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monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

This month's edition is the biggest I've done since I became Editor: thank you to all those who have taken the time and trouble to contribute – you're all stars! Thank you also to those who have commented on the new colour covers – they've gone down a storm.

Viv Thomas  
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at [viv.thomas146@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.thomas146@btinternet.com)

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Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley.

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

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

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## April

### Tuesday 2nd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 3rd

Corsley Cricket Club net practice for keen senior players – 6.30pm

### Thursday 4th

Mobile library visits Corsley and Chapmanslade

### Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Corsley Cricket Club presentation evening – 7.30pm, Cross Keys, Lyes Green

### Tuesday 9th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8.30pm at the hall

### Thursday 11th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room. Open meeting with a talk on 'Seafarers Tales' by Julie James

### Saturday 13th

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

Quiz Night – 7.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 17th

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Annual Parochial Church meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### Thursday 18th

Mobile library visits Corsley and Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Chapmanslade Loose Women tour of Burns the Baker, Glastonbury – 7.00pm

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### Friday 19th

Afternoon Tea and Talk (The History of Reading Rooms) – 3.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 20th

Quiz Night – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall



# Diary Dates

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## **Wednesday 24th**

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

## **Thursday 25th**

Corsley village walk – 6.00pm starting at Corsley Reading Room

## **Saturday 27th**

Quiz Night – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room. In aid of George Sandoe's Tanzania Camps International Expedition 2014

## **May**

### **Thursday 2nd**

Mobile library visits Corsley and Chapmanslade

Chapmanslade Loose Women

Wiltshire County and Parish Council Elections

### **Saturday 4th**

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### **Tuesday 7th**

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 9th**

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Saturday 11th**

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

### **Sunday 12th**

Corsley Festival Choir Spring Concert – 7.30m, St Margaret's Church

### **Monday 13th**

Corsley Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

### **Wednesday 15th**

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Larmer Tree Gardens – 2.30pm

### **Thursday 16th**

Mobile library visits Corsley and Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Saturday 18th**

May Fayre and Bargains in the Barn – 2.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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## **Wednesday 22nd**

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

## **June**

### **Saturday 1st**

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### **Tuesday 4th**

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 6th**

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30

### **Saturday 8th**

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

Elizabethan Evening – The Comedy of Errors – Manor Farm, Corsley

### **Monday 10th**

Corsley Parish Council - Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

### **Thursday 20th**

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Sunday 23rd**

Barbeque – Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Wednesday 26th**

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

## **July**

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Corsley WI annual summer outing to Weymouth

### **Thursday 4th**

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed

### **Saturday 7th**

Bargains in the Barn – 10.30am to 12.30pm, High House Farm, Corsley

### **Saturday 13th**

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

## **August**

### **Sunday 11th**

Croquet and Boules – Chapmanslade Village Hall

## **September**

### **Monday 2nd**

Corsley Parish Council - Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms



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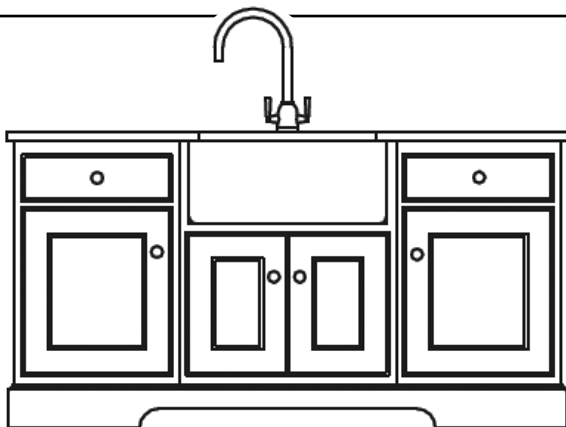
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**Thursday 4th April**

10:10 - 10:30

Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 16th May

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 How many squares have pieces on them at the start of a chess game?
- 2 Which part was played by Audrey Hepburn in the film 'My Fair Lady'?
- 3 How many kilometres per hour is thirty miles per hour?
- 4 Who opened her first 'Body Shop' in 1976?
- 5 "A week is a long time in politics" was famously said by which politician?
- 6 Which two countries are separated by the Skagerrak?
- 7 What does the book 'Glass's Guide' contain?
- 8 Who was the brother of Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail?
- 9 Which animal is described as 'vulpine'?
- 10 In the TV series "Minder", which club was frequented by Arthur Daly and run by Dave the barman?
- 11 What is the last word of "Rule Britannia"?
- 12 Who spoke oddle poddle language on a BBC TV Children's programme?

*Answers on page 47*

You are invited to join us for

## Afternoon Tea

Friday 19th April at Corsley Reading Room  
with a talk on

The History of Reading Rooms  
by Mr Ivor Slocombe

Talk will begin at 3.00pm, followed by tea at 3.45pm

Admission £5 Raffle

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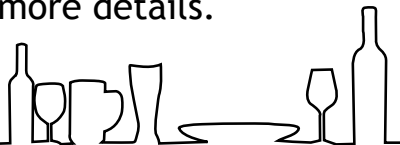
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Syracusan swordplay and what of Nell's cartographic character?

Ireland, America and the Indies are all revealed about her person, but will we get a glimpse of Brazil?

Two, not to be missed encounters.

So 2013 finds us in our double or is it triple dip by now recession? Forget all that and instead look forward to the smell of fresh cut grass, a hoppy headed beer and something special bubbling in the cauldron. This is what awaits our patrons and the smart, early supper bookers at this year's Elizabethan Evening.

For performance and supper ticket details contact the good lady Claire on 01373 832113.

Yours  
*Dr O I T Duseigneur*

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## Chapmanslade History

Following the success of last year's Jubilee exhibition a number of people have shown interest in setting up a group to research Chapmanslade's history, with a view to publishing a book.

The group will be looking for photographs, etc., talking to residents about Chapmanslade in times gone by and also looking at the historic landscape of our village.

If you would like to get involved in the project in any way please contact me at phil.jefferson@virgin.net or phone 832845

*Joyce Jefferson*



# At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

Your last chance to purchase tickets for the presentation evening, which is to be held at the Cross Keys on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm.

To book your place please contact one of the following:

Marion Molden 01373 832672

Cross Keys 01373 832406

Fred Latchem 01373 832357

Roy & Lesley Pearce 01985 220479

## For the attention of keen senior players!

Net practice will start at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd April.

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### Corsley Parish Council Calendar

Parish and County Elections	Thursday 2 May	Reading Rooms
Annual General Meeting	Monday 13 May	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 10 June	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 2 September	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 9 December	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

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## Litter pickers

### Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 13th April. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

*Phil Jefferson*  
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### Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 6th April – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

*Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor*



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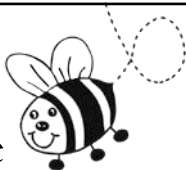
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## Hectic happenings at the hall...

# Chapmanslade village hall

A reflection on some excellent events in March

The hall hosted two very enjoyable events in March. A new one for us, a Race Night, which was not only great fun but financially rewarding as well, raising £1200 on the night. The 'punters' really got involved, it's surprising how much people are willing to bid for a horse towards the end of the evening once the wine has been flowing! Thanks to Dennis Barnard for bringing his auctioneering skills and to Wendy and her helpers for a superb 3 course meal to start the proceedings. The overall success of the evening was down to Adam Oakley who persuaded local businesses to sponsor the event.

The second event was the welcome return of Shebeen who gave us another brilliant Irish Night. Four very versatile musicians who played a wide ranging mix of contemporary and traditional Irish music for us to clap and dance to. Thanks once again to Wendy and her crew for another delicious meal. We wish Chapmanslade's own Gerry Woods an enjoyable and successful 2 years in Oman where, I'm sure, he'll still find plenty of ways to make music.

By the time you read this there will have been two more events at the hall. A quiz night hosted by Frome Rotary Club and a charity night featuring another successful Chapmanslade based musician, Craig Addecott with Who's Next.

A very good month's usage of the hall raising money for more improvements, with a new floor being high on our agenda.

## Two dates for your diary in April

The **Village Hall AGM** is on the **9th April at 8.30pm**, please come along and give us your views. Our own **quiz night** takes place on **20th April** with Jeremy Clatworthy providing the brain teasers; tickets including a meal £7.50.

This month also saw the welcome return to the committee of Sue Waterman who has been given the all clear by her doctors. Lovely to have you back Sue.

Further information on the hall can be found on our website [www.wvha.org.uk/halls](http://www.wvha.org.uk/halls) or on the village website [www.chapmanslade.org.uk](http://www.chapmanslade.org.uk)

## Chapmanslade Loose Women

Our April meeting is a tour of Burns The Baker in Glastonbury on Thursday 18th April, starting at 7pm.

A buffet supper is included in the price of £10. Numbers are limited to 20. If you would like to join us please ring Gwen Jarvis on 01373 832670 for further details.



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# Corsley Tennis Club

## News

The tennis season is getting underway but some might say it never ended! Ski gear, bobble hats and scarves have all been seen on court during the winter months. The double courts should be painted next month but it is dependent on the ground temperature being above 10°C and thereafter it will take 5 days for the paint to cure.

### Reminder

1st April is the date for membership renewal. Juniors living in Corsley are entitled to free membership but they must complete an application form **annually** in order to remain members. The fee for non-Corsley Juniors is £10 per annum.

For memberships details please contact Sue Newell on 01373 825560.

### Junior Coaching

The next coaching session will run for 5 weeks from April 13th to May 11th on Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

For further information please contact Sandra Whatley on 01373 832202.

The coaching group of 6-7 year-olds were so keen they played all winter in spite of bitterly cold winds. Well done to all those children for attending so regularly and enthusiastically.

## Club Tournaments 2013

Ladies Singles and Men's Singles will run throughout the season.

Sunday, 12th May, 2pm

American Tournament

Sunday, 9th June, 2pm

Ladies' Doubles

Sunday, 30th June, 2pm

Men's Doubles

Sunday, 14th July, 2pm

Mixed Doubles

Sunday, 21st July, pm

Mixed Doubles (part 2)

Tournament details will be emailed to all members at the beginning of April and they will also be displayed on the notice board on the double courts. Please let me know if you would like to take part. My email address is [slg@rodesoftware.co.uk](mailto:slg@rodesoftware.co.uk). These are fun, social and competitive events followed by tea.

*Sonia Glenn*

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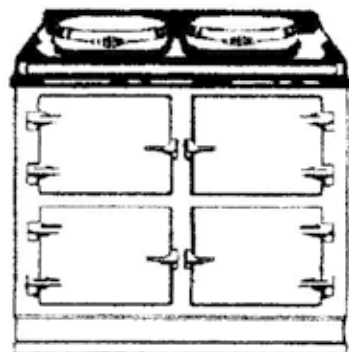


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# Annual parish meeting

Neil writes his précis of the meeting held on 13th March

March is the month of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM). This meeting provides an opportunity for the Village to listen to the Chairman's report of the year's Parish Council business and, usually, an invited speaker. It was on 12th March.

This year's APM was Malcolm Holley's last as Chairman, after 11 years in charge, and he recounted the highlights of his tenure, amongst which were the provision of low cost housing in Corsley Heath, the successful campaign to persuade the County Council that Corsley did not have a suitable travellers site, the long lease of the old school playing field for the Village and last year's Jubilee celebrations on Cley Hill. He paid particular tribute to Sally Evans, Parish Clerk, for her many years of patient, wise and tolerant service to the Council and to the Elizabethan Evening Committee for their generous donations towards the playing field lease costs. I would like publicly to add the Parish Council's thanks to Malcolm for his long and determined contribution to Council and Village affairs.

Unfortunately we were unable to get Mr Bradley, Longleat CEO, to provide an up-date on Longleat and its interfaces with the village – he was away on business – nor a suitable substitute. Instead, Longleat provided a statement on traffic management. Two points are worth emphasising. First, Longleat believe that

current arrangements mean that all (*their underscore*) traffic to the Safari park will now enter via the main entrance; second, we should now feel and see a reduction in traffic through the Corsley lanes as a result; third "Most drivers towing caravans are well-used to country lanes...." (*their words*). The PC would welcome any photographic or video evidence to the contrary - last year's experiences were not good.

Just a quick reminder that the PC election is on 2nd May and nominations have to be in by 5th April. Contact me or Sally if you are interested – the last time a PC member was elected to the Council was some years ago!

Neil Britten

Vice Chairman 01373 832515  
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## Longleat Traffic Management Summary... March 2013

In 2012 Longleat implemented new security and access procedures to the Estate, on the advice of the police and our insurers, in order for us to be able to better protect Longleat House and its contents, our world class animal collection, our staff and our visitors. This means that access to the Estate has been tightened and is only permitted when Longleat is formally open to the public; access via the secondary entrances in Horningsham, Corsley and East Woodlands is now strictly limited to authorised vehicles

only (controlled by blockers with number plate recognition) and not for general visitor access to the Estate which was the case in the past. At Easter 2012 Longleat opened its new entrance kiosks at the main entrance by Picket Post roundabout which enables us now to process all visitor traffic to the Safari & Adventure Park through this one main entrance, thereby alleviating the traffic around other secondary entrances and local roads. This has significantly reduced the amount of visitor traffic that used to find its way into Longleat via Corsley (which includes Whitbourne Springs) throughout the whole season.

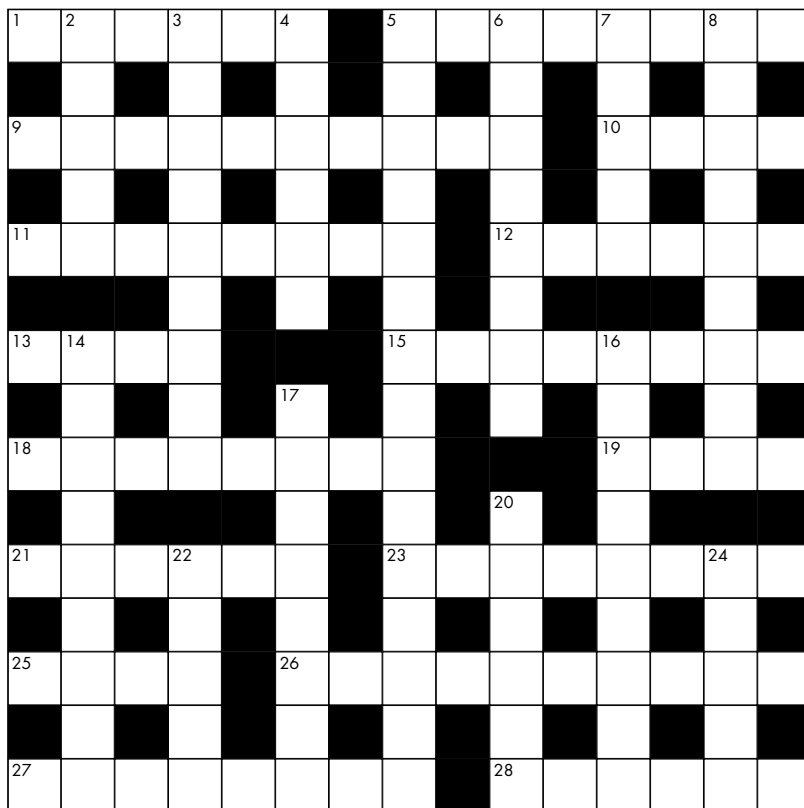
At the meeting last year attended by Longleat management, concerns were expressed about people arriving at Longleat via the back roads due to their satnav directions. We continue to be actively engaged with all of the satnav companies to ensure that the postcode of the Longleat main entrance is used in their systems but unfortunately we have no control over how often they update their systems or how often users update the software on their devices. However, whenever we can we advise visitors to switch off their satnav once they get close to us and follow the brown signs instead. Moreover, we are in the process of adding further brown signs to route traffic through our main entrance.

The Caravan Club site is leased to and operated by the Caravan Club. Longleat management are not involved in the day to day running of the site. Due to the new security and access arrangements for the Estate and the development of new

attractions in the Main Square area, there is no longer an accessible route through the Estate from the main entrance to the caravan club site and therefore caravans now enter and exit the site via Lane End, Corsley. Historically all caravans have exited that way and a number of arrivals also used to enter via Lane End. To ease traffic congestion, arrival and departures have been staggered to avoid vehicles meeting. This operates in much the same way as Center Parcs, Longleat Forest. Furthermore, as mentioned above, the residents of that area should experience a reduction in the overall amount of traffic as all visitor traffic to the Safari & Adventure Park is now routed to the main entrance; the back entrances, which were previously used to access the Estate as a cut-through, are now closed. Most drivers towing caravans are well-used to country lanes along which most caravan sites are located and accessed. We are aware that the junction of Lane End requires care on entering/exiting but that is the case for all vehicles, not just caravans. However, preventing day visitors to Longleat from using this lane will help considerably in reducing instances where caravans may meet oncoming traffic.

Following the meeting last year, Longleat offered Corsley residents the resident's grounds pass for Longleat so that they may enjoy the grounds and gardens during formal opening hours. We are not aware of anything else we can do to reduce traffic to the Caravan Club as Longleat has now become more pedestrianised to accommodate its visitors to the Safari & Adventure Park.

# Canopus



Doodle pad

solution page 52

## Clues across

- 1 Plant a Chartered Accountant on the US Intelligence community (6)
- 5 Wine to the left, please, if you wish to gain entry (8)
- 9 Upset at being shorn of locks? (10)
- 10 Intent on creating a parcel, I'm told (4)
- 11 Ovation for versatile Paul's leap, though 50 short! (8)
- 12 Where whales gain knowledge collectively? (5)
- 13 Assist in rigorous astrolabe testing (4)
- 15 Mac protects the confused Croatian (8)
- 18 Precarious specs? (5, 3)
- 19 Pine for well prepared bread, reportedly (4)
- 21 About Islam, a sausage reviled (6)
- 23 Motor down the clearway? No, the fairway! (5, 3)
- 25 Your ruined kiln, Bond? (4)
- 26 Boundary weapon of the upper House? (7, 3)
- 27 Sailor's garb found in smashed wreck once, and nothing discarded (8)
- 28 A confused arrest is most unusual (6)

## Clues down

- 2 Primate discussed by Chris Patten initially – about him! (5)
- 3 & 16 Car cleaner clearly exhausted (9,9)
- 4 Fifth in New York, Shaftesbury in London? That's the way! (6)
- 5 Dairy product reportedly above forehead depth (11,4)
- 6 Cruel but unhappy is twitch (8)
- 7 Plumper chaffinch displays its need to settle (5)
- 8 You don't have to be a porter to be a rogue! (9)
- 14 Reg and I correctly arrange braid according to rank (9)
- 16 See 3 dn
- 17 Lay siege in the round? (8)
- 20 Biker would argue about a hundred! (6)
- 22 Wakes up off centre (5)
- 24 It's somehow safer to face one's terrors! (5)

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Using a natural form in the contextual ideal of nature reflecting naturalism, we have looked back at the pseudo-realism movement of the early 20th Century to commission a piece of enormous significance and importance from the well-known French academician artist, Lipool FRA.

The site of the work will be Cley Hill as its shape almost perfectly fits Lipool's ideal form.

The work will consist of a single brassiere cup covering the entire hill. It will be supported off the ground on 3m high poles

to enable sheep and visitors to still enjoy walking on the Hill and due to its delicate, light, lacy, near diaphanous nature plenty of light will still pass through the material to the ground beneath.

The Corsley public Art committee have liaised closely with English Heritage, Natural England, the National Trust and Arts Council in moving this project forward once funding had been agreed. It is expected to take a year to finish the work and for installation to take place. So please put the 1st April down in your diary in 2014 for the great unveiling, or should that be covering up?!

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Best wishes  
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# Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

We live in interesting times! That is a claim that has been made throughout history, and will doubtless continue to be said in all sorts of circumstances. I have in mind the fact that both the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion have new leaders. The week before Holy Week saw the inaugural mass of Pope Francis, followed two days later by the enthronement of Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

It is interesting to note that even in these early days of their respective ministries, the sense of hope, excitement and anticipation is palpable. Enormous, even unrealistic, expectations of these two ordinary men are stacking up. However, each seems confident in who they are, recognising the burdens of office while wishing to bring something new and different to their particular roles. Not being afraid to speak out against injustices, being determined to confront complex issues of sexual abuse, being on the side of the poor, the role of women in leadership seem to be what church members [and others] expect their new leaders to tackle without delay. If Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin are able to help the respective members of their churches live with difference and indeed to rejoice in it without being condemnatory of those whose views differ from their own, much progress will be made.

On the day of his election, I found it very moving to hear Pope Francis ask for the prayers of the people before he offered them his blessing. Similarly, Archbishop Justin used his prayer pilgrimage to meet and pray with many ordinary Christian people. Such humility and simplicity speaks volumes and hopefully sets the tone of things to come.

As we continue to celebrate joyfully the resurrection of our Lord in these weeks of Easter, we pray for the two new leaders and for the opportunities and decision making which will characterise their respective terms of office. May they remain the people God has called them to be!

Norma Payne

## **April Church Diary**

**Sunday 7th April: Second Sunday of Easter**

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

The bells will be rung from 9am



**Tuesday 9th April**

10.30am – Time to Think

Details from Phil on 832845

**Sunday 14th April: Third Sunday of Easter**

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins



**Tuesday 16th April**

7.30pm at the Anchorage

Post Alpha Home Group – details from Richard on 832594



**Wednesday 17th April**

7.30pm at Chapmanslade School

Annual Parish Church Meeting

A review of 2012 and the opportunity to discuss the work of your Churches in your Parish. 2013 will be a challenging year as our Rector, Norma Payne, is retiring in September.



**Thursday 18th April**

From 10am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning

**Sunday 21st April: Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade  
Eucharist



**Tuesday 23rd April**  
10.30am – Time to Think  
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**Wednesday 24th April**  
12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms  
Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch - details Pat on 832650



**Sunday 28th April: Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
9am at St Mary's, Temple  
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Parish Family Worship  
The bells will be rung from 10am



**Tuesday 30th April**  
7.30pm - Post Alpha Home Group  
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**Sunday 5th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
9.30am at St Margaret's, Chapmanslade  
Eucharist  
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## Church Events for your diary

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"The following vehicle M595 YCR Green VW Polo, is actively involved in thefts from vehicles at beauty spots and the local area

to Warminster. If seen please contact 101, or if a crime is in the process of being committed please call 999. Please do not approach the occupants."

I recently received another 2 emails from PC Vicky Howick and PCSO Caroline Wright that I have reproduced below for you to read.

"Over the last few weeks we have seen an increase in rural crime within Wiltshire. More closer to home we have had thefts of tractors, 4x4s and thefts from sheds and outbuildings.

Could I please ask you all to be on the look out for any suspicious vehicles or persons in the area; where possible could you try to obtain number-plates of any vehicles and full descriptions if safe to do so, and pass these on to us. Our email address is [nptwarminster@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nptwarminster@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) even if it is nothing we can soon start to build up a picture of who is where and when. If you feel that it's an urgent matter then call the incident in to us via 101 or in an emergency 999.

To try to slow down and prevent crime occurring, we are able to





offer crime prevention advice and information on products that could help deter these criminals, if this is something you would be interested in then please contact the team via the above email address.

The team will also be sending out (via text message) the number-plates of vehicles that may be of some interest to us – alerting members of Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch to be on the look out, as these vehicles are involved in the commission of crime. Please do not approach the occupants or the vehicles, just let us know where they have been seen, as this will be a great help to us.”

And finally

“We had ‘Nottingham Knockers’ in the area yesterday. This is the name given to the door-to-door salesmen who sell (overpriced) household goods door to door. They are usually transported from area to area via minibus and are dropped off in pairs to sell their goods and are recognisable by the large holdall they carry their goods in. They often have paperwork, which states they are ex-offenders trying to go straight and work for a living.

To carry out this type of selling they need to have a current ‘Peddlers Licence’; usually they don’t have such a licence, so are committing an offence.

We have often noticed an increase in crime following their visits, so it is possible they use the selling activities to look for criminal opportunities.

Due to lots of calls from members of the public, we were able to locate and arrest two of these individuals – one in Chitterne and one in Codford – for not having the required licence. This is great news for us and would like to thank all those who took the time to give us a call that resulted in the arrests. Hopefully this will send out a clear message to them not to come to this area again. If you have any further visits from these people, please do not hesitate to contact us on 101 to report them.”

*Mike Bird*  
Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

**A view from over the hedge...**

# Countryside Matters

April showers? Let's hope not!

During March we experienced high winds, torrential rainfall, snow, frosts, and some very low temperatures during the daytime as well as night; although there were the occasional few hours of sunshine. Sadly the water table is still so high that even the lightest rain means the soil will no longer absorb it, and so run-off occurs constantly.

Over the winter months dirty yard water and slurry is stored in large lagoons, it is then spread on the arable land in the spring as a natural fertiliser. Although the lagoons have been full to capacity it has been incredibly difficult to find suitably dry fields onto which we can spread the slurry.

We knew that last year's harvests of grass, grain and straw were far less than we would need to take us through a long winter and so we have had to buy in more concentrates than normal to keep the cattle healthy and contented.

The sheep farmers have had it no easier. Sheep and their lambs just do not like wet ground on which to walk or lie and a great number of shepherds are reporting that the disease *Schmallenberg* is in flocks in the South West of England.

On a walk just before dusk tonight I was pleased to hear the Blackbirds singing,

Starlings swarming overhead, and the Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming away. Our summer visitors should soon be with us, so the countryside will be full of bird song.

The primroses are now taking over the verges as the snowdrops disappear for another year. We are fortunate to still enjoy the daffodils planted to celebrate the Millennium in many parts of the villages.

Let's hope that Spring will really come in April brightening us all up: then the farmers will not know which job to do first.

*Judith Helliar*



## Monthly Countryside Walks Thursday April 25th 2013

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# May fayre and table top sale

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Compost is one of nature's best mulches and soil improvers, but it's also means you can use it instead of commercial fertilizers. Best of all compost is cheap because you can make it without spending any money.

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A compost heap requires a ration of about 30 parts carbon to 1 part nitrogen. If you use too much carbon the pile will take forever to decompose, if you use too much nitrogen it will make it smell. Carbon materials are things like sawdust, woody plant materials, fireplace ashes, newspaper and fallen leaves. Nitrogen materials are grass clippings, cut flowers, fruit and vegetables and other green plant materials.

The more diverse you pile, the more beneficial microorganisms you will attract and the faster your material will decompose, this does however depend on if you decide



to leave your compost pile to decompose without touching it or if you decide to turn the pile. By turning the pile regularly you allow oxygen into the heap meaning it will decompose much faster.

For the standard leave alone method start building your compost heap in one bin and have a secondary to start running when you fill up the first. Because organic materials shrink to less than five percent its original volume during decomposition, you will need to be adding layers to your heap over several weeks. Remember to layer in carbon and nitrogen materials to ensure the right ratio.

It takes between six and nine months for your compost to become fully decomposed but feel free to use some of the rougher courser compost for some of your tough plants. If you can't wait and you want to get it going quicker, pop to your local garden centre and pick up some Garotta compost maker.

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While we do our shopping here at Sainsbury;  
Comic Relief is already underway,  
Yes, it is!

I've got my nose; you have one, too,  
They're both in red, but I'd rather have  
blue...

*Chorus:*

*Trifle, trifle, jelly, fruit and custard;*

*Trifle, trifle, in a pack of three...*

What's on offer at Sainsbury today?  
Why not start by looking at the fashions?  
A coat or skirt and top - you choose.  
Or all three!  
Just look at our model; isn't she fine?  
But can Gok cope with a figure like mine..?

*Chorus*

What's available today on DVD?  
'Death in Paradise' or shall we watch some  
'Lewis'?

I've got my copy and I've watched the lot -  
Yes, I have.

I'm very upset, 'cos 'Lewis' has flown,  
And Hathaway resigned; couldn't manage  
on his own...

*Chorus*

Let's think about food - it's all I do,  
Perhaps today we'll design ourselves a pizza,  
And cover it with the things we love;  
Lots to choose.

There's ham and pineapple, mushroom and  
cheese,  
Slap tomato puree anywhere you please...

*Chorus*

We're nearly through, just the end aisles to  
go,

Bread and cakes and creamy pati-serie;  
It's hard to choose, so we'd better have a  
box;

Will one do?

There are custard slices, profiteroles too,  
Two of each for me and just one for you...

*Chorus*

When the trolley's full, find a check-out and  
pay,

A code-two call for till-trained staff is  
echoing

Round the store as we wait to escape.

Where's my purse?

At least I've remembered my handbag this  
time,

I won't reach the till and have to leave the  
goods behind...

*Chorus (for the last time!)*







# 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.

Welcome to our April edition of News from the Nest. The children have again had a fun and busy term. One particular activity they enjoyed was making puppets and masks and using soft toys and props to act out their favourite stories including The Ginger Bread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Three Billy Goats Gruff. They also came to school dressed up as characters from their favourite book for 'World book day'. Red Nose Day also meant more dressing up wearing red clothes to support Comic Relief. Little Cuckoo's collected money from book sales for the charity at the well attended 'Stories by Starlight' evening where the children came to school at dusk in their pyjama's and dressing gowns to listen to stories read by some of our teachers and parents whilst drinking hot chocolate. Big thanks to all of our story readers!

We held two more 'Stay and Play' sessions where parents and guardians came to school to make Easter crafts with their children. The classroom looked lovely after being decorated with pretty paper flowers and marble printed eggs!

A very special visit came towards the end of term; Karl from Zoolab. The children and parents were shown and thoroughly entertained and educated about a variety of exotic animals and reptiles. Rats, giant snails and cockroach were brought to show the children who, if brave enough were allowed to touch some of them. We even had the pleasure (?!) of meeting a tarantula and a rather beautiful snake. It was a great experience to learn and get up close with these creepy crawlies!

As we prepare for Easter and half term we look forward to Little Cuckoo's annual and popular Easter egg hunt on Good Friday. Full report on this to follow.

And finally we are pleased to announce that our MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP RE-STARTS on TUESDAY 9th APRIL. Times are 10am - 11.30am and is £1.50 per family. We will run on the first Tuesday of every month in term time and look forward to seeing our regulars and some new faces too!

Lucy Harnell

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# Corsley WI

## April News



Carol Seward rounds up the March meeting and announces some forthcoming events

The Annual Meeting of Corsley WI was held on 14 March 2013. The President Judith Helliard welcomed members and also our guest for the evening, Jenny Coates, our WI Advisor. Notices of various WI events had been received including the Lady Denman Cup competition for a short story and the competition for a WI Centenary Fruit Cake recipe. Corsley WI members are invited to the Weavers Group meeting on 24 April at Bratton for demonstrations of various crafts.

Jean White was the outright winner of the Corsley WI Rose Bowl for 2012-13, having gained the most points in competitions held throughout the year.

We would like to invite all readers, WI members, friends and neighbours to our Afternoon Tea and Talk to be held on Friday 19th April at 3.00pm in Corsley Reading Room. For the sum of only £5, there will be a talk by Ivor Slocombe on 'The History of Reading Rooms', followed by a delicious

spread of sandwiches, cakes and of course a welcome cup of tea. All proceeds will go towards Corsley Reading Room and Corsley WI.

Judith has organised a **village walk** in aid of ACWW for **Thursday 25th April**, starting from Corsley Reading Room car park at 6.00pm for a donation of 50p. Everyone welcome, including dogs on leads and children!

Our **annual summer outing** for 2013 will be to Weymouth on **Wednesday 3 July**.

Caroline Higham gave the committee's report of events over the past year. And what a year we have had! We have had some excellent speakers, learning about dairy farming over the world, life for the women of Oman, the workings of the Duchy of Cornwall, the Red Cross and the origins of Frome Show. We have been out and about with the Gardening Club, taken part in

### **Non-members are very welcome to join us for the following activities:**

Coffee Morning	Tuesday 2nd April, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per programme
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760	

Wiltshire Federation events and had our own outing to Winchester. We have tried Zumba, played Beetle, celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and enjoyed coffee mornings, lunches in local pubs, skittles, bridge and scrabble!

Judith Helliard thanked each of the committee members for their support and praised the hard work done by them all during the year. After two years as President, Judith is stepping down and was warmly thanked by Charlotte Beswick.

Jenny Coates then took over the meeting to oversee the elections. After a secret vote by members, the new President will be Carol Seward, with Jean White as Vice-President.

Anne Carruthers will remain as Treasurer, Caroline Higham as Minutes Secretary and Rosemary Collins as Correspondence Secretary. Committee members are Amanda Bain, Val Benbow, Jenny Candy, Cath Fricker, Tessa Penney and Hilary Vallis.

On 11 April at 7.30pm we have an open meeting when Julie James will give a talk with slides on 'Seafarers Tales'. The competition for members is for a fish in any medium.

New members to our WI are very welcome. For further details please contact Carol on 01373 832446 or come to any WI meeting in Corsley Reading Room.

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21st	(am) Mr R Short, Frome businessman (pm) Mr Munroe from Mission Aviation Fellowship
28th	Mr T Brain of Operation Mobilisation

## Preacher Feature

Chris Andrews was our preacher for Mothering Sunday in March and his reading came from Paul's second letter to Timothy, Chapter 1:v1-14, written from prison in Rome.

In his letter, Paul mentions Timothy's mother and grandmother and their faith in Jesus, which they had shown as an example to him. Chris reminded us, though, that his grandmother and mother being believers didn't automatically make Timothy a Christian. He had to confess his sinfulness and accept the Lord for himself. Chris told us that he had accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour when he was nineteen, at an Easter Service.

Chris works as a civil servant in Bristol, and has been married to Kate for 28 years. They have two sons, Jonathan and Peter, and they worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church in West Lavington.

Acts 16 is Chris' favourite Bible chapter, in which Paul and Silas are beaten at Philippi and thrown into prison, where they pray and sing at midnight. An earthquake opens the prison doors and unlocks the prisoners' chains. The warder asks "What must I do

to be saved" and Paul tells him that he must believe on the Lord Jesus. The warder cleanses Paul's and Silas's wounds and he and his entire household are converted.

For his favourite hymn, Chris chose 'And Can it Be'. Written by Charles Wesley it's one of those rousing calls to faith that's hard to ignore. If you can't make a morning service, come along to our 'Songs of Praise' service at 5pm on the third Sunday of the month and ask for this marvellous hymn to be sung; you won't be disappointed!

## ABC of God's promises

**I** "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" *Romans 10:8-10*

## Prayer

For one thing only Lord, do I plead,  
Lead me aright –  
Though strength should falter, and though  
heart should bleed –  
Through peace to light.

*Adelaide Procter, 1825-1864*

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## No! No! We won't go!

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desperately wanted to halt the builders from their construction work to erect new luxury houses over their much loved pool, as well as the environmentalists who were concerned for the impact regarding the districts nature and wildlife. On the opposing side, were the people who wanted to make the area much more affluent by bringing business, work and beautiful new homes to attract more families to the community.

They each went away to create their own stories for their side of the debate and a few lines to bring to an improvisational play. It was magical to see all the different arguments and the children grasping hold of the chance to create their own characters and bring some life and energy to the special dress up day lesson. The lesson gave us an uplifting sense of how they are all growing in confidence to share their ideas amongst one another,

children perform and witness at first hand some of the fun we have been having this term. Thank you to Vicky Barton, Chloe's mum, who said: *"She has thoroughly enjoyed her first term, and I really enjoyed the opportunity to see what you had been working on at parent's day."*

*Often you send your child to classes*

*and have to rely on their sketchy details as to what they've done, and piece together what information they choose to share, so it was wonderful to see for myself the way their imaginations and creativity are encouraged to grow".*



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Membership of the Parish Council provides an opportunity to participate in local issues and to contribute to the future development of the village

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That's pretty much the definition of courage – doing something in spite of being terrified by it. It's also the title of a book on courage by Susan Jeffers. And there are lots of books on the subject out there. I'm reading one myself at the moment: "Daring Greatly" by Brené Brown and I thoroughly recommend it.

But what do we imagine courage is? I think a lot of us see it as something other people exhibit especially when they do big, dramatic things like climbing mountains or risking their own safety to help others. Clearly, these are acts of great courage and they are relatively easy to recognise. But what about the everyday acts of courage that aren't so easily noticed? A person afraid of needles having an injection, for example, taking an exam when you feel anything but confident, asking for a payrise. Or a really tough one for so many of us – asking for help. Asking for help means admitting we can't do everything ourselves, that we aren't perfect, that things aren't going how we'd like them to. It means admitting we're vulnerable. This is central to the book I mentioned, "Daring Greatly". Being vulnerable and asking for help are acts of great daring.

When someone contacts me asking if I can help them, I am delighted because they have taken the first and most courageous

step towards changing their life. And 'all' they've done is sent me an email or picked up the phone. It's not a big, visible action. But is it courageous. What will I be like to speak to? Will I be able to understand what you need and why you're asking for help? Will I be able to help? What if we meet and you don't want to work with me? Will you be able to say so honestly?

I'm sure all of these questions and more run through a person's mind before they make contact with me. It's natural that they should. Bear in mind that coming to meet me obliges you to nothing. You don't have to come back if you don't want to or you can come back in a few months or even a few years if that's what you want to do. If you get through the door into my room in the church, I will welcome you and be with you for as little or as long a time as you choose and I will celebrate your courage for having arrived.

If you feel hesitant about asking for help, feel the fear and contact me anyway. You can find me at [www.carolinelevine.co.uk](http://www.carolinelevine.co.uk). I practice at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. Contact me on 07817 192008 or at [le\\_vine@sky.com](mailto:le_vine@sky.com)

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# Summer holiday!

**"More than three quarters of UK Holidaymakers putting £millions at risk", says local travel expert**

Westbury based travel agent Michael Eaves is campaigning for clarity within the travel industry over what is protected when clients book a holiday. Michael Eaves, who runs his own travel business as part of leading independent travel company Travel Counsellors is concerned with the on-going uncertainty which is putting many clients money at risk.

Travel Counsellors conducted a survey of 2,000 British consumers which has revealed that financial protection is important for 85% of holidaymakers when booking their holidays, but a massive 80% are confused about whether their money is safe.

The research found that 88% of holidaymakers believed ABTA offer consumer financial protection, leaving only 12% being aware of the reality that an ABTA bond only protects the tour operators' money if a travel agency collapses.

As a result, Travel Counsellors is campaigning for better transparency and has devised an online tool to help consumers understand the now highly confusing situation.

Michael comments, "The survey highlights that too many clients are not provided with clear information on whether their holiday is financially protected or not. Financial



Protection in the Travel industry is very confusing so it is imperative that this issue is addressed. All clients are entitled to know exactly how their money is protected."

Travel Counsellors has been so concerned by the current travel industry financial protection system, it set up its own financial trust six years ago so that anything anyone books through the firm is financially protected.

Michael continues; "Our Financial Trust means that all travel arrangements, from flight only to tailor-made holidays, are fully financially protected, giving my clients total peace of mind. It provides them with a financial guarantee that very few other travel agencies can match. In the current economic climate it is reassuring that I can tell my clients that their money is 100% financially guaranteed and I will be there for them immediately should things go wrong."

Travel Counsellors have also added a number of items to their client website including a financial protection guide and a jargon buster so consumers can find out more information about exactly how they are protected.

**For more information or to discuss your future travel plans please contact Michael Eaves 01373 826966 or e-mail [michael.eaves@travelcounsellors.com](mailto:michael.eaves@travelcounsellors.com)**

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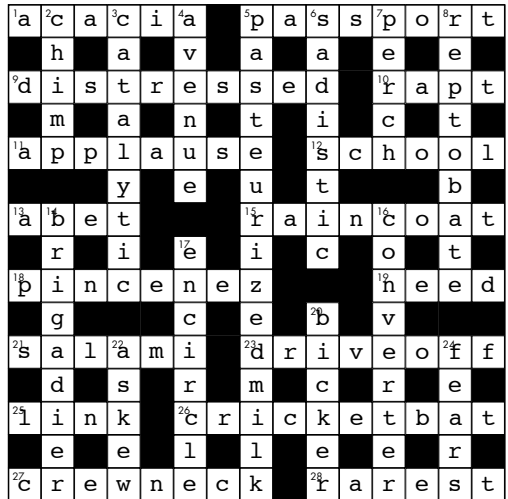
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