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August 2025



*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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Articles

Please submit articles either by email to **paradisefound86@icloud.com** or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline – and with the fee!

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.

Advertising:

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

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(churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2.50 per month for a boxed advert.

Full page ads cost £8, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barters Plant Centre or Acres Supply). We can also take BACS transfers – please email the Editor for all the info.

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

**Please note that no
items will be accepted
after this date**

Diary *Dates*



August

Friday 1st to Saturday 30th

Corsley Scarecrow Competition

Sunday 3rd

Elizabethan Evening - Illyria presents the Merry Wives of Windsor – 5 pm, (gates open at 4 pm), Manor Farm, Corsley

Wednesday 6th

Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 12th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Corsley Tennis Club Summer Camp – 12 noon to 2pm

Wednesday 13th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 16th

Open Garden and Cream Tea – see next page

Cancer UK Coffee Morning – 10 am to 2 pm, Garden Cottage, Longhedge, BA12 7QZ

Tuesday 19th

Corsley Tennis Club Summer Camp – 12 noon to 2pm

Thursday 21st

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

Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th

Mendip Ramblers Walking Festival – leaving Chapmanslade Village Hall at 10 am

Tuesday 26th

Corsley Tennis Club Summer Camp – 12 noon to 2pm

Wednesday 13th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 30th

Corsley Fayre - 12 noon to 4 pm, Showfield, Deep Lane

September

Monday 1st

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Open Garden and Cream Tea

Saturday 16th August

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Wednesday 10th December

Wednesday 7th January

Wednesday 4th February

Richard Dean

Family and many friends gathered in St Margaret's Church on 11th July to thank God for Richard's life. It was a wonderful service, led by Rev. Pauline Reid. The family are very grateful to everyone who contributed to the day.

Thank you also to all who sent cards, messages and flowers. Especial thanks to those who have prayed for us throughout the last two years.

Richard was a most special man. It was my joy and privilege to be his wife for over sixty-six years.

Rosalyn Dean

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which animals was artist George Stubbs famous for painting?
- 2 Which English city was known as Deva by the Romans?
- 3 How many planets are there in our solar system?
- 4 The Tivoli Gardens are found in which European city?
- 5 What name is given to the defensive towers built in the early 1800's to protect against an invasion from Napoleon?
- 6 Michaelmas Day is celebrated in which month?
- 7 In which year was Hong Kong returned to Chinese control?
- 8 In which book might you find Bigwig, Hazel and Fiver?
- 9 Canada's capital city, Ottawa, can be found in which province?
- 10 How many different chess pieces does each player start a game of chess with?
- 11 What is the anatomical name for the big toe?
- 12 Which is the most common surname of people living in Scotland?

Answers on page ?



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Corsley Fayre

12 noon to 4 pm, Saturday 30th August 2025

Horticulture & Crafts Schedule

H&C
competitions
are **FREE**
to enter

Division A Vegetables and Fruit

Judged by Mr Richard Cripps

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Runner beans | 6 pods |
| 2 | French beans | 6 pods |
| 3 | Beetroots | 3, with stalk |
| 4 | Cabbage | 1, with stalk |
| 5 | Carrots | 3, with stalk |
| 6 | Container of mixed vegetables | a minimum of 4 kinds |
| 7 | Cucumber | 2 |
| 8 | Onions | 3 |
| 9 | Potatoes | 5 (white) |
| 10 | Potatoes | 5 (coloured) |
| 11 | Shallots | 5 bulbs |
| 12 | Tomatoes | 5, with calyx (other than cherry type) |
| 13 | Cherry tomatoes | 6, with calyx |
| 14 | Courgettes | 3 |

New for 2025

*Anyone, from
anywhere can
enter all the
Horticulture
and Crafts
competitions!*

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|----|----------------|----------------|
| 15 | Chilli peppers | 3, with stalks |
| 16 | Apples | 5, culinary |
| 17 | Apples | 5, dessert |
| 18 | Blackberries | 6 |

*H&C
competitions
are FREE
to enter*

Novelty Vegetables

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|----|--------------------------------|
| 19 | Heaviest potato |
| 20 | Heaviest marrow |
| 21 | Longest stalk of rhubarb |
| 22 | Most grotesque vegetable/fruit |
| 23 | Longest runner bean |
| 24 | Tallest weed |

New for 2025

Division B Flowers and Plants

Judged by Mr Richard Cripps

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|----|---------------------|--|
| 25 | Roses | 3 blooms |
| 26 | Grasses | a selection of any variety, maximum 10 stems |
| 27 | Orchid | in a pot |
| 28 | Garden flowers | 3 of the same variety |
| 29 | Hydrangea | 1 flower head |
| 30 | Sweet peas | 6 stems |
| 31 | House plant | flowering or non-flowering |
| 32 | Fuchsia | plant in a pot, any variety |
| 33 | Cactus or succulent | 1 |
| 34 | Fresh cut herbs | any variety/varieties |
| 35 | Gladiolus | 1 stem |
| 36 | Sunflower | 1 |
| 37 | Dahlia | 3 blooms, any variety or varieties |
| 38 | Dahlias | 3 pompon types |
| 39 | Dahlias | 3 small or miniature |



Division C - Flower Arranging

Judged by the public

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|----|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 40 | In the pink | A miniature exhibit. Space allowed 4"/10cm in width and depth, 6"/15cm height | <i>New for 2025</i> |
| 41 | Our anniversary | An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers (not silk or artificial) | <i>New for 2025</i> |
| 42 | Bonfire night | An arrangement using flowers, foliage and seeds/seedheads | <i>New for 2025</i> |
| 43 | Mother's Day | A contemporary exhibit | <i>New for 2025</i> |

All arrangements in this class may be brought to the marquee ready assembled.

Division D - Children's Classes

Judged by the public

Aged under 5 on the day of the Fayre

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|----|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 44 | Butterfly painting or collage | decorated with any material - pasta, seeds, finger painting, etc. You can download a pdf of a butterfly from our website www.corsleyfayre.org.uk or you can do your own | <i>New for 2025</i> |
| 45 | A painting | any subject you like! | |
| 46 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade | |

Ages 5-11 on the day of the Fayre

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|----|---|--|---------------------|
| 47 | A picture of your favourite person from history | in any medium, maximum size A3 (vikings, kings, queens, outlaws, horrible history...) | |
| 48 | A miniature garden for a dragon or a princess | in a seed tray or similar sized container (approx 15" x 10" x 2.5"/38cm x 25cm x 6cm) | <i>New for 2025</i> |
| 50 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade | |
| 51 | Handwriting | hand write a poem or short story (or write your own) and decorate it if you want to, on an A4 piece of paper or card | <i>New for 2025</i> |
| 52 | A model castle or fort | made from any material you like – cardboard, Lego, clay, wood, etc | <i>New for 2025</i> |

Class for all ages (up to age 16)

- 53 A decorated cake (only the decoration will be judged!). Please state the age of the exhibitor on a card to be placed beside the exhibit

Children can enter any of the other classes in the schedule if they would like to!

Division E - Homecraft

Judged by Mrs Melanie Lee

54	Lemon drizzle cake		<i>New for 2025</i>
55	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	
56	Chocolate brownies	5	
57	Plain scones	5 (sweet or savoury)	<i>New for 2025</i>
58	Meringues	5	
59	Homemade drink	alcoholic	
60	Homemade drink	non-alcoholic	
61	Loaf of bread	any type (machine or hand made)	
62	Flapjacks	5	
63	Millionaire's shortbread	5	<i>New for 2025</i>
64	Vol au vents	3 any filling	
65	Biscuits	5 any flavour	
66	Mince pies	5	
67	Sausage rolls	5	
68	Meat-free quiche		
69	Marmalade	1 pot	
70	Fruit jam	1 pot, any fruit	<i>New for 2025</i>
71	Fruit jelly	1 pot, any fruit	
72	Lemon curd	1 pot	
73	Chutney	1 pot	
74	Pickled onions	1 jar	<i>New for 2025</i>
75	Honey	1 pot	
76	Any homecraft item	anything not included in the classes above	



Division F - Art

Judged by the public

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|----|-------------|---|------------|
| 77 | Landscape | } | any medium |
| 78 | Portrait | | |
| 79 | Building(s) | | |
| 80 | Animal(s) | | |
| 81 | Still life | | |
| 82 | Abstract | | |
| 83 | Autumn | | |

New for 2025

Please ensure that signatures on artwork are covered

Division G - Handicrafts

Judged by the public

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| 84 | A 'work in progress' | |
| 85 | Item of crochet | |
| 86 | Hand or machine-sewn item | |
| 87 | Knitted item | |
| 88 | Item made of felt | |
| 89 | An item for baby | toy, clothing, play mat, etc |
| 90 | Item of soft furnishing | |
| 91 | Lamp shade | |
| 92 | A card | birthday, Xmas, anniversary, etc |
| 93 | Upcycle a tin can | show us your creativity by upcycling any sized tin into something useful or beautiful! |
| 94 | Item of metalwork | |
| 95 | Item of woodwork | |
| 96 | Item of pottery | |
| 97 | Item of any other craftwork | anything not included in the classes above |



New for 2025

Division H - Photography

Judged by the public

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competitions
are **FREE**
to enter

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

An entry form can be found on the next page or you can enter online (preferred) at www.corsleyfayre.org.uk

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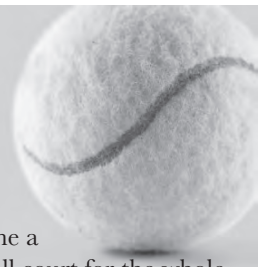
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Corsley Tennis Club News



Since my last article, we have continued to have a wonderful summer of tennis due to the fabulous weather but, unfortunately (even though it was desperately needed), rain stopped play for our Men's Doubles tournament which will need to be finished at a later date. However, we had perfect conditions for the well-attended competitive Over 70's tournament – well done to all who took part (14!) and congratulations go to the very happy winners Sue K and Martin! The American Switch Doubles charity competition and the singles are still to be played so more results to follow.

Some exciting news this month....

August Pickleball Trial

Throughout the month of August we will be providing an opportunity for club members to play Pickleball. The court furthest from

the pavilion will become a hybrid tennis/pickleball court for the whole of the month, with the temporary pickleball line markings being removed at the end of August. Pickleball paddles and balls will be provided and will reside in a weatherproof box below the bench used for that court. Also, at least one taster session will take place to demonstrate and introduce players to the game.

If you are interested in giving pickleball a go, or already play and would be willing to demonstrate in the taster session please contact Jon H (contact details below) and he will establish a temporary CTC Pickleball WhatsApp Group for the trial period.

**Jon H: WhatsApp to 07754 418111
or jch@2plus3online.com**

*Kate Jackson
Committee member*

Corsley Tennis Club

Summer Camps 2025

12 noon to 2 pm, Tuesdays 12th, 19th and 26th August

Coaches Martin and Imogen will be organising lots of games and challenges and, of course, there will be lots of fun too, so do come along

The camps are aimed at ages 5 to 11 years old and the cost is £10 for each camp
Please sign up on the Corsley Tennis Club website, junior coaching

Book now to avoid disappointment

Bring picnic and snacks for under the marquee
Parents/guardians to attend in the vicinity please

Hope to see you there
Martin and Imogen (coaches)

If you haven't been to Corsley Tennis Club before, we are next to the play park and Memorial Playing Field, pavilion and toilets

Corsley Fayre

Saturday 30th August

12 noon to 4 pm

Corsley, BA12 7QH

What's on?

Horticulture and Crafts competitions

Children's inflatables

Children's races

Vintage & Classic Cars

Fun dog show Donkey rides

Children's Treasure Hunt

Fun dog scurry

Mini traction engine

Archery

Have-a-go dog agility

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Hoopers Dog Agility

Bar Skittles

Food Tea Tent

Trade stands

and lots more...

www.corsleyfayre.org.uk



Corsley Parish Council

Co-option to fill vacancies

Residents of Corsley will be aware that following the local government elections in May there were seven nominations for Parish Councillors which meant that there were two vacancies on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has agreed that it will seek to fill the vacancies by co-option.

Candidates should be registered electors in the parish area, or, if during the whole 12 months before co-option they have owned or been a tenant of any land or premises in the parish, or, if their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or, if they have resided in the parish or within 4.8 km of it. Candidates should also be over 18 at the time of co-option, should not be bankrupts and have not been in prison in the last five years.

Candidates who are interested in co-option should apply, by e-mail or post, to the Parish Clerk, John Willcox. Candidates should attach a covering letter detailing relevant experience and some explanation of why they wish to join the Parish Council. The closing date for applications is Friday 5th September.

Prospective candidates are welcome to contact the Clerk, John Willcox, the Chair of the Parish Council, John Phillips or Neil Carpenter or Olly Hares who are current members of the Parish Council for an informal discussion about the responsibilities and time commitments involved.

John Willcox
Clerk to Corsley Parish Council

Contact details

John Willcox (Clerk)

e. corsleypc_jdw@aol.com
t. 01373 832171

Little Orchard, Court Lane, Lyes Green

John Phillips (Chair)

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Oliver Hares (Councillor)

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Neil Carpenter (Councillor)

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FREE Walking Festival

Chapmanslade Village Hall

23rd - 25th August

Come and enjoy the great outdoors, good company and lovely scenery around Chapmanslade.

Mendip Ramblers will be arranging and leading a variety of walks across the Bank Holiday weekend. On each day there will be the options of a 6, 9 or 12 mile walk leaving from the Village Hall at 10 am. After the walks refreshments will be available in the hall in exchange for donations. No need to pre-book, just turn up suitably dressed with sufficient food and drink.

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'Happiness is a deep sense of flourishing, not a mere pleasurable feeling or fleeting emotion but an optimal state of being' Matthieu Ricard.

Back in February a webinar sent out by Peterborough Diocese, who had been piloting a scheme called 'Happiness Clubs' caught my eye. (A webinar is a seminar on the web which is attended online)

Happiness clubs provide a toolkit for children, parents, teachers and our churches to develop well-being in a time when we know that poor mental health assaults so many. It is fun, interactive and creative, and is not dependent upon the child having a faith or not. The clubs are based on 'Ten Keys to Happier Living' from Action for Happiness, an organisation which has researched what this means for our wellbeing.

I subsequently mentioned it to the headteacher of my local village Church of England school, his response was "when can we start, how about after Easter?!" So, I am running a pilot of the scheme this term with eight children (selected by the headteacher), a deputy leader and a third person from the Church community.

This is such a great opportunity for the Church Community at large (not only ministers) to engage with the children and families of parish schools. Three adults may sound a lot with only eight children, but we have to be well covered for safeguarding, and it is good anyway for the young ones to have such interaction with the older generation. This can work both ways for the wellbeing of all involved – many children don't have the opportunity to interact with the older generation and vice-versa, and this can bring positive wellbeing to both parties. The sessions using the ten keys are aimed at helping the children to feel happy and peaceful within themselves rather than anxious or worried by external issues – news reports for example.

At a recent Deanery event I heard an older church member bemoaning the lack of children in his Church and the loss of connection with the younger generation. He implied it was a seemingly hopeless situation for the Church community, but Happiness Clubs with the ten keys – Giving, Relating, Exercising, Awareness, Tryingout, Direction, Resilience, Emotions, Acceptance and Meaning build on Christian values giving a positive way forward of interaction between these two communities.

May God bless us with wellbeing
Rev'd Gay

August Church Diary

Sunday 3rd August

10 am Eucharist, St Margaret's, Corsley
10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 10th August

10 am Praise and Worship, St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist, Kingston Deverill



Sunday 17th August

11 am Matins, St Margaret's, Corsley
10 am Eucharist, Brixton Deverill



Sunday 24th August

10 am Eucharist, St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 31st August

Benefice Service
10 am Eucharist, St Margaret's, Corsley

Pastoral Visiting

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Church and Community Events in August

Corsley Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6th August – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Rooms

Crafternoons

Wednesdays 13th and 27th August – 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st August – 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade



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Liz Garrett secretary reports on the latest happenings at the hall

Developments

A huge ‘thank you’ this month to the volunteers who renewed the Reading Room roadside fence. Great job Neil, Jon and Mark and you saved us lots of money!

There’s lots to do to keep the Reading Room looking bright and fresh and to move on with bigger improvements. We are exploring options, finding out costs and searching out grant options.

Dates for your diary

We are already planning the Xmas Fair for 6th November and have a speaker lined up for 19th November. We will also be running the bar for the WI event on 11th September when the speaker is the Stand Up Historian.

Watch this space –and put a note in your diary.

Booking the hall

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The Chapel Centenary

July 1911

I was recently handed a rather moth-eaten document on Whitbourne Chapel's history, as recorded in the programme for the Centenary Celebrations on Thursday 6th July 1911. The front cover included a sepia photo of the building.

A group of people were meeting on Sundays in a house at Temple, at the turn of the 18th/19th centuries – the way most non-conformist believers met at that time – with a young man named Richard Parsons as their regular preacher. A few years later, after six believers had been baptised at Stormore (near Dilton Marsh), a chapel was finally built and a 'Church' formed, with Richard Parsons as its pastor. This Godly man walked the 5-6 miles from Stormore to Whitbourne every Sunday, preached at three Services and then walked back home! He entered into rest on November 14th 1853 and there's been no set pastor at the Chapel since. Instead, a number of local preachers came regularly, which is how services continue today.

In 1867, the back rooms were added to the Chapel and the actual building was enlarged. Music was provided by instrumentalists (as our guitarists Adrian Henson and James Wicks do now), until the organ arrived in 1875. The Chapel was re-roofed and the gable end established in 1878, with a new interior installed, using wood from trees in the Chapel grounds.

After Richard Parsons, a Mr S King of Warminster was the nearest the congregation had to a pastor. He held night services, prayer

Whitbourne Baptist Chapel,
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CENTENARY SERVICES

TO BE HELD

On Thursday, July 6th, 1911.

meetings, and he did the pastoral care for our Chapel and ones at Chapmanslade and Crockerton, too. This gentleman worked solidly for the Lord for 42 years from 1867 at Whitbourne, leading 10,250 services, travelling around 78,000 miles and baptising 249 new believers.

The Centenary Celebrations on 6th July 1911 began with the dedication of the new burial ground, at the front part of the property, by Reverend John Wilson from Woolwich. At 3pm he gave the sermon, before a public tea at 5.30pm (tickets at 6d per head.). A Mr A H Bunce of Frome gave an organ recital at 6.30 and at 7pm there was a public meeting, led by Chairman Mr S King, though he'd retired from pastoral work and preaching in 1909.

Why not visit the Chapel one Sunday morning and hear one of our current

preachers? Services start at 11am, with tea, coffee and biscuits available at 10.45. After the service, speak to anyone in the congregation and we can show you the framed photos we think were taken on this special day 114 years ago. If you aren't free on Sundays, come along to one of the monthly Coffee Mornings, on the second Tuesday of each month; entry is free and the food and hot drinks are always wonderful..!

Or maybe you were one of the visitors we welcomed to the Chapel on Tuesday 8th July, for our monthly Coffee Morning, with an Art Exhibition, held in the Chapel itself? The standard and variety of paintings and drawings on display was outstanding, but the real joy of the morning was the gentleman who asked about the organ – and proceeded to play it briefly for us, its first use since our regular organist moved away a few years ago. What a marvellous end to an exciting occasion!



▲ *Rev John Wilson from Woolwich standing by the Baptistry; he dedicated the new burial ground section and gave the sermon on the day*

▼ *Rev John Wilson standing by the entrance to the Chapel*





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July news

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The house is set in extensive grounds featuring a lake, and a topiary garden and has views to the White Horse. It was built around 1603 by Sir James Ley who later became the first Earl of Marlborough. He was Lord High Treasurer to James I and later to Charles I. The wood panelling in one of the rooms, the Treasury, is believed to be the original Jacobean wall covering so it is over 400 years old.

Several prominent local families have had a connection with Heywood House, either as owners or by marriage; as friends or foes of those living there. The Danvers family owned it from 1640 -1644. Years earlier they had been involved in a long running, notorious feud with the Long family which culminated in the murder of Henry Long. It has been suggested that Shakespeare took the idea of this deadly rivalry and used it in Romeo and Juliet.

The house has been home to four earls, two barons and two knights as well as Members of Parliament, wealthy merchants and Governors of overseas territories. It was extensively refurbished in the early 19th century.

Heywood House had several different uses in the 20th century. During the First World



War it became a hospital for wounded soldiers after which it was empty for 12 years, Mr. Barnes, of the Barnes Brothers Steamroller Company, bought it and carried out an extensive restoration work. Later it was turned into a school before again being repaired by the National Trust and used as their financial headquarters. Today it provides office space and meeting rooms for businesses.

We rounded off our walk through history with coffee and delicious cakes in the conservatory café. It was a lovely evening, and a big thank you to Chris da Costa for hosting our meeting.

We will be back in the Reading Room on 14th August at 7.30 pm when we will be making bunting and playing board games. Visitors are very welcome to join us. (£6 to include refreshments)

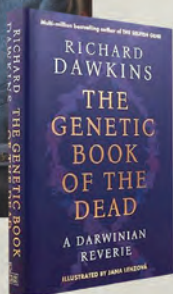
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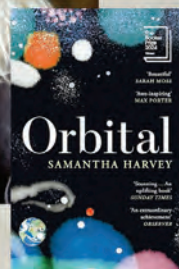
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Whitbourne Chapel

"Who is my Neighbour?"

Luke 10:29

The Wideness of the Sea

Perhaps many readers at this time of year will be visiting the sea. How refreshing it is to look out on a clear calm day to the limitless horizon. Thinking of the sea reminds me of a hymn: *'There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.'*

Do we put limits around God's mercy? Another verse says: *'But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own'.*

The Lord Jesus Christ was once confronted with a lawyer who had some false limits of his own. He asked the Lord *'Who is my neighbour?'* Now, most probably, the people he regarded as his neighbours were fellow Jews, other religious leaders like himself but certainly not tax collectors, prostitutes, Gentiles and especially Samaritans.

The Lord answered this man's question with the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 verses 25—37. We may know some of its details how a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. And then how first a priest and then a Levite – people who you might expect to do the neighbourly thing and help the poor

man who lay half dead -- but they passed by. Then, the Master Story-teller, introduces someone who would have produced shock waves in the lawyer: a certain Samaritan. This certain Samaritan risked his own life, and at great inconvenience and personal cost to himself, took care of this wounded man.

When Jesus asked the lawyer *'So which of these three, do you think was neighbour to him who fell among the thieves?'* The lawyer was compelled to answer: *'He who showed mercy on him'.* Jesus said to him: *'Go, and do likewise'.*

One wonders that whenever that lawyer thought about the command to 'love his neighbour as himself' that he would remember Jesus' parable and realise how far short he fell of being a good neighbour.

But isn't the parable like the Story-Teller Himself. He, at great cost to Himself came into this world and gave His life for us, who have been wounded and left for dead by Satan and sin.

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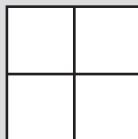
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Countryside Matters

“When the dew is in the grass, rain will never come to pass.
When grass is dry at morning light, look for rain before the night”

Once again, I must start with the weather report for the end of June leading up to the 19th of July and the effect the weather has on the lives of those living and working in this rural area.

Daytime temperatures have reached 30°C for a period of over 10 days, and at nighttime falling to 20 to 24°C – the highest June temperatures for over 100 years.

Rainfall in June was 36.4mm
(the 10-year average for June was 54.5mm)

Rainfall for July (up to the 19th) was 15mm

Repercussions on the local farms are hay crops that were extremely light as the grass had died before harvesting. Whole-crop silage, made from green cereals, was thankfully quite successful, but there is much concern regarding the maize which is our staple winter feed, unless it was planted early in April. Wheat crops planted last Autumn that had survived the Autumn 2024 deluge of rain ripened early in July with withered grain and short stems of straw. Grass fields which had been grazed or cut for silage did not recover, so cattle were fed grass silage and last year's maize silage just to keep them healthy and producing milk. At the moment, our milking cows are being housed day and night as there is nothing to graze in the fields. Research tells us that there will be a 10% drop in milk yield when temperatures go above 24°C.

We oldies will remember the summer of

1976 when we found ourselves in a similar situation. Then, dry cattle food was brought from wetter areas in the UK – we even brought in carrots and potatoes from Norfolk that were not suitable for supermarkets, which continued through the autumn and winter months to top up the empty barns and silage pits.

Sadly, most of the UK is in a similar situation to us, so already 2025 winter stored feed is being quickly consumed. Although we have been told that rain is imminent, our area seems to be missing the promised rainfall that other areas in the UK are experiencing over the last few days.

No doubt the autumn colours on the deciduous trees will be seen this month – earlier than usual – as trees have a wonderful way of natural preservation, creating fruit, seeds and nuts and losing their leaves earlier. Looking at the blackberries, elderberries, hazel nuts and chestnuts, the wildlife will not be short of food this winter

There is some good news in the research on Dutch Elm Disease on elm trees, trials show that elm trees have now been bred and are able to resist the beetles that caused such devastation in the 1980s – it will be many years before we see them in profusion as we used to in the last century.

With conservation in mind, I have noticed an increase in bees, wasps and butterflies in this hot weather and would like to mention the national butterfly count that runs until

10th August. Visit bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/ for all the information you need to participate.

Congratulations to the Friends of Frome for fundraising to save the Adderwell water meadows along the river Frome.

Thanks must also go to Corsley Parish Council for paying for our parish verges to be cut (using a local contractor) when the bulbs have died back and any wild flower seed has matured and fallen on the ground, ready for next year's flower display throughout the village.

There are so many village activities to look forward to during the school holidays with open gardens, Corsley Fayre on Saturday 30th August, cricket and tennis tournaments and the wonderful Elizabethan Evening performance of the Merry Wives of Windsor at Manor Farm on August 3rd

Enjoy the sunshine but hope for rain (maybe at night!!)

Judith Helliar

Road closure

Wiltshire Council hereby give notice that on **4th August 2025**, the following length of road shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out gully and associated works.

C275 Corsley; from its junction with The Hollow for approximately 100m in a northwesterly direction

Alternative route: via C275 (unaffected length), C274, A362, C275 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

These works will commence on **4th August 2025** and are anticipated to be required for 1 day between the hours of **8 am and 4.30 pm**. This Notice will have a maximum duration of 5 days.

For further information regarding these works please contact Milestone on 07743 981699 on behalf of Wiltshire Council.

*Sustainable Transport Group,
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Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- Horses
- Chester
- Eight
- Copenhagen
- Martello Towers
- On 29th September and on 8th November in the eastern Christian traditions
- 1997
- Watership Down
- Ontario
- Six (pawn, castle, knight, bishop, queen, king)
- Hallux
- Would you believe that it is Smith! (the next popular name is Brown!) How things have changed

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 SALE

Aluminium ladder in last month's edition of The Bridge was mistakenly advertised at £150 (*so sorry, Ed*). Nobody has **RUNG**, as someone said "**TOO STEEP**". It's still **UP** for sale but **DOWN** in price – it should be **£50**
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