

The fields of cereals are now beginning to change from green to a golden colour as the grain ripens. It is essential this year

that the harvest of all cereal crops is good as there is obviously a worldwide shortage of grain for human feed as well as stock-feed.

For the next few months there are country fayres, shows, open days and open gardens, do go along and see the English countryside at its very best and support local business and charities - you never know you may find a new hobby or lifestyle that interests you, here in our fabulous countryside.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Coffee Morning and unveiling

The next Coffee Morning on 5th July (10 am - 12 noon) will see the formal unveiling of the enlarged photographs in the main hall. Why not make an extra effort to come along and see them as well as catch up on the local chat?

The more who come the more we all learn about what is going on in the village!

The August Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 2nd August - put it in your diary now before it creeps up on you!

Refurbishment programme and 'Buy a Tile'

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Your support to this is very much appreciated. All donations will go towards the Corsley Reading Room refurbishment and upgrade.

We have had no feedback yet from our grant applications other than acknowledgements that they have been received.

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.

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£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 (Barters 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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Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available

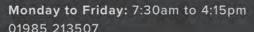
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| 1 space | (69mm wide x 33mm high) | £22.00 |
| 2 spaces | (69mm wide x 66mm high) | £42.00 |
| 3 spaces | (quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high) | £60.00 |
| 4 spaces | (138mm wide x 66mm high) | £75.00 |
| 6 spaces | (half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high) | £,104.00 |

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For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer) at either thebridge832@gmail.com or 01373 832443.

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