

Corton Denham News



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The Editor's Desk

July 20th this year marks the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's "giant leap for mankind", but that wasn't the only notable event of 1969.

In February we saw the inaugural flight of the Boeing 747, the plane that made "affordable" air travel a reality for all of us. At the other end of the affordability spectrum, March heralded the maiden flight of the incredible Concorde and we are fortunate in that we have model 002 on our doorsteps at the aviation museum at RNAS Yeovilton. In April, the RAF Hawker Siddley Harrier jump jet entered service for the first time, transforming modern air warfare.

Away from aviation, in October a small group of scientists in America connected four computers and sent the world's very first email (it would be another 20 years before it became practical for business use and nearly forty years before it was adopted by the general public) and in November colour TV was first broadcast in the UK, the start of a new era in entertainment.

The Woodstock Festival hosted the final public performance by The Beatles and later that year they released their Abbey Road album. In the same year the UK won the Eurovision Song Contest with Lulu's Boom Bang-a-Bang and Monty Python's Flying Circus hit the small screen for the very first time, bemusing most and entertaining those of us with "that kind" of sense of humour.

I hope that brings back a few memories.

Deadlines for the submission of articles for future issues are as follows:

**August/September - 19 July 2019
October/November - 23 September 2019
December/January - 21 November 2019**

These are the final submission dates. It would help the editorial team if you could provide your articles before the final submission dates.

Sudoku Corner

This month's teaser and the last edition's solution.

Fill in the grid with the numbers 1 to 9 so that each row and each 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9.

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Parish Letter

from The Revd Rose

A couple decided to go to Florida for a long weekend in order to get a little sunshine during a particularly cold spell of winter weather. Both had busy careers, so travel plans were difficult. Finally, they decided that the husband would leave on Thursday and his wife would arrive the following day. The husband checked into his hotel and decided to email his wife informing her of his safe arrival.

However, suffering from jet lag, he accidentally missed one letter out of her email address and pressed send with realizing his mistake. In the meantime, in Houston, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. A minister with many faithful years' service he had been 'called to glory' following a heart attack. The widow checked her email expecting some comforting words from her friends. On opening her computer, she screamed so loudly the neighbours came running, because on the screen were the following words:

To: My loving wife
From: Your recently departed husband
Subject: I've arrived!

Message: I've just arrived, been checked in and had a good look round. All arrangements are in place for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then. Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

PS. Sure is hot down here.

George Bernard Shaw once said: 'The biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place'

This letter will arrive just after Ascension Day. In years gone by this

festival was a major event in the Christian year. Yet I am guessing for many people, apart from Deanery synod members who will attend our Deanery service at Queen Camel, few will have heard of Ascension Day, which is rather sad.

Ascension is all about communication and getting the message across. Businesses spend billions of pounds making sure their message hits its target, yet the feast of Ascension reminds us if your message has a ring of truth about it, it will touch people's hearts and minds.

Forty days after Easter Jesus left his disciples to get on the mission to which he had called them. They had no degrees in communication skills or large budgets to help them get their word out. What they did have was spirit, openness, integrity and passion. And by sharing their good news stories they helped thousands to discover the new life, hope and forgiveness to be found in Jesus.

Our communities are desperately in need of good news right now, what with the BREXIT blues, the constant stream of information about climate change (not that we don't need to heed the warning) but gloom needs to be balanced by hope. We have lots of good news to share. Acts of kindness, neighbourliness and generosity performed by people of faith and people of none. So, let's get those stories out there, let's celebrate the good things that are happening. Above all, let's lose the blues and be thankful for the blessings we have.

Parish Council

from Richard Thatcher

There was a fairly small attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 14th to hear Chairman Graham Ellis's "state of the nation" address. He reported that all was pretty stable, with the defibrillator project almost completed, finances in good health, and recent work on hedges and signposts brightening up the village: he named and expressly thanked several individuals who had played leading parts in all this. He also gave special thanks to two long serving Councillors who had stood down at the recent elections: John Martin and Helene Clarke had held office for respectively 16 and 12 years, during which time they had made significant contributions to the Council's discussions and decisions.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting followed, and five Parish Councillors were "sworn in" to serve for the next 4 years: Graham Ellis was re-elected as Chairman for the next 12 months. The new Parish Council comprises old and experienced hands in David Morgan, Graham Ellis and Nigel Young, who are now joined by John Griffin and Lisa Williams who will bring different experience and new voices to Council proceedings.

County Councillor William Wallace was present to support the village (rather than defend Highways) over several difficulties with the recent road closure: both he and the Parish Council will be working together to avoid those problems when Wheatsheaf Hill is closed later in the year for much needed resurfacing. The Council then agreed that their financial support towards cutting the cemetery grass should be increased to £1,100 p.a.: our finances allow this and in this way the

cemetery, which is a village facility for all, is maintained in large measure by the whole of the village. The Council is already responsible for maintaining the churchyard, and this has meant over the last year attacking box blight in the hedge, trimming the yews and the large cedar (now suffering from woodpecker attacks, but which is not thought terminal), and planting a new English oak to commemorate the centenary of the 1918 Armistice.

Elderflower Season is here!

from Caroline MacGregor

Lots of people like to make elderflower cordial. Here is our recipe...

18 good sized elderflower heads
2 oranges, cut up fairly small
1 lemon cut up fairly small
1 1/2 lbs sugar
1 oz tartaric or citric acid
1 1/2 pints of boiling water

Put the flower heads, fruit, sugar and acid into a clean bucket or bowl. Pour on boiling water and stir until the sugar has melted.

Cover the bucket (or bowl) with a clean tea towel or lid. Leave for 48 hours. Strain into suitable containers and freeze until required. (It will also keep for a week in a fridge).

If you have a Sambucus Nigra shrub in your garden (with bronze leaves and pink flowers), use the flower heads as above to make a pink coloured cordial. Mixed with sparkling water, it looks similar to pink champagne!



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CD Community Defibrillator

from Julia Bunker

Your CDCD committee is pleased to report that we are very close to being able to install a defibrillator in the refurbished telephone kiosk. In preparation for this event a Defibrillator Awareness Course was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th May. Nearly thirty residents received an excellent presentation by Tina Sauvage, representing the Community Heartbeat Trust, and she instructed us in not only the use of the machine, but also in the vital skill of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). She was able to answer many questions about the occasions when the use of a defibrillator is appropriate, how to access it and how to apply it. Most people felt they would now be much more confident in helping at an emergency.

We have reached our initial target for the fund to finance the supply and installation of the defibrillator, but we need to build up a reserve to pay for the operation of a telephone system. This would enable volunteers from the village to be contacted in an emergency and they would assist by fetching the defibrillator and being familiar with its operation. Detailed advice will be distributed to every household in the village shortly.



Gardening Society

from Stephen Sparrow

The summer season is well upon us and you will already have had notification about the Open Garden event at Cerne Abbas (June 15th & 16th). There is a similar event at Poyntington on June 29th and 30th (2pm to 5pm).

With the approach of summer, gardeners' workload (and worries) increase. In my own case the tomatoes in the greenhouse suffered a bit of a setback. I am going to try some outdoors ones this year. In Devon this didn't work as blight invariably ruined them and I had similar experience in the greenhouse when I first moved to Somerset. Then I read that spraying the plant with Asprin (a 300mg dispersible tablet in 1litre of water) would protect tomatoes from blight and have not had a problem since. It seems that the spray stimulates the plants immune system and also gives them a growth spurt. Anecdotal, I know, there haven't (as far as I know) been any field trials but as with so many things belief is a bit part of the result. Two other home remedies that may interest you:-

1. Equisetum (Horsetail) cut up and steeped in water for 5 days. Drain off the supernatant liquor and use as a spray against fungal infections; blackspot on roses, etc. You might like to Google this as there are some wonderful stories on the internet. It appears the active ingredient is silicic acid. (I am not going to tell you about my secret supply of equisetum)
2. Milk (diluted 1: 10) sprayed on the foliage of courgettes and cucumbers helps reduce Downey Mildew. Mary Jolliffe also swears it worked on her Hollyhocks.

To receive the weekly newsletter

from Susanna Thatcher and Chris Bunker

To receive the weekly newsletter, TWA, please drop an email to Susanna Thatcher (susanna@cortonlee.co.uk) or Chris Bunker (cjddbunker@aol.com).

We use a Bcc method, so your address will not be publicised.

Also, please check the Corton Denham website on a regular basis, as we try to include 'Headlines' on the front page for urgent/major issues.

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St Andrew's Lent Lunch

from Marion Chapman

Our Lent Lunch this year raised £120 for the Yeovil Street Pastors. Many thanks to those who made delicious soups and to those who came along.



Hot off the press

from David Morgan

Corton Denham residents in heavy turnout at the local European elections

Residents voted -- 64

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Queen Camel Tuesday Group

from Marion Chapman

April saw Margaret Adams back with another hilarious talk on 'Living with the Boss'.

Her Pam Ayres style lyrics of life on the farm included having to sit on a cow's back so her husband could inject the animal's infected eye, an attempt to make money by buying lambs that sold for £10 each less than she'd paid for them, and replastering walls with a kitchen knife.

In May, our very own Nigel Young came along with a talk and some amazing photographs of the trip he and Kay made to Canada to see Polar bears.

They made a 2 day journey by train from Winnipeg to Churchill.

Polar bears are attracted to Churchill as they can wait there until the sea freezes to enable them to hunt seals. During their wait they scavenge for food and are a danger to anyone around. The bears are baited and caught in cages. They are given water but no food for 30 days then airlifted out and put down 30 miles away in the hopes that they will not return to the town.

Nigel and Kay went out on a Tundra Buggy with a viewing platform from which they could safely see the bears. Thankfully the Buggies are heated. Amongst all the information we were given was that Polar Bears have black skin, and their fur is actually transparent. And we learnt about how the females adapt to their living conditions to ensure they produce healthy offspring. The talk was so interesting that we had to stop questions from the group.

One very important factor came out, which is of course that climate change is reducing the numbers of Polar bears, and for this we all have a responsibility to consider our lifestyles.

Our June meeting is to be a trip to Milestones. Anyone interested in coming along to our Group Meetings please contact Marion Chapman 220741, or Lynne Wheeler 220440.

Sign of the times

from Ben Woolley

Some of you may have noticed that the road signs are being spruced up by a couple of the village peasantry.

I am pleased to inform readers that The Campaign to Protect Rural England have kindly paid for the Hard Wood finger posts. Their help is much appreciated .

Christian Aid Strawberry Cream Tea

from Marion Chapman

Forty five of us enjoyed fresh strawberries with a delicious home-made cream tea, while making money for Christian Aid. Thanks to the generosity of all who came along, and those who cooked the scones and cakes, we were able to send over £480 to the charity. Again, thank you for all your support.

I have been the Christian Aid Representative in the Benefice for many years now, and it is time for me to step down. Please consider whether you should be the one to take this on. And it does not have to be a woman. It involves work for about 2 days a year. Please let me know if this is right for you. Marion. 01963 220741

Farming News

from Brian Green

We have one of the best seasons for sheep than I can remember. The last four months have been very mild, and the grass growth has been good.

Lambs are fattening two weeks earlier than normal.

We sheared the ewe's on May 23rd and they came out of their fleeces in good condition. Shearing sheep is hard work; they don't particularly like being shorn, restraining a 100kg ewe whilst shearing it is hard on the back, you don't see too many overweight shearers and not too many over 45.

The wool is not very valuable these days. When I started farming the value of five fleeces would pay for a ewe now it is like fifty. There are breeds of sheep that shed or moult their fleeces and cross inbreeding has been fairly successful in passing this trait on. However carcass quality tends to be inferior.

One of the most difficult decisions we have to make is when to sell arable crops. Most follow the old rule selling half before harvest and half after. There are many things to consider such as world stocks, the weather not just here but around the world and you need to judge the crops' potential. It's no good selling too much if your crops are thin and finally, you need to keep an eye on the politicians.

Donald Trump's trade war with China is disrupting world trade. The Chinese won't buy American soya and as a result there's an awful lot of soya in American stores. Trump's compensated his farmers but there won't be room for this year's crop. In addition there's a new pig disease sweeping through Asia. It's already

killed 25% of the Chinese breeding herd. Soya is the main source of protein for pigs and poultry and I think we shall see protein consumption and prices drop which will help livestock farmers.

The political situation seems to be going from bad to worse. I read an article on how to protect your money should Mr Corbyn come to power. Suggestions varied from spending it quickly to buying gold. I think the most sensible suggestion was to sell up and move abroad to one of those more stable countries in Europe.

Village Hall Notes

from David Morgan

This has been a quieter couple of months in the Village Hall which has enabled us to catch up on essential administrative matters including finalising the Village Hall General Data Protection Regulations Policy and Procedures and getting ourselves in order for the forthcoming Hallmark Standard inspection.

Useful income has come in from the use of the Hall as the venue for the Local and European elections, and we will then swing into action again with the Annual Brunch on Saturday, July 6th (not June 6th as stated in the previous Village Hall Notes). Scruffs Dog Show should be in early September (date to be confirmed) and there will be a Silent Auction on November 15th .

Future events for next year will hopefully include our ever popular Quiz Evening, another Murder Mystery Play starring Corton Denham's own infamous Acting Troupe, and an Open Gardens Event in June 2020.

A Dog's View from the Sofa

from Rudi



There's nothing quite like who sits where in a household to indicate your position within it. I occupy the sofa as you know, so does that make me top dog? The OG has her armchair one side

of me, and the OM his armchair on the other side, so that puts them on an equal footing. In fact, I don't think in 30 years of marriage that she has ever sat in his chair nor him in hers.

But sometimes my theory takes a knock when the OM decides to sit on my sofa, which is fine – I can do sharing. He sinks into it and for a while all is well with the world. After his snooze he gets up and he leaves a so, so very warm spot which is impossible to resist and into which I stealthily slink. I'm just settling down for my own snooze when he returns and without so much as asking, let alone looking, sits straight back down – like he owns the place, which of course he does. If it wasn't for my lightning speed, I'd be well and truly flattened.

Every dog gets an overpowering need for a good clean. My routine involves a lot of licking of certain parts of my anatomy and very lustily and noisily, enough to drown out the telly. Just as I'm getting stuck in, I notice from the corner of my eye the TV remote flying through the air scoring a direct hit on my backside, rather like the board rubber of one's school days. Maybe I'm lower down the pecking order than I thought. If you think life on the sofa is a bowl of cherries – think again!

Three Hundred years ago

from Marion Chapman

Three Hundred years ago in November 1718, John Montagu was born at Chiswick. He became the 4th Earl of Sandwich at the tender age of 10, and is the one after whom the great British Sarnie is named.

His Lordship, a colourful character in many ways, ordered salt beef between 2 slices of bread so that he didn't have to leave the gambling table. Several of his fellow gamblers recognised the benefits so asked for 'the same as Sandwich'. He was very dedicated to his work and from then on always had a sandwich lunch at his desk.

New pattern of services

from The Cam Vale Benefice

During the summer months the Churchwardens and Ministry team members have agreed to experiment with a new pattern of services, partly to help with covering holidays but also to have the opportunity to worship in a slightly different way.

Each week, except for 4th Sundays in the month, when there will be the normal Together at 10, there will be four services across the benefice, offering a range of styles of worship – from traditional BCP to the more modern Common Worship, as well as All Age Services and the more Informal. Each Sunday there will be at least one communion service in the benefice.

Rather than sticking with the previous summer 'pairing' of churches, our hope is everyone will feel free to choose the type of service that they prefer, and move around the churches, meeting and making new friends, and enjoying the different atmospheres of each of our churches.

Church Calendar

Sunday, 2nd June 2019 – 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion at Sparkford

9.30 am All Age Service at Queen Camel

9.30 am Village Service at Corton Denham

4.00 pm Sunday @ Four at West Camel

Sunday, 9th June 2019 – Pentecost Sunday

9.30 am Milkshake Church at Sparkford Village Hall

9.30 am All Age Service at West Camel

6.30 pm BCP Evening Prayer at Weston Bampfylde

6.30 pm BCP Holy Communion at Sutton Montis

Wednesday, 12th June 2018

7.00 pm Sacred Space at West Camel

Sunday, 16th June 2019 – Trinity Sunday

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion at Queen Camel

9.30 am BCP Morning Prayer at Corton Denham

11.15 am Informal Service at Sutton Montis

6.30 pm CW Evening Prayer at Weston Bampfylde

Sunday, 23rd June 2019 – 1st Sunday of Trinity

10.00 am Together at 10 at Queen Camel

Sunday, 30th June 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Trinity

9.30 am BCP Matins at Sparkford

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion at Sutton Montis

6.00 pm United Service at West Camel

6.30 pm Holy Communion at Weston Bampfylde

Sunday, 7th July 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Trinity

9.30 am Village Service at Corton Denham

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion at Sparkford

9.30 am All Age Service at Queen Camel

4.00 pm Sunday @ Four at West Camel

Wednesday, 10th July 2019

7.00 pm Sacred Space at Queen Camel

Sunday 14th July 2019 – 4th Sunday of Trinity

9.30 am Holy Communion at Queen Camel

9.30 am Milkshake Church at Sparkford Village Hall

6.30 pm CW Evening Service at Weston Bampfylde

6.30 pm BCP Evening Prayer at Sutton Montis

Sunday, 21st July 2019 – 5th Sunday of Trinity

9.30 am BCP Holy Communion at Corton Denham

11.00 am BCP Holy Communion at West Camel

11.00 am Family Service at Weston Bampfylde

11.15 am Informal Morning Service at Sutton Montis

Sunday, 28th July 2019 – 6th Sunday of Trinity

10.00 am Together at 10 at Sparkford

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