

The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

Stuck for something to do? Check out all the events advertised in this month's issue! There's so much going on there's an extra four pages to cope with them all. Whatever you choose to do - have a great time!

Viv Thomas
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com

or take them to either

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If you are advertising, please don't forget to include the advertiser's fee. Small ads are 80p PER ITEM, local organisations (churches, playgroups, clubs, etc) who are advertising events are £2.00. News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free - the more the merrier - keep 'em coming! Space allotted for events adverts is always dependent on availability at the time.

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

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

What's on

April

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 6th

Little Cuckoo's Easter Egg Hunt – 2pm

Tuesday 10th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8.15pm

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - Cheese and Wine tasting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 14th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Monday 16th

Woodlanders Music Hall AGM – 7.30pm, Horse and Groom, East Woodlands

Wednesday 18th

Light Bites – Soup and Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Gardening Club – visit Special Plants, Cold Ashton – 2.30pm

Thursday 19th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

May

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Wednesday 9th

Little Cuckoo's Bag2School textile collection

Saturday 12th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Sunday 13th

Corsley Festival Choir - Mozart and Brahms – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Wednesday 16th

Light Bites – Soup and Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 19th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre – 2.30pm, Corsley House



June

Saturday 2nd

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Chapmanslade - Mammoth Garage Sale, Scarecrow and Garden Frontage competitions

Sunday 3rd

Queen's Diamond Jubilee –

Corsley – Big Family Lunch – 12.30 for 1.00pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Chapmanslade – Big Family Lunch and Village Photograph – Village Hall Playing Field

Tuesday 5th

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Open Day – 10.00am, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 16th

Rain or Shine Theatre Company presents 'As You Like It' – Manor Farm, Corsley

July

Wednesday 4th

WI outing to Winchester

Saturday 7th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

Bargains In The Barn – 10.00 - 12 noon,

High House Farm, Corsley

October

Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Village Hall Quiz Night

Corsley Festival Choir

Sunday 13th May 7.30pm

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For more information contact
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Corsley Gardening Club

18th April, 2.30pm

Visit to Special Plants, Cold Ashton

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Visit to Corsham Court

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Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Over the last 12 months the playing field has been completely transformed. Yes, it was only last March when the teams from Acres and Dave Lucey started installing the new equipment and building the car park. What a transformation it has been.

It has also been a hectic winter for the playing field. The pavilion has been fully refurbished with a new kitchen, disabled toilets and a wheelchair ramp added and all the electrics and plumbing replaced. This was paid for thanks to a lottery grant, support from the Corsley Show and the Woodlanders. There are also new cricket nets thanks to the support of the Elizabethan Evening and the Warminster Area Board. We have also planted nearly 1,000 bulbs from Acres Garden Supply and Andy Joynt has just finished planting the hedge under the oaks at the bottom of the field.

I did want to thank all those trustees and other volunteers who over the last 12 months have given their time and skills to help transform the field. Special mention must go to Roy Pearce, Mark Aryton, Simon Bloomer and Adam Fairfield, without whom we would not have been able to refurbish the pavilion.

It is worth pointing out that whilst Marion and I have been very successful in winning grants (over £80,000), these grants are only for capital items (such as the zipwire, swings etc). The actual day to day running of the field costs around £3,000 a year, which we have to raise through normal fund-raising. This figure would be a lot higher if we didn't have Dave Johnson mowing the

field and all the other helpers giving their time for free.

February saw our first fund-raiser, a fashion show at M&Co in Warminster. It was a great success raising nearly £500. I wanted to thank all our models, who were in my opinion, much better than those girls seen in London fashion week, and the ladies from the tennis club, who turned out in such numbers to support the event. We are now looking for models for the autumn show. There is a rumour that John White or Malcolm Holley may be modelling a onesie, so it will be worth coming along!

Finally, I just wanted to mention the jubilee celebrations. We are delighted the lunch will take place in the playing field on Sunday 3 June and on Monday Corsley will be taking on Chapmanslade at cricket. We will be running a bar but are happy for villagers to bring their own drinks. Can we just ask that you do not bring glass glasses as we do not want risk broken glass on the field? Thanks for your understanding.

*Dr Neil Carpenter
Chairman*

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which pole did Robert Scott set out to conquer in 1911?
- 2 How many times is the name 'Annie' mentioned in the song 'Annie's Song'?
- 3 Whose rival was 'Two Ton Ted from Teddington'?
- 4 Which country created eggnog?
- 5 Which musical featured the song "Sit down you're rocking the boat"?
- 6 Which title is the lowest rank of British nobility?
- 7 What does a soldier keep in his frog?
- 8 How is sodium hydroxide better known?
- 9 What does "E" stand for in "E numbers"?
- 10 What is the Japanese share index called?
- 11 Which toy was the brainchild of Ole Kirk Christiansen from Denmark?
- 12 Bessie Braddock, a labour politician in the 1950s and 60s once said to another politician "you are drunk, and what's more you are disgustingly drunk." Who responded - "Bessie, my dear, you are ugly, and what's more, you are disgustingly ugly. But tomorrow I shall be sober and you will still be disgustingly ugly!"?

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Warminster Community Radio

Just to confirm that both of my radio shows have been extended and move to new slots from 23rd March. My 1960's show can now be heard from 9am from Friday 23rd March until 11am and the Saturday Bobslot moves to 1pm until 4pm from Saturday 24th March.

These shows continue to be broadcast on line, (search Warminster Community Radio and click on brown radio on home page). For listeners within a 30 mile radius of Warminster, shows can be heard also on 105.5fm from 1st April.

For any requests or dedications, please let me know in advance so that I can hopefully oblige.

Bob Maynard

The Corsley Show 2012

This is a message for all young people under the age of 16 on Show Day, Bank Holiday Monday 27th August.

Win a £5.00 note by growing the best exhibit of vegetables in a 12 inch (30 cm) diameter container. The overall height must be less than 24 inches (61 cm), so runner beans on a 2 metre pole would **not** be OK. A forest of radishes would grow quickly and easily, or a sea of lettuce seedlings. A good lettuce ready to eat or some dwarf French beans may win, or something completely whacky. Remember, there's a fiver in it, so get thinking and growing!

There are lots of other things that under 18s can enter and win cash prizes, so keep an eye out for the Show schedule which will also be published on the website at www.corsleyshow.org.uk

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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

This month the children have been enjoying learning all about dinosaurs, making great pictures, dinosaur eggs with real baby dinosaurs inside them and even creating their very own erupting volcano!

They have been making fabulous Mothers Day gifts and making preparations for their Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday (6th April).

With a lot of support and help from parents and villagers we now have a brand new outside play surface for the children to play on, so come and see it at our Easter Egg Hunt. See advert for details.

We also have our bag2school day fast approaching on Wed 9th May so any spring cleaning that needs doing, now is the time!

Thank you to everyone for your continued help and support.

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 3pm, Thursday 9am - 1pm

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As You Like It

How do you like it?

I like mine once a year on a Saturday evening. On June 16th to be precise this year. I also like mine with good company, great food and a performance of Shakespeare delivered by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company in the magnificent grounds of Manor Farm, Corsley.

So don't be shy come and join us for a performance without equal and an evening of sultry significance.

For the more adventurous, why not see what's on offer at this year's bar, The Salty Swallow.

For further ticket and meal information contact Claire on 01373 832113.

Yours,

Sir Cum Stances B'yond R-Ken.

A Wood is Born

Corsley's Diamond Jubilee Wood



A lovely March Saturday and young and old from the Village and afar assembled to plant our wood. Four hundred trees have now been planted on the Old School Field.

We also have a Royal Oak, especially grown by Her Maj for the occasion (she probably didn't exactly pot it up herself but it comes from the Royal Estate).

Many thanks for all the little helpers, and some nice bigger

ones from Little Cuckoos who came along to help.

Picnic and trysting spots have been incorporated into the design although it may take a few years for them to become usable.

The remaining twenty trees will be placed around the Village to fill in gaps here and there.

Regards 'Arry Arboreal

Countryside Matters

*The Cuckoo comes in April
He sings his song in May
In the middle of June he changes his tune
And in July he flies away*

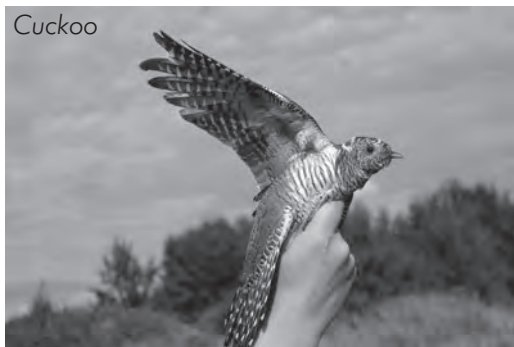
In April we welcome back the Cuckoo, whose call is becoming more rare with each year. Their journey to and from Africa is obviously becoming more hazardous each year. Last year the British Trust for Ornithology was able to put transmitters on four Cuckoos and have tracked their migration to Africa and, now their return journeys – all of them having survived the “winter”: take a look on www.bto.org to see where they have been!

We also see, and hear, Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps, House Martins, Swallows and a host of other migrants returning to our county in April to breed. Meanwhile the Redwings, Fieldfares and many species of geese travel north to breed, most of them leaving the UK for the Arctic.

The lack of rainfall (as I write on 15th March) brings hosepipe bans to many parts of mid and eastern England, where there has been so little rain over the last two years. Farmers in some areas have decided against cropping some fields as they have now experienced sowing crops and then having very little to harvest. The autumn-sown crops in out part of Wiltshire are looking good at present. The early maize

will go in this month, as soon as the soil temperature reaches 8°C.

We would hope that by early April the cows would be grazing out in the fields, at least during the daytime. They so enjoy the fresh grass and the opportunity to kick their heels in the fresh air. We welcomed members



Cuckoo

of Wiltshire W.I. to the farm whilst the cows were still in winter housing; we were interested to hear their comments. Many were surprised at the comfort and size of the cows' cubicles, and the care taken to keep passageways and “loafing areas” clean

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Spring flowers are in abundance now: primroses, violets, aconites and blackthorn hedges are bursting with blossom. Hazel and willow catkins (pussy willows) come alive with colour and pollen, offering essential food to early bees and butterflies.

The early mornings bring an increasing dawn chorus, and hopefully winter's grey days are now behind us.

*Judith Helliar
High House Farm, Corsley*



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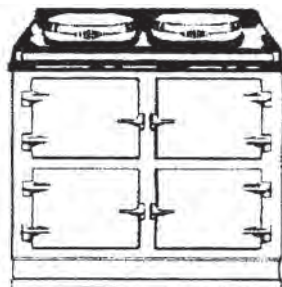


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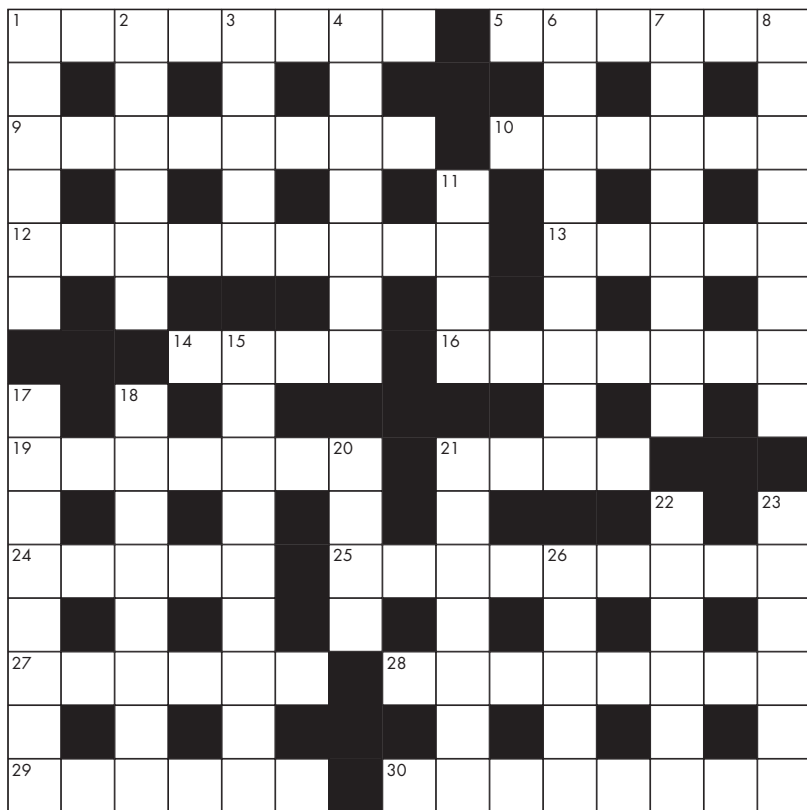
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solution page 44

Clues across

- 1 Spirit pointedly added to ale for the novice (8)
- 5 I'm told it's an attractive taxi! (6)
- 9 Spill flour on flowing gown? Nothing less than unjust (8)
- 10 A soft fruit? So it would seem (6)
- 12 In conclusion, memorial is where it's preserved (9)
- 13 24 ac. Turns up? What a cheek! (5)
- 14 The main point is, there's an unknown mongrel wandering about (4)
- 16 Apprentice travelling by rail, maybe? (7)
- 19 Obliging of Low Pressure Helium to go up the flue turbulently (7)
- 21 Reportedly look out to sea at Brighton? (4)
- 24 About 13 ac? Certainly not! (5)
- 25 Bail out the broken crate to set the standard? (9)
- 27 Dormant as the French marquee? (6)
- 28 Fishy operator circumnavigating the road junction (8)
- 29 Maintains course, despite being less polite about 500 (6)
- 30 Penny steered inexpertly, only to be abandoned (8)

Clues down

- 1 Cricketer's headgear? (6)
- 2 Initially, grumblers wake up to complain (6)
- 3 Reign over African flower (5)
- 4 Horsey, pointless, with nothing unknown, balances day and night (7)
- 6 Attach era to attachment (9)
- 7 Vowing to curse? (8)
- 8 Advertised by apostle and French paper boss (8)
- 11 Underground route in traditional use (4)
- 15 Umpire, with hesitation, has 100 previously arranged testimonial (9)
- 17 Hammer's Raymond conducts business at the dock? (8)
- 18 Leave little Edward arranged high up (8)
- 20 Secure errant hair? (4)
- 21 Pet tale interpreted by Monet? (7)
- 22 Ability of 27 ac.? In a way... (6)
- 23 Checked that it had drizzled, reportedly (6)
- 26 Jostle on the river? (5)

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Chapmanslade - Update

A reminder of the two days of fun and activities for all the family we are planning in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Saturday 2nd June Scarecrow competition

Design and build a scarecrow to display in your front garden. Choose your own topic but remember that we are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee! Separate prizes for children and adults.

Garden Frontage competition

Make a right royal show by decorating your front garden with plants or bunting. Separate prizes for children and adults.

Mammoth Garage Sale

A great opportunity to earn a bit of cash by digging out all those things in the loft or garage that you no longer need and putting them on sale.

The People's Vote

Take a stroll through the village, meet up with friends and neighbours, and vote for your favourite scarecrow and garden frontage whilst picking up a few bargains in the Mammoth Garage Sale.

The Village Hall will be open for refreshments throughout the day. An Exhibition of Village Memorabilia spanning the past 60 years will be on display

Sunday 3rd June

The Big Lunch

Come along with the whole family and meet up with friends and neighbours by joining in the Big Picnic on the Village Hall Playing Field. Fun and entertainment for all the family, including skittles, duck racing and pig racing. Tug of war, egg and spoon and three legged races. Displays, including a working

display of model tanks, and a few more surprises! Bring your own picnic or buy some food from the barbecue provided by the Village Hall Committee. The afternoon will end with a group photograph being taken. We want everyone living in Chapmanslade to be in this photograph!

The Great Chapmanslade Boules Tournament

To celebrate the construction of the new extended boules piste, a competition will be held in the days running up to the Jubilee weekend, with the finals taking place on Sunday 3rd June. No previous experience necessary!

The Village Hall will be open for refreshments throughout the day. An Exhibition of Village Memorabilia spanning the past 60 years will be on display

Poetry Competition

Write a poem in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Separate categories for children and adults. Prizes for the best entries.

Can you help?

Can you spare an hour or two on Sunday afternoon 3rd June to help supervise the games and activities at the Big Lunch?

Also, have you any photographs or leaflets, etc, that you are willing to lend us for our display of village memorabilia? Please phone Dennis Barnard (832262), Frank Lake (832678) or Phil Jefferson (832845) if there is any help you can offer.

Entry forms for the Mammoth Garage Sale and all competitions will be delivered to everyone in Chapmanslade over the next month and further information about the events we are planning will appear in the May edition of The Bridge.



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Little Cuckoo's Pre-School Textile Collection



Wednesday 9th May, 2pm

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Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £8 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together

please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive **£500 per tonne or £0.50/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our Pre-school on Wednesday 9th May. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Little Cuckoo's Pre-School, Lyes Green, Corsley **before 2pm** and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Elinor Payne

(Little Cuckoo's Fundraiser)

Any queries or village collection required, please phone 01373 832429

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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

Friday 16th March saw local people turn out in support of the 3 Yorkshire Regiment, as four hundred young soldiers marched through the town on the way to the Minster Church for a pre-deployment service. The occasion had taken on a different feel because of the deaths of their colleagues already in Afghanistan as part of the advance party. The padre preached a 'cracking good sermon' and it was obvious to see the special relationship he had with the men.

One of the most moving parts of the service was the lighting of a lantern which was lit, with the promise that it would burn day and night until the return of the regiment, as a sign of the prayers of the town which would accompany the regiment.

As I reflected on the service, I was struck by its significance. In Lent, we journey towards the passion and death of Christ on Good Friday and his resurrection at Easter. The symbolism of 'light' is so strong within our Christian tradition, and it is embodied in our Easter celebrations. When we live in the light of the risen Jesus, we discover the possibility of transformation. God's love revealed in the outstretched arms of Christ on the cross has the power to move us into a place of hope that things can and will be different. After the darkness of Good Friday, new hope and life comes as Easter dawns.

May that hope and life be real for all who have lost friends and colleagues. May it be real for the families who wait for the safe return of those they love. May it be real for us as we celebrate the great festival and season of Easter.

A very Happy Easter to you all!

Norma Payne

April Church Diary

Sunday 1st April: Palm Sunday

**9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist**



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Thursday 5th April

**7.00pm at St Margaret's
Maundy Thursday Agape Supper**



Friday 6th April: Good Friday

**10.00am to 12.00pm meet at St Margaret's
Good Friday Walk for all the Family**

**12.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Good Friday Service**



Sunday 8th April: Easter Sunday

**9.00am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion**

**10.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade
Family Eucharist Service for Easter**

Sunday 15th April: First Sunday after Easter

9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Eucharist



Tuesday 17th April

7.30pm After Alpha Group

For details please contact Richard on 832594



Wednesday 18th April

12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Light Bites – Soup and Ploughmans Lunch



Thursday 19th April

7.30pm at Chapmanslade School

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 22nd April: Second Sunday after Easter

9.00am at St Mary's, Temple

Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Family Parish Service



Tuesday 24th April

10.30am Time to Think discussion group

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Sunday 29th April: Third Sunday after Easter

10.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

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Corsley WI

At the February meeting of Corsley WI, the President Judith Helliard welcomed a large number of members and visitors gathered in the small room at Corsley Reading Room whilst the main hall floor was under repairs. Our speaker for the evening was Eve Tigwell, who gave us a beautifully illustrated talk of her travels whilst camping in Botswana. There were lovely slides of many gorgeous and some ugly birds, a huge variety of wild animals and the fascinating scenery of Botswana and the Okavango Delta.

A vote was taken and members agreed that in future, meetings from April to September would be in the evenings at 7.30pm as usual but from October 2012 to March 2013 they would be held in the afternoons at 2.30pm.

The competition held annually for the Hilda Guy Arts and Crafts Cup was won by Hilary Vallis for her immaculately hand-worked cushion.

Judith Helliard, our President, opened our March meeting by asking us to spend a few quiet moments remembering the tragic deaths of the young soldiers, stationed at Warminster, who had recently been killed in Afghanistan. The normal business of the evening was then resumed. Judith reported that the farm visits had gone well and thanked all those who helped.

The flowers on the table were to be sent to June Blackstock who had broken her hand. We were sad to hear that Joan Skate was back in hospital and a card is to be sent. The subject of the Lady Denman cup competition this year is to be 'Sporting Stories' and members were urged to write 500 words on this.

The visit to Cricklade Fritillaries has been oversubscribed, therefore there is to be a ballot to see who will get tickets. If you have put your name down for this, Rosemary Collins will let you know if you have been lucky.

New events include an India Day on the 26th July at Melksham, Quizzical Pursuits on the 27th June at Trowbridge and the Annual Council Meeting at Salisbury on Monday 29th October.

It is hoped to arrange a day to get together to make the bunting for the Jubilee. If you are interested in the please contact Cath Fricker or Judith.

We will need to have a new organiser for the Corsley Show stall as Fiona Johnston will be unable to do it this year. If you can help please let Judith know. This is our main fundraising event and enables us to get good speakers for our meetings.

The Rose Bowl was then presented and the outright winner this year was Amanda Bain. Well done Mandy. Fiona Johnston brought a superb pennant to show us that she has made for the Federation Jubilee Party.

There was a short presentation by our WI Adviser, Susie Curran, telling us about the work of the sub-committees at Federation level. Susie then took over the chair as the business of our Annual Meeting took place. Judith was re-elected as president and the committee was re-elected with one small change. Judith thanked all committee members for their contributions, particularly two long-standing members, Jeanette Mansell, who moved from Corsley during the year and Jean Jones who has retired after many years of service. Jean was warmly thanked and presented with a charming bowl of daffodils. Carol Seward was elected after having a year off.

Our next meeting will be a Cheese and Wine evening on the 12th April at 7.30pm. Members were encouraged to bring along friends to this informal evening. The competition is to be for home made cheese straws.



Future Events

The Coffee Morning is at the Reading Room in Corsley on Tuesday 3rd April.

The Gardening Club visit Special Plants, Cold Ashton on 18 April at 2.30pm.

The Bridge Club meetings are in the Reading Room on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 2.00pm. All these events are open to non-WI members.

Final School Report

Many of you will have heard that I am retiring as Headteacher of Chapmanslade Church of England Primary School in July. I have decided that, having been 'in school' since I was almost five, I would rather like to try something else – maybe learning upholstery, making a more exciting garden, just enjoying seeing friends or going to the seaside on a sunny 'school day' in November!

I have loved being a teacher and began my career in Sussex at St Andrews CE Primary School in Nuthurst, a small village near Horsham, where I taught Class 2. There weren't many children in the village but they were 'bused in' from neighbouring villages and we had a number of children from a Church of England Children's Home in nearby Mannings Heath.

After a couple of years I moved to the Thomas a Becket Primary School in Worthing. It was an enormous school with 700 children on a split site. The Glebe Road site was built around an old Bishop's palace and the school only had use of it in the mornings for assembly and PE. In the afternoons there were parish meetings held there. During the very hot summer of 1976, school finished at 1pm for the children and their parents used to pick them up on their bike seats and cycle down to the beach for the afternoon! My

class was Class 22 and was physically the biggest classroom so I had the most children – 43 in total by the end of the year and a TA each Thursday morning!

Since moving to Wiltshire in 1978 I have taught at schools in Trowbridge, Winsley, West Ashton and Chirton before being appointed to my second Headship here in 2002.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my ten years at Chapmanslade and am proud to have had a part in its history! We have grown in numbers and facilities over the years. In 2002 we were a three class school of 68 pupils in two mobiles and one permanent classroom with a classroom in the old building as a hall, only used in the afternoons as the pre-school used it each morning! We now have four permanent classrooms and a beautiful hall and 106 pupils with 'Busy Bees' using the remaining mobile each day as a pre-school and after school club!

Chapmanslade will always hold lots of happy memories for me and, as I have already said to the children, I will know and remember the people I have taught and worked with here – just as I do when I meet an ex pupil Chapmanslade who I taught in 1978 in Trowbridge!!

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Somerset Community Barn Owl Project Launched

Somerset Wildlife Trust is launching the Community Barn Owl Project to get a barn owl nest box in each of the county's 335 parishes and give breeding barn owl numbers a boost.

Once common sights, these icons of the open countryside declined by 70 per cent in just 50 years, due to loss of habitat. With up to 80 per cent of barn owls now nesting in man-made boxes, Somerset Wildlife Trust is teaming up with local communities to get a barn owl box in every parish. As well as tackling loss of traditional nesting sites, the project will create more of the rough grassland hunting habitat barn owls need.

The three-year project will be launched on Friday, March 30 at an event in Bruton, east Somerset. It is funded by Viridor Credits Environmental Company; a charity that distributes money from the Landfill Communities Fund, and is a collaboration with the Hawk and Owl Trust; a national charity dedicated to conserving wild birds of prey and owls and their habitats.

Simon Nash, Somerset Wildlife Trust's Chief Executive said: "The sight of a barn owl is one of those wildlife experiences that leave you with a great sense of privilege. By providing a free barn owl box for every

parish in Somerset we will be helping ensure they remain part of the Somerset countryside for generations to come."

The Trust is looking for landowners, across the county, who may be able to host a nest box and manage some of their land for wildlife. Volunteer barn owl surveys will

be taking place and residents are being asked to report their barn owl sightings online. Along with family events and free public talks, the Trust is visiting 60 primary schools where children will be building nest boxes.



A national barn owl survey published by the Hawk and Owl Trust in 1987, recorded a 70 per cent drop in the number of pairs since the 1930s. In 1932 there was an estimated 12,000 pairs in England

and Wales but by the mid-80s numbers had dropped to less than 3,800 pairs, with just 200 in Somerset.

The Somerset Community Barn Owl Project will address two key causes of decline: Loss of traditional nesting sites within farm buildings and tree cavities and; loss of long, rough, grassland hunting habitat, due to intensification of agriculture.

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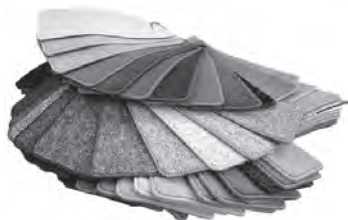
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Tennis Club News

The courts are filling up at Corsley as the new season gets underway, some might say they've never stopped. Tennis can be quite exhilarating during the colder months even when played sporting bobble hats, gloves and scarves.

Wimbledon tickets

For those who have entered, the Club ballot for tickets will be held on **Sunday 1st April**, on the **Double Court** followed by a club session.

Chippenham and District League

Matches start in April.

Ladies Singles Final 2011

The finals between Alison Plummer and Penny Plumb have taken place and congratulations go to Alison on winning a hard fought match.

Annual membership renewal

Everyone, including children, who wish to be members of the Tennis Club need to complete an application form annually so they are entitled to play and be covered by insurance. This applies to both new and existing members.

The Club is looking forward to the **BIG LUNCH** on the Playing Field on **Sunday 3rd June**. The courts will be open and a tennis coach will be available during the afternoon. Some club players will be on court to play with visitors – adults and juniors. We can lend a few junior and senior rackets. Please come along and have a go but we must ask that you wear soft soled shoes. The Tennis Club has facilities for all abilities so why not come along!

Sonia Glenn

The dates and times for the Club tournaments for 2012 are as follows

Ladies' and Gent's Singles to commence in April.

Sunday, 13th May at 2pm American Tournament.

(This is traditionally a charity event with a small entrance fee of £3. As the club hopes to resurface the double courts at the end of the season, the committee felt that this year perhaps the funds raised could go towards the resurfacing costs).

Sunday, 17th June, 2pm Ladies' Doubles

Sunday, 1st July, 2pm Men's Doubles

Sunday, 29th July, 2pm Mixed Doubles (1)

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29th	Mr A West of Frome

New outreach in Frome

Over the years Whitbourne Chapel has had links with Clink Evangelical Church, and on Saturday 3rd March, I attended an afternoon service to celebrate their new building. The Rev. Peter Atwill preached and one of my favourite hymns was sung, 'Great is thy Faithfulness'. A second service at 6pm, saw another full church at which the preacher was Mr J. Alsop of Bradford-on-Avon. It was also my privilege to be the first speaker using the new building to talk to Clink Ladies' Group.

Gossip

If your lips would keep from slips, five things observe with care: of whom you speak, to whom you speak, and how and when and where. Make your words sweet – you never know when you may have to eat 'em.

Anon

It might have been better expressed:

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

William Carey

Chapter 4

Further development of the work

The small Baptist community then began to confront local social issues – the caste system, infant sacrifice, the place of women in Indian society. Wellesley, the Governor-General, appointed Carey as professor of Bengali at Fort William College which had been set up to educate civil servants. While there he began a translation of the Bible into Sanskrit. His wife, Dorothy Carey died in 1807. She had long since ceased to be a useful member of the mission, and had become a hindrance to its work. His biographer wrote that Carey worked away on studies and translations, "while an insane wife, frequently wrought up to a state of most distressing excitement, was in the next room". In 1808 Carey re-married; his new wife was, unlike Dorothy, Carey's intellectual equal. They were married for 13 years until her death.

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Counselling: What it is and what it isn't

Caroline Le Vine, counsellor at The Corsley Centre

I've found while I've been talking to people about my own counselling / psychotherapy

practice that many really don't understand what I do. So, I'd like to explode a few myths in a series of articles starting...here.

Myth #1 – counselling is the same as talking to a friend.

It's not. Even your best friend ever has their own agenda, their own point of view which they want to share with you. You're there for your friends when they need you just as they are for you. Friendship is a two way street – and it's wonderful! In the counselling room, you won't get to know your therapist in the same way that you know your friends and you don't have to take care of him/her

either. In that respect, it's a one-way street; it's all about you – how you feel, what you think, what you need. For 50 minutes a week, you need focus only on yourself. You are free to talk about any topic you choose even if it's the thing you're most ashamed of – the thing you can't even tell your best friend. Because counselling is confidential, you can know for certain that what you say will not be repeated to anyone else. You can be completely, honestly yourself - you can remove the social mask that most of us use much of the time.

If you've got something you need to talk about in confidence, get in touch or find me at www.carolinelevine.co.uk. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. What have you got to lose? Call me on 07817 192008 or email le_vine@sky.com

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- 10 Nikkei
- 11 Lego
- 12 Winston Churchill



April is a brilliant time to improve your lawn and with the Easter bank holiday just around the corner, there's no reason not to get out into the garden and give your lawn some love and attention.

There are many stages to go through in order to turn an old established lawn into a lush revitalised lawn. If the lawn is more than 4 years old, you may start to see weeds which have self germinated, such as dandelions, clover, etc. In poorly drained areas of the lawn you may see also moss.

There are lots of products on the market to help improve your lawn either by conditioning it or by removing problematic weeds. A great place to start is with a Wee, Feed and Moss Killer, which does exactly what it says – handling all three tasks in one go. However, sometimes this 3-in-1 application can fail to deal with persistent weeds. My tip would be to use the Weed, Feed and Moss Killer initially to kill off the moss and less well established weeds, as well as feed the lawn, followed by an application of Verdone Lawn Weed Killer to kill back those more troublesome weeds.

If your lawn is very old and has more than 1/3 of moss then I would recommend hiring a scarifier which will pull up all the unwanted moss. Once the lawn has been scarified, rake up the moss and clear it from the lawn. By scarifying you also help

eration of the lawn; it also lifts grass that has grown horizontally, encouraging upright growth which can be chopped back when you next mow.

Repairing your lawn

If your lawn has become patchy and bare in places then you may consider re-sowing with grass seed or, for instant results, turfing.

To seed a bare patch, you need to lightly dig over the area, rake flat and remove any stones. Lightly consolidate and rake again to loosen the surface, broadcast sow good quality lawn seed followed by Growmore fertiliser, and water well. The seed should germinate within a week, keep it moist for best results.

To turf a bare patch or disused piece of ground, carry out the same level of preparation, unroll and lay turf in strips, staggering the joins. Use planks to walk on the turf with will aid good root to soil contact, ensuring quick rooting. Water well and prevent from drying out – keep everybody off for up to 3 weeks to prevent damage to the newly rooted turf.

With any new lawn, ensure that the grass is moved slightly longer than normal so the new grass can shade itself and prevent it from drying out.

*Rob White
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley*

Woodlanders Music Hall AGM

The Woodlanders Music Hall committee will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** at the **Horse and Groom, East Woodland**, near Frome on **Monday 16th April at 7.30pm** – any interested parties are welcome to attend.

The Woodlanders – who are celebrating their 35th anniversary this year – will be staging their annual show at the East Woodlands Village Hall between **Monday 1st October and Saturday 6th October**. The group welcomes new members, and anyone interested in joining can go along to one of its monthly meetings, the next of which will be held at the **Horse and Groom on Monday 2nd April**.

Since it's foundation in 1977, the Woodlanders has raised £180,000 for local causes and last year alone raised £3,000 for charities.

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Has anyone in Corsley lost a much loved tabby cat?

The body of a cat was found on the road near Sturford B&B on the 7th March and taken to Garston Veterinary Practice in Warminster by Judy Jones of Sutton Veny. Apparently it had just been knocked over by a heartless driver who didn't stop. Judy couldn't bear the thought of it being squashed on this very dangerous road and carried it to the safety of her car. Before taking it to the vet she made enquiries at the B&B but it didn't belong there and they didn't recognise it.

Judy Jones is most anxious that this information be put in The Bridge as she is concerned that someone may be frantically looking for their family pet – although this news is sad, it is much better to know what has happened than to be worrying about it.

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Septic tank registration explained

In the spring of 2011 many householders with private drainage systems became aware of the government's plans to make the registration of septic tanks and small packaged sewage treatment plants compulsory. This was not well publicised at all, in fact some people only knew of this when it was casually dropped into an unrelated conversation amongst friends and colleagues. The Environment Agency (EA) recognised that it could have been implemented more effectively and consequently suspended the registration requirement pending a review. This is only a temporary reprieve and it will become necessary to register all private drainage systems in the coming months. However, for some properties, including properties in Wales and those falling within a Zone 1 Groundwater Source Protection area, registration is now overdue.

These changes have come about as a result of the second phase of the Environmental Permitting Programme (EPP2) that came into effect on 6 April 2010. This combines a number of Environmental Permitting procedures to include, discharge consenting, groundwater authorisations and radioactive substances regulation. Its purpose is to modernise and improve the many regulations that protect our environment and health and is designed to not only improve environmental safeguards but to reduce administrative burdens and cost.

The first question on most people's lips when confronted by this extra bureaucracy is, "I am not on mains drainage so does this apply to me?" The answer is most definitely - Yes! But even if it does, do not be too disheartened, it may be easier than

you think to get your system registered. As a general rule, if you own a domestic property that houses up to 9 people and you have a septic tank or packaged sewage treatment plant that discharges into the ground through a soakaway, or, your single domestic property houses up to 31 people and has a packaged sewage treatment plant that discharges into a river, stream or estuary, you may well be able to register as exempt from an environmental permit. If your system uses any other permutation then it is likely that you will need to apply for a permit. Registering for an exemption is free and can all be done online from the Environment Agency's website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk. If you need to apply for a permit the forms are all available on the same website. If you do not have access to the internet you can telephone the EA on 0370 8506506. There is currently a reduced one-off fee of £125 to pay if your permit is for domestic sewage only. If your sewage system is currently subject to an existing discharge permit that is relevant to you no further action is needed.

It is important to remember that simply getting a discharge permit or permit exemption in your hand does not suddenly make everything perfect. EPP2 requires you to maintain your drainage system to an acceptable standard to allow the permit exemption to continue. EPP2 also requires that sewage tanks and associated equipment must be regularly inspected and maintained by a competent wastewater professional (holding industry training certification) even within the first year of service. Service and maintenance records must be kept for a rolling period of five years and be presentable on request. Properties that are

either exempt or hold a permit will also be logged with the Environment Agency's own database, listed by address and map grid reference.

If you want to stay ahead of the coming regulations or you simply want to make sure that your private sewage treatment system is running as it should, you can call Steve Butler of Butler-Hall Engineering Ltd on 01373 832289 or see us on the web at www.butler-hall.co.uk.

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At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

The new season is almost upon us and preparations for it are well under way.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Neil and Marion, those of you who come to practice or to matches will see improved facilities in the pavilion.

Senior practice sessions will start on Wednesday 28th March at 6.00pm, Junior evenings will commence Thursday 19th April at 6.00pm.

Last year we were surprised and delighted to see so many young children showing an interest in cricket. This year we hope to have enough help to split the evening into different age group structures. This should enable the very young ones to play a more relaxed game whilst older ones can develop their cricketing skills.

Any parents who feel they might be able to help with the junior evenings will be welcomed with open arms! If you could let the coaches know on the first practice session or through Susan White at any earlier time, we would be most grateful.

The club itself is still not 'out of the woods'. The junior section is, of course, dependent on a strong senior input. To do this we need plenty of senior players – we currently have the barest minimum. So once again I appeal to anyone reading this article – if you can play cricket, would like to play cricket, or feel you can contribute to the club in any way, please come along to the practice evenings where you will be afforded a warm welcome. Alternatively, contact me on 07790 418225 or Fred Latchem on 07866 310305. Without wishing to sound over dramatic, I feel that this year will be the make or break year for the club. Please do make yourselves available if you can.

Fixtures for April and May

15th April	Horningsham (A), 2.00pm
6th May	Red Star (H), 2.30pm
13th May	Bishopstrow (A), 2.30pm
27th May	Mells (A), 2.30pm

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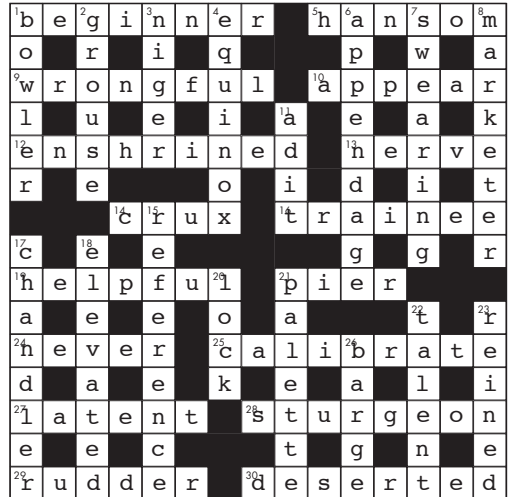
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