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Curry Rivel Celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Anne Geach



After all the expenses have been met, we still have £370 left. The proposal is to share this between the Food Bank and Curry Rivel Woodland Trust. The money going to the Trust will be put towards a commemorative bench for all the village to use when visiting the wood. Personally, I would like to thank Annette Stein, Anne Groves and the rest of Curry Rivel WI for all their support and help, and everyone who came along to celebrate with us. We were all delighted with the success of the event. It is wonderful to see what is possible when the community join together!

On Thursday 2nd June the community of Curry Rivel celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a free afternoon tea in the Village Hall. This was made possible by a very generous grant of £1000 from Nisa, the owners of the Garage Store. Huge thanks to James the manager of the shop for helping us to apply for the grant. The event was billed as an event by the community, for the community. This was certainly the case, with people from all areas of the village giving their time and energy willingly to make the event a success. There are too many people to thank, but it was great to see family members, visiting for the weekend, helping out alongside residents!

During the afternoon over 200 afternoon teas were consumed along with sparkling wine and tea. There was a great atmosphere in the hall, thanks to everyone joining in with the spirit of the event, and I am sure it will be long remembered by all who attended. A collection was made for the people of Ukraine and £157.30 was raised. At the end of the afternoon any food left was collected by our Food Bank helpers and distributed to their clients.



Curry Rivel Flower Show 2022

Saturday 6th August 2022, 2.30-4.30pm

Curry Rivel Village Hall

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Kevin Loe 252579



We are back! It's been a while and a lot has happened since August 2019.

You can find the Flower Show program and entry form at the Curry Rivel One Stop, Petrol Station, Sandpits Heating, Greenslade Taylor Hunt (Langport) and the Langport Library. You can also view the program online (see above).

So how do you enter?

Bring your completed entry form to the Curry Rivel Village Hall on Thursday 4th August, 6.30-8.30pm. **For £1 you can enter any number of 89 competition classes. If you are under 17 you enter FREE.....**

There are 24 Vegetable classes, from the largest onion to unusual tomatoes.

We have 25 Flower classes, lots of cut flowers and flower arranging.

Soft fruit classes, Floral Art, Cakes and Jams, etc. You can enter the painting classes or a photo. There are classes for the young, who enter for free.

If you cannot enter on Thursday night, email us your entry, name, contact details and which classes you are entering, you can pay your £1 entry fee on Saturday morning.

What happens on the morning of the show?

Exhibitors should bring their entries to the Village Hall on Saturday 6th August, between 8-10.30am, all entries should be staged by 10.30am.

If you have entered by email, remember to pay your £1 entry fee on Saturday morning.

When you arrive on Saturday, you will be handed an entry card for every class you have entered and will be invited to stage your entries.

The Show will be open to the public 2.30-4.30pm.

Entry to the show is just £1, free if you are under 17.... so, bring the kids.

For every class there will a judged result, resulting in a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

There are many cups and prizes for the various sections, which are given out in a short ceremony at the end of the show.

We have a delicious assortment of cakes to partake of with your cup of tea or coffee.

So come along and see if you agree with the judges' decisions.

Can You Help?

On the evening of Friday, 5th August the staging, tables and chairs are laid out in the Village Hall.

We would be happy to have some help, preferably help with a few muscles.

Help is also needed to dismantle the staging on Saturday, 6th August, after the show.



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Brand new to the service is their Coarse Fishing group. Held at a private lake near Somerton on Wednesdays, it is a sociable, relaxed, informal session run by a volunteer- your own kit is required.

Gentle Pilates is held on Fridays at Somerton Parish Rooms at 11:30 am. It includes a mix of seated and standing movements- simple but effective exercises that will strengthen the whole body, improving balance and posture.

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'Sparklers', a new Baby and Toddler group, is set to start in Curry Rivel on Wednesday 14th September 2022 at the Old School Room. Led by local Childminder, Debs Powell, Sparklers will run from 10.30am – 12.00 noon every Wednesday during the school term time for parents and carers with their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. There will be singing, instruments and story time, alongside informal play and refreshments.

At £3.00 per family per session, Sparklers hopes to be able to offer an affordable opportunity for parents and carers to meet others, allow children to socialise and provide a fun and relaxed learning environment for young children. "Post-pandemic, it has never been more important for both parents and young children to have a chance to informally engage with their peers," said Debs Powell, "We hope Sparklers will provide a safe and supportive place for parents, and a place for young children to learn vital social and communication skills."

There is no booking needed for Sparklers, so please just turn up at the Old School Room (behind St Andrew's Church), but for more information, please contact Debs on 07799 423 884, email debs@curryrivel-childminder.co.uk or message @Debs Powell Childminder – Curry Rivel.

Letters to Editor



Dear Editor

Safety first or Speed first?

What's more important: getting to your destination a couple of minutes earlier or travelling safely (for you, other road users and pedestrians)?

A378 pathway

There's a stretch of the A378 which has a pathway that is used by people walking between Langport and Curry Rivel including school children and parents going to and from school. The path has become overgrown in places so several wonderful volunteers have cleared it. They have said that they frequently felt unsafe as cars, vans and trucks sped by at 40mph. Sometimes faster when drivers broke the speed limit. So how safe are children and parents who use the path? And how will they feel in the winter months as the road is unlit and sometimes icy?

Lower the speed limit

Roads near schools often have 20mph speed limits. On this stretch of the A378 the limit is currently 40mph. Shouldn't it be 30mph, or even 20mph? It will add only a couple of minutes to drivers' journey times. But it'll be significantly safer for everyone.

Sign the petition

If you agree, please add your name to a petition which you'll find on the Curry Rivel website:

www.curryrivel.org.uk (in a section headed **Curry Rivel Active Travel**). If you don't have internet access you can still add your name to the petition - just drop a note into the BP garage in Curry Rivel headed Speed Limit Petition with your name and address underneath.

Many thanks.

Nigel Grinsted, Curry Rivel resident

"Editor note: see update from the Active Travel Group on page 6"

Will you sign this petition to make our village safer?

Tony Greenaway

The Active Travel Group has started a petition in order to make our roads safer and to calm traffic. So far we have 75 signatures.

Please support the poll - simply email tgreenaway51@gmail.com quoting this statement:

'I support the Curry Rivel Active Travel Group petition'

and add your name, postcode and numbers of people in your household. **Yes, it's that simple!**

Here are the statements :

I support the following measures to improve the safety of our community and to encourage safe travel in and around the village and Parish of Curry Rivel

1. Improved pedestrian and cycle

routes through the village to encourage car-free journeys, including travel to school

2. Reduction in speed limits through the village on the A378 from 30mph to 20mph

3. Reduction in speed limits on the lanes around the village from 60mph to 30mph.

4. The re-classification of the A378

5. Ongoing work to create a traffic-free walking and cycling route to connect Curry Rivel with Langport and Huish Episcopi.



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A Big Thankyou

Marcus Hembrow – Chairman, Curry Rivel Parish Council

The recent weeks have seen a 3-year Covid hiatus pass with the re instatement of two important Village events that bring much joy and appreciation to our community. Open Gardens Day in late June and the preparation of the village in anticipation of the judging for the South-West Village in Bloom which took place today on July 11th.

The success of Open Gardens Day, despite the weather, was enjoyed by many, young and old and was only made possible by the many home owners, along with the Allotment Association, who opened their gardens and properties up for many of us to enjoy. These two occasions are enjoyed by many and allow the village to be shown in the best possible light. These events do not happen by accident or coincidence but are a result of many months of planning and co-ordination by the many members of CRIB and a team of volunteers under the stewardship of Gina Beauchamp. The setting of the village in anticipation of the judging is a celebration of the many volunteers who maintain and manage the likes of the War Memorial,

Granny's Garden and Parsonage Place, pick up litter and maintain the flags and flag poles alongside organisations such as The Flower Guild, The W I, and The Royal British Legion. To all of them and others unsung, on behalf of the village I would like to offer A BIG THANK YOU and genuine appreciation for all of your efforts.

The success of these and other events throughout the year is only possible because of the time and volunteering efforts made by others. The joy and pleasures they bring are only achieved because of their volunteering efforts. For these events and others to continue to thrive and be enjoyed, more volunteers and support is needed. I appreciate that many of us lead busy lives and that time is precious however if you believe you have time to offer, however little to any of the diverse events and groups often advertised or referred to in Curry Rivel News then please be in touch, you will find details or someone to contact in this magazine.

Thank you again to all our helpers and volunteers.



**Curry Rivel
in Bloom**
A flowering community

Gina Beauchamp cribsomerset@gmail.com

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Look out next month for pictures and articles concerning:

Curry Rivel Open Gardens 2022 on Sunday 19th June

Young Gardener of the Year

South West in Bloom Judging Day 11th June

Movies in the Village Hall

mvh.curry.wix.com/films

Alison Cockrell

Operation Mincemeat (12A) Friday 19 August 2022



From Ben Macintyre's book of the same name, Operation Mincemeat combines extraordinary espionage and imaginative fiction.

In 1943 Winston Churchill has promised the United States that Allied forces will invade Sicily in order to push northwards into Europe. But as Sicily is regarded as an obvious target, a plot is contrived to trick Nazi Germany into believing that the Allies will invade Greece instead.

Stars: Colin Firth, Matthew MacFadyen, Kelly MacDonald, Penelope Wilton, Johnny Flynn and Jason Isaacs.

Doors open at 7.00pm: show starts at 7.30pm in the Curry Rivel Village Hall. Tickets £7 are available at the door.

Find the RNLI Yellow wellies

Mary Mullineux

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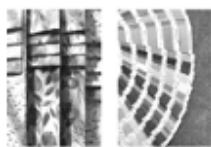
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Chris Cox

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Trips planned are all evening ones, starting at 5 p.m.
The payment dates for 'Joseph' and 'Beauty & the Beast' fall in August.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream-coat: Sep 5th
Disney's Beauty and the Beast : Oct 20th
Raymonda, English Nation Ballet Nov 24th
Cinderella starring Craig Revel Horwood: Dec 12th
Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty : Thu 2 March '23
The Commitments : Tue 21 Mar '23
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- How much of it do you read each month?
- What do you like most about CRN?
- What do you like least?
- What – if anything – do you think is missing?

Send your comments via emailing: curryrivelnews@gmail.com or
drop a letter into Curry Rivel Post Office (no stamp required)



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We warmly welcome visitors and new members of the community to any of our services and other events.

August

Please note the 'earlier than normal' times of the United Benefice services on 7th, 14th and 21st August.

Sunday 7th

09.30 FH - United Benefice Holy Communion

Tuesday 9th

10.00-12.00 CR **OSR** - Craft & Coffee

Sunday 14th

09.30 CR - United Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

09.30 SW - United Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 28th

9.30 FH - Parish Communion
 11.00 CR - Morning Worship CW
 6.00 pm SW - Evensong BCP

CR = St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel
 FH = St. Martin's Church, Fivehead
 SW = St. Catherine's Church, Swell

St. Andrew's Rotas August

Brass - Jackie de Ronde

Flowers

6th & 13th - Diana Talbot-Williams
 20th & 27th - Annette Stein

Cleaning

6th - Anne Geach
 13th - Anne Goff
 20th - Lynne Comley
 27th - Tina Geary



Scott's spot

Sport and the Bible

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

(Psalm 138 verse 14)



British events on a grand scale seem to be coming thick and fast at the moment. No sooner has the dust settled from the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee than along came Wimbledon. And as this publication drops through letter boxes, the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham will be in full swing. For a short time there will be few places on the face of the earth where the truth of the quote above will be more on display. If we want to see human beings at their best, 'fearfully and wonderfully' reflecting the image of God that we all share, then we need look no further than the Commonwealth Games. Here we will witness the best of humanity in terms of dedication, perseverance, resilience, and both physical and mental excellence.

It may surprise you to hear that in the pages of the Bible there is much for sports fans – you might like to look them up sometime. In Genesis chapter 32 verse 25 Jacob wrestles with God; in 1 Samuel chapter 17 verse 40 you may be impressed with David's accuracy as he takes down Goliath with his sling; in the Psalms we find God the archer scattering His enemies with arrows (Psalm 18 verse 14) and being called upon to draw His javelin in the defence of His people (Psalm 35 verse 3); and if you enjoy beach volley ball then...only joking!

There are also 'sporty' images in the New Testament. We find boxing represented as the Apostle Paul speaks about training himself carefully in God's work, and not aimlessly as if 'shadowboxing' (1 Corinthians 9:26).

From St. Andrew's Registers

Weddings

We wish them God's blessing at the start of married life

25th June - Jessica Polly Grout and Daniel Henry Patten

Scott's Spot ctd. . .

But the sporting image that stands out for me can be found in the book of Hebrews chapter 12 verse 1. Here the writer encourages all Christians to 'run with perseverance the race that is set before us' – in other words, to faithfully follow the teaching and example of Jesus Christ throughout our lives. This is the race all Christians are called to run, however 'athletically challenged' we may, or may not be.

So, as we enjoy the feast of athletic prowess in Birmingham this month, and see great sporting triumphs and champions taking their place on the podium, I'd like to also point us to the greatest victory of all. Christian people can run the race of our own lives with confidence and courage because of the victory Jesus won for us on the cross. In that most gruelling of trials Jesus' resurrection victory left sin, evil, and even death itself vanquished. They may still be limping on, but the race has already been won. The victorious Jesus has crossed the finish line, is standing on the podium and the anthems of heaven are ringing out.

I pray that you and your loved ones may know God's blessings during this sporting season, and also throughout the race of your lives.

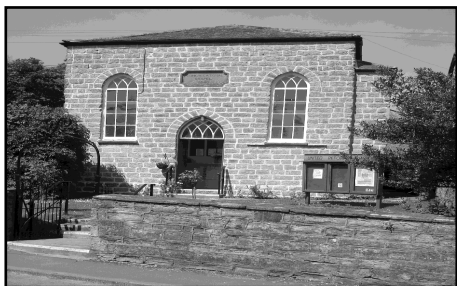
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Sunday 28th - Mrs Jo Morling

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When Life Throws a Curve Ball....

Defined as something surprising, unexpected or disruptive, a Curve Ball comes at us 'out of the blue', or, to use a theatrical term, from 'out of the wings' - by its very nature it comes without warning, surprising us or catching us unprepared or off guard. When not a negative experience we might describe such events as serendipitous but on occasion such curve balls are a shock, a punch in the gut, a slap in the face, taking the wind out of our sails, grinding us to a halt.... bringing us to a standstill. Curve balls take numerous forms - redundancy, relationship breakdown, a diagnosis, an illness, miscarriage, bereavement - what they have in common is that they have the ability to shake us to our core.

How, as people of faith, might we respond to such events? Not as 'sent from God to try us', but still as an experience we can learn from. Not as a test of our faith, though it can certainly feel like our resources are stretched to their limit. Life's Curve balls are life events we are neither shielded nor protected from simply because we are people of faith.

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Once the shock has been absorbed, once we have turned to face it full on, once we recognise God is alongside us, we can begin to make sense of and integrate the experience into the narrative of our lives.

I have come to view my own curve ball this summer from these perspectives: as Challenge - challenging my presumption life would follow a trajectory I have control over, challenging my complacency when all is well to strive instead for an attitude of gratitude for each moment. As Learning - I have learned more about myself (my strengths & my limitations) broadening & deepening my life experience, I have learned about support (who is available & able, learning not to be disappointed with those who are not), I have learned thoughtful prayers of many are a source of strength when my own begins to run dry. As Opportunity - to reflect on what is truly of value, to review & reassess how things have been & how they might be going forward, in time to readjust & reset.

As is often the case when writing for monthly publications this is being written well before 1st August, actually during Wimbledon Finals Weekend. A bit like Djokovic one set down in the men's finals, Life's Curve Balls may certainly leave us shaken & challenged but, faced, welcomed & accepted perhaps they might also be moments of enlightenment, a drawing closer to ourselves, others & God exemplified by Love.

Ali Richards

Community Shed for the Langport, Curry Rivel and Somerton Area

Chris Bottomley

A Community Shed is being set up to cover the area around Langport by a small team assisted by the UK Men's Shed Association and the Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton. You might ask: What is a Community Shed? It is based on the Men's Shed concept, started in 1999 in Australia and now spread worldwide, that provides a community space for men to connect, converse and create. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while our aim is the opposite. We are about social connections, sharing skills and knowledge, friendship building and of course a lot of laughter to help reduce loneliness and isolation. Our Shed will be open for both men and women, a Community Shed.

Members will be able to access tools, workbenches, skills and opportunities to make and mend things in the company of

others. Sheds bring health benefits, encouraging physical and mental activity and improved wellbeing as they provide an enjoyable way for members to stay socially integrated in local communities by being creative, and learning or passing on skills.

There are around 2000 Sheds in total worldwide with over 500 in the UK so it's about time there was one covering our area. We are a small enthusiastic group and we are looking to set up a Shed near Langport covering Langport, Somerton, Huish Episcopi, Curry Rivel, Aller and the surrounding villages. We have found a suitable building but we need more people to get involved to help set it up and more importantly use it!

If you would like to help us set up the Shed, are interested in using it once we are up and running or would just like more information please contact us at:

parrettcommunityshed@outlook.com.

Photos wanted!

Catherine Mowat

I am putting together a presentation on what makes Curry Rivel such a special place to live from the environmental side of things.

I don't have many photos though! I would really welcome good quality photos you have taken - flowers, insects, birds, nice views, people enjoying the outdoors etc. Don't worry if you can't name the flower, insect, I can do that for you. If photos include people, I will need evidence in writing (an email is fine) that they have given their permission for the photo to be used in a slide show, especially from parents regarding children.

I plan to present this in the village when it's ready and will make sure all contributions are acknowledged - this is your chance to show your talent with a camera!

Thank you. Here is my email address: cemowat@gmail.com



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WARNING

All the below events are subject to cancellation at short notice due to the Corona virus epidemic please contact each group for details.....Keep well, Keep safe

**...In August****Regular Events****MONDAY**

10.00	Art Club	Village Hall
10.00	Table Tennis (kevl@outlook.com)	Village Hall
6.00	Pilates	Primary School
6.45	Explorer Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport

TUESDAY

10.00	Craft & Coffee (2nd only)	Old School Room
10.00	Keep Fit (nicky.barker1@btinternet.com)	Village Hall
2.30	Forget-Me-Not-Café	Village Hall
4.30	Rainbows/Brownies	Drayton Village Hall
5.45	Pilates	Primary School
6.00	Cub Pack	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Rangers	URC Hall
6.30	Langport Youth Club	Ridge way Hall
7.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
7.30	Sedgemoor Garden Club (2nd only)	All Saints Hall L'port

WEDNESDAY

9.30	Yoga	Village Hall
5.30	Beavers	Scout Hall, Langport
6.30	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
6.45	Scouts	Scout Hall, Langport
7.30	Bell Ringing	St. Andrews

THURSDAY

10.00	WI (2nd only)	Village Hall
2.00	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
6.30	Yoga	Village Hall
7.30	Parish Council (1st only)	

FRIDAY

9.30-2	Get Together Club	Village Hall
7.30	Movie Night (3rd only)	Village Hall

SATURDAY

9.00	Cycling Club	Bridge Cafe
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Some Useful Telephone Numbers**Youth Organisations**

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts	(gslthelevelsscouts@gmail.com)
Rainbows	01823 698940
Brownies	251953
Rangers	252901
Langport Youth Club	0793 899 338

Sports Clubs

Short Mat Bowls Club	251201
Cricket Club	01823 698849 & 01458 252791

Social

Flower Show	250311
Out & About	0788 737 7942
Royal British Legion	01460 281115
Twinning Association	01460 281905
Women's Institute	253078
Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton	252813
Sedgemoor Garden Club	250091
Heale Lane Allotment Association	741880
Curry Rivel in Bloom	762296
Get Together Club	252791
Health Walks	250725
Mother and Baby	07732 197030
Forget-Me-Not-Café	252710 & 396123
Inner Wheel	251940

Arts

Entertainers	250311
Music Club	250863
Art Club	253126

Community Facilities

Food Bank (help@curryrivel.org.uk)	0771 6792760
Village Hall (crvhbookings@gmail.com)	07871 431706
Old School Room Bookings (crosrbookings@gmail.com)	250655/253856
United Reformed Church Hall - Bookings etc.	259391

Community Services

Doctors	250464
Police	101
Yarlington Housing	01935 404500
Footpath & Litter Warden	johncasebourne@sky.com

Education

Little Pips	252822
Primary School	251404
Huish Episcopi Academy	250501
Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre	251055

Local Authorities

Parish Council (Clerk) curryrivelparish@outlook.com	07714 510828
District Council	0 1935 462462
County Council	0300 123 2224

Religious

Church of England Rector	251375
Churchwarden	259003
Secretary PCC	251355
Organist & Bell Ringing	253856
Flower Guild	252710
Roman Catholic Church, Somerton	274008
URC Minister	252799
Messy Church	01458 762523

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Vive l'Entente Cordiale!

Victoria Fransham

The Curry Rivel and District Twinning Association, as reported in the June Curry Rivel News, had not had any gatherings over the last two years until April this year when we had a "bring and share" supper, and to thank our previous chair-person Barbara Hamlin for all her hard work and dedication over the years.

The close relationship between the two communities of Chevilly, in the centre of France (just north of Orleans and south of Paris) remains very strong. Many of us have made friendships that go back 20 or more years and will no doubt continue for many more to come.

Formal visits have not, of course, happened for the last 3 years, yet informal ones have continued to take place. Two of our members from Fivehead recently visited Chevilly and were royally received. Our French friends organised a French style "picnic", with about 25 French, which involved aperitifs and nibbles followed by various dishes and desserts and of course, a glass or two of rosé! Those attending on the French side included the mayor, Hubert Jolliet, the previous président of the Twinning in France, Jean-Luc Charron, and Benedicte Mériaux, who took over from Jean-Luc.

Outdoor games were played including, naturally, pétanque and also darts, plus a new game that the French have adopted as their firm favourite, 'Molkky'. If you have not come across this game, it is a little like skittles with numbers on them and a sort of small 'rolling pin' that is thrown to knock them down!

In this climate of such international uncertainty, it is very heart-warming to know that our friends on the other side of the channel are as keen to keep up our affinities as we are! They send their best wishes to all of us in Curry Rivel and our surrounding villages and look forward to seeing us again soon.



'Out and About' on the Duchess of Cocklemoor

Barbara Lancey

Our group of twelve aboard, we pushed off from the side and manoeuvred into our intended path, then the quiet of the river took over, with just the gentle rippling sound of the Duchess lazily gliding through the water.

As we passed the multi-reeded river banks, deep blue damselflies danced around us, occasionally landing as if taking breath before taking flight yet again. The brief blue flash of a kingfisher was followed by dipping and diving housemartins, and swooping swifts joined us further on. Brandy Bottle flowers (Nuphar lutea) bobbed their yellow heads in the water as the boat sent gentle ripples each side, and sparrows crisscrossed the water, deftly clinging to the reeds now and then. Two Charolais cows nonchalantly observed our passing, their white hides glancing in the sun.

Carefully navigating past other river users, such as kayaks and paddle boards, we embraced their smiles and waves along with those of the occasional bystanders on the bank. As we enjoyed a refreshing glass of Elderflower presse on our idyllic

journey, an egret landed in the reeds some way ahead taking graceful flight again as we approached.

All good things must come to an end, and we eventually moored back at Cocklemoor...but I'm sure we'll be back! With very many thanks to Jo at the helm and Ian in the forefront guiding our journey with humour and wonderment!

