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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!

File types

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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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Please see information on the last page.

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Deadline

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

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Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me toyes, you guessed itpull myself together

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Birth Announcement

Congratulations to
Phoebe and Jamie Andrews
on the birth of their twin boys,
Reuben and Otis, born on 7th May
and now all safe and sound back with
Granny Polly in Corsley



In recent months, three peacocks have descended on Whitbourne Springs. If you have lost your peacock(s), or know where they came from, please do give Colin a ring.

This fellow is extremely inquisitive and spends much of his day staring through the kitchen window watching Colin's wife working!

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 What sweet was first advertised 30 years ago featuring a polar bear?
- 2 Who starred as Private Benjamin in the 1980 film?
- 3 What kind of music is Scott Joplin most famous for?
- 4 In the Anglican Church, what is the rank of clergyman just below a Bishop?
- 5 How many US States start with the letter "M" - 4, 6 or 8?
- 6 Which monarch of the 20th Century had their coronation postponed through ill health?
- 7 What is the name of the Princess Royal's husband?
- 8 Who did Fiona Bruce replace at the helm of the Antiques Roadshow?
- 9 "Hail to thee, blithe spirit" refers to which bird in a poem by Percy Shelley?
- 10 This Cornish pub is the name of a Daphne du Maurier novel and Alfred Hitchcock film.
- 11 In which hospital did Boris Johnson spend time after contracting Coronavirus?
- 12 Why don't Spaniards sing their national anthem?

Answers on page 38

Corsley Parish Council

In line with government advice, Corsley Parish Council will not be holding physical meetings for the foreseeable future. Instead, when the need arises, the Parish Council will be holding 'online' meetings with the views of Parish Councillors being canvassed by email and/or telephone.

Planning applications

20/03601/LBC

Replacement of existing swing barriers at Knapps Gate and the Stalls entrance with automatic lifting barriers to match the barrier installed at Longcombe.

Longleat House, Estate Office, Warminster, BA12 7NW

Comments to be received by the Clerk to the Parish Council by Thursday 4th June.

20/03523/FUL

Proposed change of use of one office suite to studio space and estate workers flat

20/04041/LBC

Alterations to facilitate proposed change use of one office suite to studio space and estate workers flat

at Corsley House, Deep Lane, BA12 7QH
Comments to be received by the Clerk to the Parish Council by Thursday 18th June 2020.

If any resident of the parish has any comments on these applications they wish to make the Parish Council aware of they should advise the Parish Clerk by email at corsleypc_jdw@aol.com or by phone on 01373 832171.

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Are we doing enough physical exercise?

Keeping fit and healthy has been emphasised repeatedly during the COVID-19 lockdown, but how much should we do?

In September 2019, the Chief Medical Officers of the four constituent countries of the UK issued evidence-based guidelines for physical activity for different age groups. Their report also emphasised the positive effects on health and the management of pre-existing conditions that exercise can have and addressed the impact of different types of exercise on muscle function, bone health and balance, for example. Special recommendations were made for people with disabilities, during pregnancy and after childbirth, and the specific benefits of exercise for these individuals were indicated.

Infants and toddlers should take exercise appropriate to their stage of development. Infants not yet mobile should be put on their tummy for 30 minutes in total throughout the day and encouraged to reach, grasp, pull, push, and roll over. Mobile infants should crawl several times a day and toddlers and pre-school children should spend at least three hours a day in suitable physical activity, usually games, preferably spread throughout the day.

Between the ages of 5 and 18 there should ideally be 60 minutes a day of moderate or vigorous physical activity, such as walking, cycling, running, ball games, or swimming. These help in muscle fitness, bone strength and the control of balance and movement.

Adults (from 19 to 64) should be physically active every day. Developing and maintaining strength is important and heavy gardening, carrying heavy shopping, or resistance exercises greatly help in achieving this, and should be done on at least two days each week. Cumulative activity of 150 hours a week of moderate activity (such as brisk walking or cycling) or 75 minutes of vigorous activity (e.g. running) or a combination of such activities is recommended.

Daily physical activity for those 65 and over is helpful in maintaining physical and mental health. Even light activity is beneficial. This group should aim to have 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity a week, building up from existing levels if necessary. A shorter period of vigorous activities can be done instead. Weight-bearing activity will help maintain bone health.

For all ages from five upwards, long periods of being sedentary should be broken-up by light activity. I am not convinced that getting up from the TV to pour yourself another drink counts!

The benefits of physical activity have been known and widely reported for a considerable time, but most adults and many children in the UK are insufficiently active. This has impacts on the current and future health of such individuals.



One of the side benefits of the lockdown period is that more people have been walking or cycling for exercise as a means of getting out of the house. The roads have been quieter, making such activities safer. Let us hope that the interest in physical exercise is maintained once restrictions are lifted, protecting our current and future health and wellbeing.

To quote the CMOs' report on exercise: "Some is good, more is better".

The report is available [here](#).

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

Make the most of the startling heating oil price reduction!

Community First Wiltshire's oil buying syndicate is part of a large buying group across several Rural Community Councils.

The Community First oil buying scheme offers a way to keep heating costs down. It is run by Oil Fuel Poverty Solutions Ltd (OFPS), a social enterprise running the scheme on behalf of Community First Wiltshire.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Wiltshire Community First oil buying scheme should contact organiser, Marion Lathar on info@ofps.co.uk, or you can ring her on 01993 225011.

There is an annual domestic membership charge of £24 but there can be significant savings on central heating oil bills.

Once a month members are contacted by both Marion, and - if you live in Corsley - by the village organiser (me). The ordering deadline for **July deliveries** is **Monday 29th June**. Community First negotiators then obtain the best possible price. Members pay the oil supplier directly.

To give you an idea of prices: CF Oil cost in May 2020 was a staggering, probably never-to-be-repeated 19 pence per litre + 5% VAT; that's less than the price of milk!

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's recent activity

There have been no 'remote' PC meetings in the past month but one or two routine administrative matters have been dealt with and two planning applications received.

New planning applications

20/03523/FUL & 20/0404/LBC - Proposed change use of office suite to studio space and estate worker's flat at Corsley House, Deep Lane.

This application proposes conversion and change of use of part of an existing single storey outbuilding, separate from the main house. The external appearance of the building would be unchanged, with three existing access stable type doors fixed shut. The supporting documents for both applications are identical.

The deadline for comments is 19th June and the documents are available on the Wiltshire planning website. Notice of these two applications has been placed on the two village noticeboards and public comments are invited, to be forwarded to the PC Clerk or placed directly on the Wiltshire Planning website. The PC will collate its own comments through email exchange.

Footpaths

It is very evident that the excellent network of public footpaths and bridleways in and around Corsley have been very well used and enjoyed during the weeks of CV-19 lockdown. The sunny weather has allowed unprecedented, almost continuous, access and the annual

springtime burst of flowering and greening of trees, hedges and fields has been a wonderful antidote to the strictures of lockdown. Gill Parking, the PC Footpaths representative, has asked that I raise a couple of issues which are both worth bearing in mind when enjoying the local footpaths.

The first is that of respect, both to the landowners through whose properties the paths pass and to others using the paths during this period of social distancing. Most paths are easily followed over stiles and routes marked by the passage of many feet, others are less so and often unofficial routes are created. The latter are tolerated and we are very lucky to have very wide access the Longleat woods around Corsley along routes which are certainly not public rights of way. Such access should not be taken for granted and the freedom not abused. It is also key to this tolerance that livestock, crops and field boundaries are not disturbed or damaged. Unruly dogs off the lead are a particular nightmare for farmers.

The second issue also relates to dogs. Poo bags are regarded as a necessary adjunct to dog walking nowadays and have their place where there is heavy human traffic and habitation, particularly where children play. However, there seems to be a widespread belief that used bags can be left hanging on stiles, hedges and banks, etc. Please take them home or dispose of them in your bin.

A362 road safety improvements at the Heath

The details of this project were included in last month's brief and we have now received notice that the current plan is for the work to start on 25th June, with an expected duration of two weeks. The precise details of interruptions to access and road closure have not yet been published but will be put on The Bridge website as soon as they are known.

Dates of next meetings

(as currently planned)

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Quarterly Meeting | 1st June - cancelled |
| Quarterly Meeting | 7th September |
| Quarterly Meeting | 7th December |

Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7.30pm)

Neil Britten, Chairman

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Campanology News

Since I wrote last month I have discovered that we should not have even been going into the church to wind the clock or change the flag but, fortunately, we have now been given permission to continue this so, although lately you have not heard the clock, you will from now on.

I joined the virtual ringing on the Saturday I mentioned last month and found it great fun. Not easy, as although I could hear and see the others, they could not see or hear me with no webcam or mic making replies to them rather slow when having to be typed. It improved greatly once I acquired some!

Generally, when learning something new it can be a great help to stand behind someone experienced and follow the path (the blue line as it is called) of that bell without having the responsibility of actually handling the bell. Virtual ringing is midway between ringing and standing behind. You ring the bell yourself by hitting either the 'H' key for handstroke or 'B' key for backstroke. The bonus is that if you ring at the wrong time you can join in at the next stroke, whenever is the correct time, without trying to manhandle a rather large and heavy lump of metal. This is just not possible when actually ringing as mistakes often result in total chaos!

I found that at first I could fudge my way through several new methods without completely destroying the whole performance and having rung quite a few times now with much more experienced ringers I have gradually started learning methods which I would never have been able to attempt on actual bells. Some of the more basic ones (on six bells), I hope to not only be able to try ringing on actual bells but also pass on to the rest of the band. Those on eight, ten and twelve bells I may not get the opportunity to try but I hope I may one day.

Virtual ringing is not for everyone. Some really do hate it especially a lot of the more experienced ringers who have rung for many, many years, rely on things such as ropesight, watching which bells ring in which place and where they pass the treble. These are all hints as to where you are in the blue line and not possible on the computer.

On more mundane things I am still struggling to get permission to paint the Ringing Chamber but hope this will come through in the near future. In the meantime keep digging, weeding, pruning and now watering and please, take care.

Marion Moldon

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Household Recycling Centres reopen with postcode entry system



All of Wiltshire’s household recycling centres (HRCs) are now open with an easy-to-use postcode entry system to help limit the number of people on site at any time and ensure social distancing. We expect the sites to be extremely busy during this initial phase of reopening, so please consider whether you really need to visit the sites during the first week or so.

You should only visit HRCs on the days that correspond to the first part of your postcode. For example, if your postcode starts in BA12, you can only visit the sites on Monday 1st June, Wednesday 3rd June, etc - see table opposite.

You can visit any Wiltshire site you choose, so while you are limited by the days you can attend, you can attend any Wiltshire household recycling centre on these days – though please be sure to check the latest opening times before you set off, as many sites will need to operate very differently to previous arrangements. You may be asked to provide a proof of address in order to use the household recycling centre, so please bring it with you. Here are just a few frequently asked questions to help, the full list is available on the Wiltshire Council website.

Is there a limit on how many people can travel in a car?

In order to ensure social distancing is adhered to, we’re currently only permitting one person per vehicle. We’ll review this after the initial opening period. Blue Badge holders can bring

another person with them in their vehicle to unload waste - please display your Blue Badge clearly in your vehicle front window.

What are the guidelines to visit the HRCs?

You should wear your own gloves when you visit a HRC and dispose of your gloves after your visit responsibly. Please stay at least 2m away from everyone at all times. You must not attend a HRC if you are symptomatic with COVID-19 or at home shielding.

How long are the queues likely to be?

We are expecting queues to be long, potentially with waits of several hours. Please check our website and social media channels before travelling for updates.

I’ve seen your postcode entry system, does this mean I will need to bring proof of address to the site?

Yes. Please make sure your proof of address is clearly visible in your vehicle window. Acceptable examples include - driver’s licence, council tax bill, utility bill (paper and electronic are acceptable) or your van permit if you are travelling in one of those.

Can someone on site help me dispose of my waste?

No. Staff cannot help you move your waste so we kindly ask that you do not ask them to.

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| If your postcode begins with BA12 , only visit a HRC on the following dates: | | | | | | |
| Monday 1 June | Wednesday 3 June | Friday 5 June | Sunday 7 June | Tuesday 9 June | Thursday 11 June | Saturday 13 June |
| If your postcode begins with BA13 , only visit a HRC on the following dates: | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | 9.30am - 4.30pm |

Clearly, if the Warminster site is showing as closed on the day allocated for your postcode you will need to visit another HRC. Please visit the Wiltshire Council website to see the opening days and times of other local HRCs.

Wiltshire household recycling centres

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Celebrating 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe

On 8 May, in the middle of the lockdown, we were invited to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE day. In Chapmanslade, the COVID-19 Action Group circulated a quiz to test how knowledgeable the villagers were of the events of 1945 and the Second World War. Those who were fortunate enough to have locations where they could be physically-distanced but socially-interactive could run this as a competition. The photo shows three families in Huntenhull Lane celebrating the occasion – the winners of the quiz remains confidential to this group!



St Margaret's Church, Corsley



Victory in Europe Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8th May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe.

Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter as the first tentative steps are being made to ease the lockdown restrictions so I don't know where we will have got to by the time you read it. I am enjoying video calling my baby grandchildren, who are now laughing and smiling; it's no substitute for actually holding them but I'm trying to remain thankful for small mercies.

I fear I am going to repeat myself a bit, but the view out of my study window is such that I feel compelled to make my letter a kind of ode to the glories of our surroundings. I write on a beautiful day of bright sunshine; the garden and the countryside are an explosion of green loveliness that gladdens the heart and reminds me that despite the uncertainty of these worrying times, the natural world is going about its business as usual. The earth continues to gently turn and the seasons come and go as they always have done as spring unfolds into summer. I cannot believe that the end of this month it will be the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Of course this year there will be no gathering at Stonehenge; for the first time in history the solstice celebration will be live streamed instead. These long light days means that our chickens enjoy a very late bedtime indeed and they are scrabbling to be let out of their house very early in the morning as soon as the sun is up. If I am a bit late getting up they make terrible racket and fall over one another in their eagerness to get out of their quarters and find their breakfast.

As I said, I feel like I'm always banging on about the countryside, but I really think when we are anxious and there is no certainty to be found anywhere, consciously focusing our attention on the natural world has a very calming effect. Julian of Norwich, a 14th century anchoress famous for her visions encapsulated in her book 'Revelations of Divine Love' wrote 'All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.' When I really give my attention fully to the landscape around me, to the trees and the hedgerows, the wind and the birds, the earth speaks deeply to me of our creator and of his all encompassing love and faithfulness, and that yes, all shall be well.

This morning at Morning Prayer we had one of my most favourite psalms in which the psalmist writes:

'May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.'

The psalm paints a wonderful inclusive picture of the whole universe praising God together; virus or no virus, the whole of the created order is held in the beating heart of God.

I leave you with a few words from another of my favourite poets T S Elliot:

'At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity,
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement
from nor towards,
Neither accent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point.'

May you find your still point in this turning world, and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be yours now and always.

Love and prayers

Virtual Church Services

There will be a Service of Morning Worship each Sunday at 10am using Zoom.
The order of service, hymns and the readings are in our weekly newsletter.
For further information please contact Reverend Gay Maynard.

Farewells

The funeral of William Edward Singer took place at Semington Crematorium on 30th April. The funeral of Joyce Holt took place at Salisbury Crematorium on 14th May. The funeral of Sheila Duncan took place at Semington Crematorium on 22nd May. The funeral of Joan Brown took place at St Margaret's, Corsley on 29th May.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to William's, Joyce's, Sheila's and Joan's family and friends.

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If you would like to receive weekly news of Church events and activities, please
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The grass is greener on the other side!

Lucy was talking to Charlie Brown one day,

“Charlie Brown,” she asked, “You see that hill?”

Yes, I see it,” said Charlie Brown

Lucy said “Charlie Brown, on the other side of that hill is happiness. Some day I am going to climb that hill and I am going to get to the other side and I expect to find all the answers to life on the other side. I expect to find meaning and purpose, joy and happiness on the other side of that hill.”

Charlie Brown scratched his head. “Do you suppose,” he mused, “that there is a kid on the other side of that hill looking over to our side and saying to someone else, ‘All the answers to life are on the other side of that hill?’ What if some day he climbs across that hill and comes across to our side looking for happiness and meaning and purpose and all the answers to life?”

Lucy looked at Charlie Brown and then she looked at that hill and said, “Forget it, kid, the answer is not over here.”

I love the banter that goes on between Lucy and Charlie Brown and in this instance Charlie’s insight that the very thing Lucy is searching for could be right in front of her or even within her, she has no need to go searching over the hill. The story of the Prodigal Son in the Gospel (Good News) of Luke, the third book of The New Testament in the Bible, did just that and had to learn the hard way. It’s in chapter 15 - why not look it up or search online where there are some animated videos of this wonderful story.

God bless you and stay safe
Rev'd Gay Maynard




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- Always remove the key!
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"Once I was blind but now I can see!" John 1:25

Afterwards

There's something nice to look forward to! My mother used to say, "It'll come to pass!" And it always does.

There's light at the end of the tunnel. I vividly remember the pinpoint of light at the end of a long, very black tunnel on the Llangollen Canal. There's hope that one day the awful threat and consequences of this horrible virus will have passed. What a wonderful relief it is when a throbbing toothache has been dealt with, when you wake after a successful operation, when other miseries are history.

Think of the gloom of the early disciples just after the crucifixion of Jesus and their amazed joy after His resurrection.

Think of the joy of the man who had been born blind but whose sight had been restored by Jesus. "Once I was blind but now I can see!"

Do you have something of that joy after your encounter with the Lord Jesus? Did life seem empty, pointless? Were you ashamed, afraid? What about afterwards? Do you have the inner peace, security and joy of knowing Jesus? If you really want to know, ask Him to show you the way.

For the Christian, the best is yet to be! We are travelling home. If your present situation is awful, be encouraged that for the Christian there's an "afterwards". One day we shall be with Jesus!

Roger Hopwood

M V Logos Hope

Trevor Brain, one of our regular preachers, is the Regional Coordinator for Operation Mobilisation. They have a large ship which is a floating bookshop and were visiting Central America when lockdown hit. They are currently tied up in the harbour of a

Cement Factory in Jamaica which is closed down. There are four hundred crew and staff on board and supplies come in a container, which is dropped on the harbourside and they form a human chain and load all their supplies on the ship by hand. All forthcoming visits to European ports are cancelled but it's hoped the ship will visit London, Edinburgh, Belfast, Liverpool and Cardiff, arriving 22nd December 2020 in Cardiff. A man in Brazil walked for two days to visit the ship to get a Bible in his own language, and was shown a rack of Bibles to choose from.

When I first spoke to Trevor after the lockdown had begun, I told him that I had to get off the phone as I was under house arrest. He replied, 'and you haven't done anything wrong!'

Why are Christians badly treated and even put in prison? Some academics think the Bible is a collection of fairy stories and not a collection of books about the history of the Israelite nation - and of course Jesus was just a 'good man'. If that's true, why are humans and whole nations scared of it? I'm not afraid of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk!

Some academics say creation started with a big bang. My wife wouldn't class herself as an academic, but she can't think of examples where a big bang results in order; the cup that hits the tiled floor in the kitchen can end in many pieces. The firework is blown to pieces. The car crash can leave written off cars and fatalities. The results of bombs are horrendous.

How could creation have started like that?!

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Information about the virus and useful information for the village is being maintained on our website.

Building refurbishment/rebuild

Thank you to those who read the report and then took the survey. The results are available on the website. In summary, there was no

clear 'winning' solution. Special thanks to those who entered comments and also those who said they would be happy to get involved in some way. Needless to say, everything is in abeyance during the lockdown and clearly funding/grants for any projects like this will be under immense pressure when the lockdown ceases. In due course we will hold a public meeting, probably as part of the re-arranged Parish APM, where we can discuss this further.

Bookings (after coronavirus)

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Countryside Matters

Just listen to the silence!

The last two months has seen our lives in complete turmoil, with national and worldwide infection affecting each and everyone of us. For those of us in complete lockdown, days and weeks run into one another, not knowing which day of the week it is.

For those working from home, or maybe no longer working but still trying to keep a semblance of normality for the sake of children and young adults now back home, suddenly our outside space is so important to our mental and physical wellbeing,

Our gardens have become our classrooms for learning, our outside gym, our relaxing space and our escape from the hourly worries of the outside world.

News from the farm

After our very wet winter, spring came just as the seriousness of the pandemic hit us and so the chance for animals to be let out of winter housing into the sunshine and fresh nutritional natural pastures changed the workload on the farm.

COV-ID19 is having little impact on the day-to-day work on the farm, farmers and food producers have been identified as key workers and we continue to produce milk to honour our supermarket contract with Sainsbury's. Sadly those producing milk for the catering trade found the market for their milk disappeared almost overnight. Their milk has had to be destroyed, causing a real financial headache for those dairy farmers

Essential deliveries to the farm have caused some headaches – with supplies of machinery spares, seeds, fertiliser, oil, etc., dependant on the rules of each of the companies.

Thankfully, our contractors who undertake our fieldwork, silage making, manure spreading, ploughing or spraying have all done sterling work, working within government rulings on hygiene and personal distancing.

Management of the staff and their welfare is all-important as they work in close proximity to one another. We have been very grateful to Mandy Bain and Kate Holland for making face masks for the staff in the milking parlour.

Some of our staff decided to isolate to protect their or their family's health; again we have been most fortunate in being able to employ a couple of local people who were no longer able to work in the catering industry, who had good knowledge of food production and hygiene standards.

Our most recent Polish employee has now arrived on farm and is sitting it out in the confines of a caravan for two weeks' quarantine.

We are pleased to be tuberculosis-free for the first time in five years with clear tests in October, January and March, allowing us to sell surplus stock at market, taking the pressure off staff, housing and feed.

My nature notes this month must include the joy of hearing and seeing so many lovely sound and sights of spring. My highlights so



far are seeing a live hedgehog in our garden (it is many years since I've seen one) could it be due to less traffic on the roads or the fact that the population of badgers has decreased!

Longleat woods have been host to an absolutely beautiful show of bluebells, wild garlic, honeysuckle and marigolds; the cuckoo was heard near Cley Hill on the 12th April, and regularly since in Roddenbury Wood; the return of swallows and house martins in profusion after their safe crossing from Africa to Europe during the lockdown (with no mass shooting of birds in Mediterranean countries.)

Some good things must come from this pandemic, we must appreciate the fabulous

local countryside, the regular delivery of newspapers, post, milk to our doorstep, kind neighbours and friends willing to collect prescriptions and groceries, Jon and Jo at the Cross Keys for hosting the HUB, the pop-up shop and takeaways available two nights a week (and the collection point for the Food Bank) and especially the people in our villages working on the front line in hospitals, caring services and all the other 'front-line' jobs.

A special mention to Hayley, the caterer at Heywood House, who cooked and delivered over 80 meals to celebrate VE Day, with contributions going to the British Legion.

Judith Helliar

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!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Fox's Glacier mints
- 2 Goldie Hawn
- 3 Ragtime
- 4 Archdeacon
- 5 8 – Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana
- 6 Edward VII - an announcement was made that the overweight King was undergoing an operation. Shortly afterwards, a bulletin was released from Edward's medical team, stating that "The King is suffering from perityphlitis"
- 7 Timothy Lawrence
- 8 Michael Aspel
- 9 Skylark
- 10 Jamaica Inn
- 11 St Thomas, London
- 12 There aren't any words!

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 (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

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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