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Articles

Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

File types

Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

Advertising

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

Events/local organisation ads (churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a small, boxed advert.

Larger ads are subject to space availability and by arrangement with the Editor who will advise on the price.

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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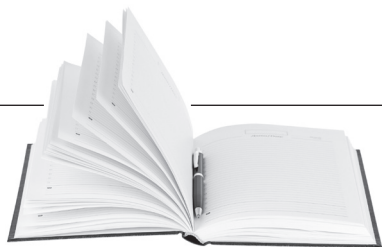
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Deadline

**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**

April



Tuesday 1st

Coffee Morning – 10am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 3rd

Warminster mobile library (see page 13 for times)

Chapmanslade Loose Women - Willow-weaving Workshop – 8pm at the village hall (see advert on page 7 for essential booking info)

Lent Talk – Street Pastors – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Sunday 6th

'Messy Church' – 3.30 - 5.30pm, Chapmanslade School Hall

Tuesday 8th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8.00pm at the Hall

Wednesday 9th

Lent Lunch – 12.30 - 2.00pm, Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting – Veterinary Practice

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.00pm, Chapmanslade School, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm

Saturday 12th

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

Wednesday 16th

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Wells Cathedral Gardens, assemble there at 2.30pm

Thursday 17th

Warminster mobile library (see page 13 for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Wednesday 30th

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7.30pm, St Margaret's

Diary Dates

May

Thursday 1st

Warminster mobile library (see page 13 for times)

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 8th

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Chitterne Village Hall

Saturday 10th

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

Sunday 11th

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

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Warminster mobile library (see page 13 for times)

Chapmanslade Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 17th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre and Table Top Sale – 2.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 21st

Corsley Gardening Club - visit to Westdale Park to see the Bougainvilleas, assemble there at 2.30pm

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 29th

Warminster mobile library (see page 13 for times)



Lent Lunches 2014

Wednesday 9th April 12.30 – 2.00pm

Black Dog Farm Chapmanslade

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Lent Talks 2014

From those on the 'Front Line' – Warminster Street Pastors

Thursday 3rd April 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church

All welcome

Table Top Sale

(in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance and World Horse Welfare)

Saturday 12th April

at Maiden Bradley Village Hall

9.30am – 1.30pm (set up at 8.30am)

£7 per table

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Refreshments · Raffle

(prizes gratefully received)

Thank you!
I was driving through Corsley on
a Saturday morning in February
and saw our litter pickers doing
a grand job of keeping our village
tidy.

It reminded me what a caring
community we have in Corsley
and Chapmanslade. So I would
like to say a big 'THANK
YOU' to the litter pickers of
Chapmanslade and Corsley and
all the other unsung volunteers
that make our villages such a
lovely place to live.

Pat Ryan

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 12th 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 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 5th April – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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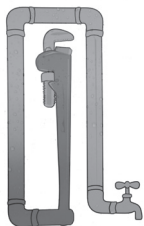
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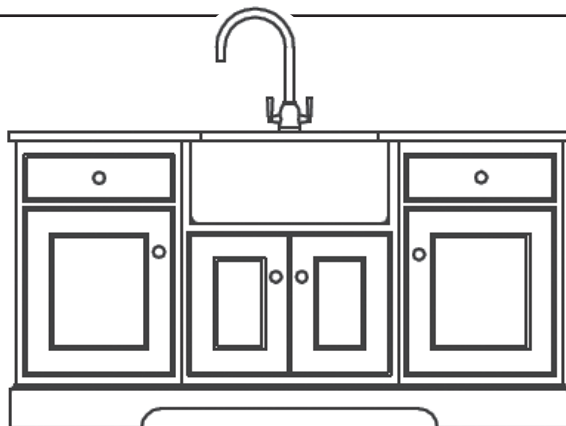
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Chapmanslade Barn Dance and Grand Draw

The Barn Dance was a rip-roaring success, with even a waiting list for tickets! The lucky people who secured tickets enjoyed a splendid two course supper provided by Wendy and her team (including the now world-famous Wendy's Lemon Drizzle Cake).

Despite feeling replete after the supper, people aged 5 to 80 were soon on the floor – most of them ably following Peter Barnes' directions, while the musicians patiently waited for everyone to fall into line! It was great to see so many people laughing and enjoying themselves. Ken Davies and Adam ran the bar, as smoothly as ever, to provide the drinks that were much needed during so much exercise!

The Grand Draw winners were:

£100 Amazon voucher (donated by TMTI)

- Anthony & Sarah Oliver;

£75 Amazon voucher (donated by TMTI)

- Chef Sudhir;

£50 voucher (donated by Three Horseshoes)

- Glee Baron;

£25 Amazon voucher (donated by TMTI)

- Sandra Scovell;

Photo Shoot voucher from Graham Jones 'myphotocompany'

- John Alvin;

Dents voucher

- Megan Foster.

Many thanks to our sponsors, and all the villagers and friends who bought tickets.

The two events have raised over £1,200 towards the much needed new hall floor.

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM

**Tuesday, April 8th at 8pm
in your Village Hall**

Please come along and support the
Village Hall Committee

New ideas and members welcome!
(we meet in the pub once a month!)

You may like to support one event in the
year!

(quiz, barbecue, wine tasting, dance)

New floor coming soon!

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Plant Sale

**Saturday 5th April
10.30am – 12 noon**

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which planet was home to the aliens in H G Wells' 'The war of the Worlds'?
- 2 In which city is Lime Street Station?
- 3 Which is the largest of the Greek Islands?
- 4 Who was Prime Minister of Britain at the outbreak of World War II?
- 5 In which country is Puccini's Turandot set?
- 6 Whom did Margaret Thatcher replace as leader of the Tory Party?
- 7 Who was "wearing a face that she keeps in a jar by the door"?
- 8 The Lorelei rock is on which river?
- 9 Which word follows 'paper' and precedes 'gammon' to make two new words?
- 10 In 'Alice in Wonderland', what price did the Mad Hatter have on his hat?
- 11 What colour is the cross on the Greek flag?
- 12 What is a crapulous person full of? (careful now!)

Answers on page 52

Erratum

The answer to question 11 in last month's Bafflers has been called into question by an eagle-eyed reader! The correct answer is *Capparis spinosa* (a spiny trailing Mediterranean shrub).

Senior Citizens' Tea Party Success!

Guests voted for quarterly Tea Parties; in the meantime there will be a lunch at the Three Horseshoes every second Wednesday of the month – two courses to cost £5.

Do come, meet new friends and bring them to the next tea party which will be in June in Chapmanslade Village Hall.

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Corsley PC bucks the trend - is it their view that the only good tree is a dead tree?

You may recall that in 2012 a certain Royal personage celebrated her Diamond Jubilee. One of the ways this event was marked in Corsley was the planting of a Jubilee Wood on part the Old School Playing field (OSPF). Some 420 trees were donated by the Woodland Trust for us to plant. The vast bulk of these, around 400, were planted on the field by a variety of the young and old from the village and beyond.

Having consulted an arborist (or is that arboriculturist?) and taking into account the cutting width of the large mower available on the Memorial playing field, a tree spacing of approximately 6 feet was hit upon, and as time progressed a natural thinning of weaker trees would continue.

All well and good, and 2 or 3 cuts were undertaken using the memorial playing field mower.

However – what happened this year? Tree genocide.

An article in the Bridge indicated that a light thinning would make it easier to maintain the grass around them.

Light, one asks?, Well almost 50% of the trees seem to be missing from the field, and all this to enable a bigger mower (which we now have to pay for the privilege) to weave in and out of the trees. What happens if we get a contractor with an even bigger mower – more trees to go to Valhalla?

The offer to continue using the Memorial Playing Field mower (subject to their agreement) went unanswered.

And it gets worse...

It seems the maturing trees and scrubby hedge around the OSPF also don't measure up either, so the plan is to cut most, if not all of them down, and start again!!!

In the next 20 years so, we are facing a decimation of the trees in the UK, with ash dieback set to spread, sudden oak death and horse chestnut moth problems to cope with. So just when we should be planting more trees for the next generations in preparation for the gaps in our hedgerows and the greenery of the countryside, Corsley PC decides we need less trees and tidier trees.

Corsley PC – plant more trees, not cut them down!

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May Day Social

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Seeds and sets for propagating in April:

- Runner Beans: indoors for planting out in May
- French Beans: indoors or out
- Beetroot
- Cabbages: indoors or out
- Carrots: outdoors
- Corn on the Cob: indoors for planting out in May
- Marrows, Squash and Courgettes: indoors for planting out in May
- Lettuces: indoors or out
- Onions: outdoors
- Potatoes
- Shallots: plant in modules or outside from April
- Peppers: indoors for planting out in May
- Tomatoes: indoors or out
- Cucumbers: indoors for planting out in May
- Swiss Chard: indoors or out

Enjoy the good weather in the garden or greenhouse!

The mobile library service visits next on:

Thursday 3rd 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

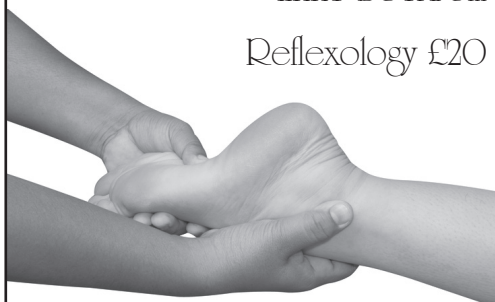
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May Fayre and Table Top Sale

Saturday 17th May at Chapmanslade Village Hall from 2.30 pm

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Table Top Sale -£10 per table

You keep the proceeds or donate to your favourite charity or to church funds. Book your table by phoning Judith Helliar (01373 832803)

*All welcome – do come along, enjoy the sunshine,
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Phone Stella Bayman (01373 832230) or Phil Jefferson (01373 832845)
for further information or offers of help

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

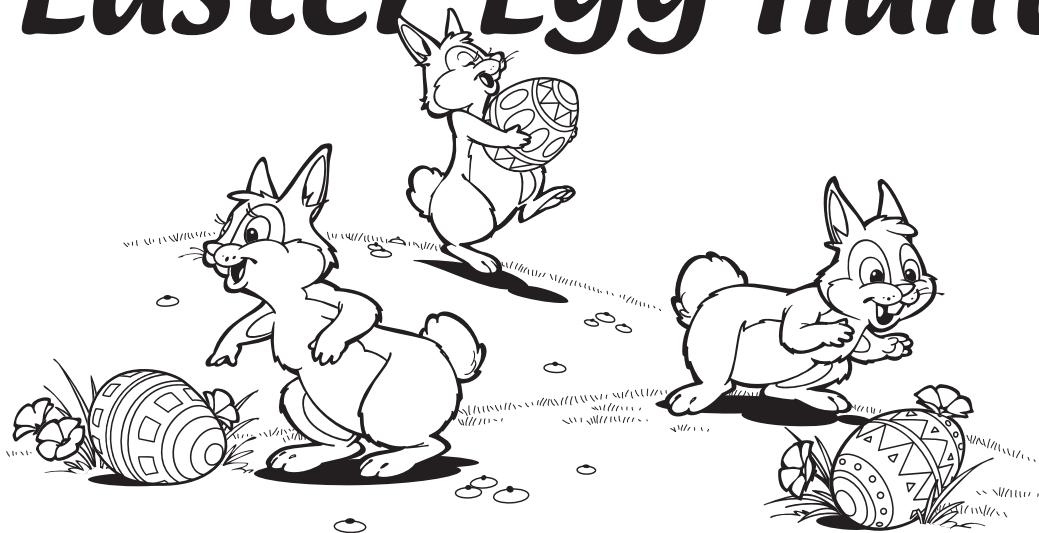
8.00pm, Thursday 10th April
Chapmanslade School

Come and join us as we review the parish council's work in Chapmanslade over the past twelve months and look ahead to the next twelve months

Find out from the owners of Thoulstone Park how they plan to develop the site in the coming years

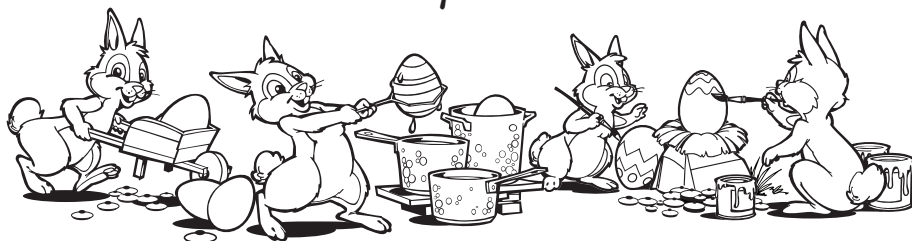
All welcome, do come along to listen or to speak

Easter Egg Hunt



Come along to the Little Cuckoos Easter Egg Hunt. Find an egg, enjoy freshly made cakes and drinks before getting your face painted. There'll be Easter crafts, hook-a-duck and the chance to win a special Easter hamper and many other fabulous raffle prizes.

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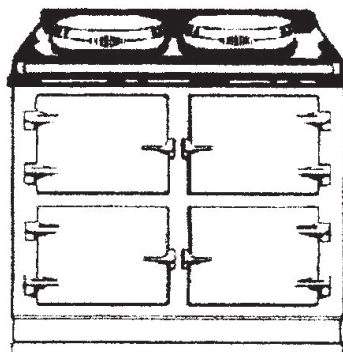


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Parish Council Briefing

The main event in March was the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) which had an audience of around eighty people with plenty of trenchant views expressed on a variety of issues.

There were three main items on the agenda, Neighbourhood Planning, Chairman's Report and Corsley Traffic Issues. At the end of the APM the PC also considered two planning applications as normal business.

Neighbourhood Planning

This was the major APM item, well trailed in the last two Bridge briefs. James Proyer, Wiltshire Spatial Planning Officer, gave a very helpful presentation which put Neighbourhood Planning in context with National and County policies and the limitations which these might impose on any plan that Corsley might wish to develop. He also explained the limited financial assistance available to Parishes for development of such plans and the significant time and resource implications of embarking of such a plan. Plan development could be a two year project requiring a significant input from village organisations and individuals.

There was considerable discussion around the limitations of a Neighbourhood Plan, particularly in the lack of any scope for generating fully integrated plans which could go beyond simply building development. For example, Wiltshire would retain total control of such issues as drainage and highways. Corsley was identified as a 'Large Village' grouped with others not detailed in the presentation. The overall Community area,

including the villages, has a total overall allocation of allowable house building, a large part of which had been already been used up over the years. Large villages have defined limits of development and there is no specific housing or employment requirement for Corsley. There appeared little scope for a Corsley Neighbourhood Plan to be influential in offering radical change to the current planning development climate.

The general conclusion of the discussion was that to proceed with an attempt to generate a Neighbourhood Plan would result in expenditure of a lot of time and effort and was unlikely to yield any useful results. This view was unanimous. It was agreed that the PC would sign off on the issue of Neighbourhood Planning by some further confirmatory investigation on the specifics of how the National and Wiltshire Core Strategy affect and constrain what could be achieved and then file a reasoned and agreed position. A link to James Proyer's presentation can be found on the Bridge website.

Chairman's Report

This was a wide ranging presentation covering the Parish Council, Traffic issues, Planning, Finance, the Old School Playing Field (OSPF) and Footpaths. All of these have all been covered in varying degrees

in previous Bridge briefs and a link to the presentation can be found on the Bridge website. It should be noted that the report covered the last two months of the tenure of the previous Chairman, Malcolm Holley. The two items which generated most discussion were the traffic issues and the OSPF.

Traffic Issues

Two issues were discussed, the Steiner School (SAF) and Longleat caravan traffic.

SAF traffic. There was strong feeling that SAF traffic, parents and staff ferrying children in cars to and from school and the daily bus journeys, were hazardous to other road users, pedestrians and to private property along the road. In combination with the very wet weather, this traffic is also viewed as responsible for considerable deterioration in the road-side verges and a contributor to the blocked drains and regular flooding of the road.

The declared position of SAF with respect to their occupation of the Corsley Centre site was explained. SAF fully intend to leave as soon as practically possible after the end of the Summer term 2014. Conversion works in Frome have commenced and SAF are in negotiation with the D of E and their contractors to accelerate the build programme to ensure that they can fully operate from the Frome site at the beginning of the Autumn term this year.

SAF planning approval in Corsley runs out on the date they leave the Corsley Centre site or the end of September (whichever comes first). The lease with the Corsley Centre at the end of this Summer term, as does the Licence with Corsley PC for use of the car park and the playing field. SAF have no planning approval for further classrooms at the Corsley Centre and cannot physically accommodate the anticipated September intake at the Corsley Centre. It is thus fairly

certain that the current SAF traffic issue will cease in July this year. The road from Lane End to Divers Bridge is now on the Highways Department list for a speed limit review, though this is not likely to take place until the FY 2014/15.

It was agreed that an opportunity would be arranged for a deputation to be presented to the SAF expressing the concerns of residents.

The PC accepted a suggestion from the floor that the use of the OSPF and car park be re-iterated to Cooper & Tanner, vendors of the Corsley Centre, to ensure that potential buyers' expectations are realistic.

Longleat Caravan traffic. The results of the consultation with those affected by the proposal to re-route caravan entry traffic through Whitbourne Springs and Knapps Gate were unequivocally against. Over 70% responded; only two were in favour. Negotiations with Longleat and the Caravan Club will carry on with added professional input from John Phillips of Knapps Gate.

OSPF

Over the last 12 months or so the OSPF Jubilee plantation had become very overgrown with thistles and other weeds, plus a canopy of rampant growth in what had originally been planted as a hedge on three of the boundaries. The thistles and weeds around the plantation trees were cleared and it was evident that the trees were generally thriving in the main area of planting but not under and adjacent to the boundary canopy. After SAF vacate the site grass cutting on the OSPF becomes a PC expense and the budget includes provision. However, a decision was required on how best to tackle, economically, the boundary growth to allow the plantation thrive. The agreed PC proposal (*reported in the January Bridge brief: "The plan agreed for the OSPF maintenance is to cut down the so called*

"hedge" on the northern boundary of the field, as this has been allowed to run wild and in no way functions as or looks like a hedge. The mature trees in front of the "hedge" will then be drastically thinned out and the lower branches of those remaining taken off. The jubilee plantation trees, now that they are beginning to establish themselves, will be slightly thinned out to reduce overcrowding and to allow the grass in between to be cut at the same time routine mowing of the main playing field".) No comment was received on this proposal, but it was agreed that it would be raised at the APM. It should be noted that the Elizabethan Evening has donated money to assist with this proposal and that the plan is to use 'Young Offender' no-cost labour.

At the APM there was one vociferously persistent voice against the proposal, on the grounds of tree conservation. There was no support for this viewpoint and the PC proposal, as previously reported, will go ahead.

Planning Applications

Two planning applications were considered after the APM proper:

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 60 Dertford. This a very large extension of the house on a large plot. In general the PC had no objection as the extension was in keeping with and proportionate to the existing house and plot. However, there were two inaccuracies in the application which were brought to the planners attention.

Two storey rear extensions including a balcony, single storey rear extension, 90 Lyes Green. The PC had no objection.

Other Parish Issues

Road Closure

The PC has received a road closure notice for the part of Deep Lane from the A362 to Cley Hill lane. This was for temporary closure to all traffic from 22nd April for and estimated 9 weeks to replace a very leaky water main. This would have had a very serious impact on two farms, Cley Hill and Chipp's, and the SAF traffic. A meeting was set up with Wessex Water and Wiltshire Highways and an alternative working scheme accepted, subject to geological survey, which should reduce the closure period to 5 weeks, allow SAF traffic to pass during their normal exit times and farm traffic by arrangement. Residents of Deep Lane will be allowed access anyway. Any further developments will be notified through the Bridge website.

Wind Turbine (GR83613, 47541)

A proposal for an 87m single wind turbine just on the Upton Scudamore side of the Parish boundary with Chapmanslade is in the pre-planning stage. The turbine will be prominently visible from Cley Hill. There will be a 'community' event at which the proposals will be publicly unveiled and comment invited. The date of this event will be notified through the Bridge website when known. The Pre-planning Information and Photomontage documents can be viewed through the Bridge website (www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk)

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Corsley Reading Room

Wifi proposal



In common with some other village halls in Wiltshire, the Corsley Reading Room committee is proposing to install wifi and has been considering what this would offer to its users.

Wi fi lets users connect to the internet using lap tops, computers, tablets or smart phones. (Access is only possible if the password has been shared with a user). Once connected, those attending meetings could access minutes and other papers without having to print them out, events or meetings held in the reading rooms could have large screen presentations using material direct from the internet and there could be specific classes or drop in sessions where people could learn more about their computers, lap tops or phones or could be helped with problems.

Our research to date indicates that there are people in the village who would like access to wifi during meetings and for presentations, and there is sufficient interest to support a class or drop in session. Some external agencies enquiring about booking the reading room have already asked whether wifi is available.

We have had a quote for the costs of an 18 month contract and know that there are grants we can apply for which could reduce the costs to Reading rooms funds to as little as £10 per month. It seems likely that some of those costs could be recouped by charging more for external bookings where the wifi is used or asking those attending a drop in session or class for a small donation. We would also need a grant if we went on to

purchase a screen which would link (without wires) for presentations, but we know that there are sources for such grants.

We would like to hear your views or questions about this project. We are also keen to find one or two people in the village who would feel confident enough to lead a regular drop in session (perhaps monthly or fortnightly). The aim of this session would be to help people to share their own knowledge about using technology such as tablets, laptops and smart phones and to grow that knowledge so that they can make more use of the internet.

This might mean expanding the use of email by being able to attach pictures or documents, learning how to install and use skype or other programmes which allow you to see the person you are 'talking' to, finding out more about doing research on the internet or filling in application forms online. We know that such sessions run elsewhere through the University of the Third Age and we are looking into that, but it would still need a local volunteer (or volunteers) to lead the sessions.

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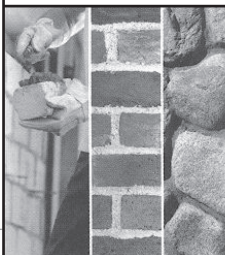
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Three Open Doors

A time for reflection

For the last few weeks we have been working hard towards appointing a new Priest-in-Charge. I am sorry to tell you that following interviews no appointment has been made. This means that the post will be re-advertised and we hope that fresh interviews will take place in the Summer. In the meantime the Parish Team will continue to support the Reverend Di Britten to ensure that we continue to provide a full range of church activity.

On Sunday 6th April we will hold our first 'Messy Church' session at Chapmanslade School. Lots of activities, finishing with an Easter themed Tea for everyone! The link between our Church and our Church School is very important to us and we thank both Berkeley Basinger-Adams the Head Teacher and the Reverend Di Britten for their hard work and support.

On Wednesday 30th April we are holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Margaret's, Corsley. The purpose of the meeting is to review the life of our church in 2013, to approve the annual accounts, and to elect Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members. This meeting is open to everyone and we shall end the meeting with a social gathering with a glass of wine and nibbles.

The Parish Team

April Church Diary

Thursday 3rd April

7.30pm at Chapmanslade School

Lent Talk: Warminster Street Pastors

Come along and find out about the Street Pastors who provide help to young people on the streets of Warminster



Saturday 5th April

10.30am to 12pm at High Field, 4 Roddenbury View, Corsley

Plant sale and Coffee Morning



Sunday 6th April: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

Rt Rev Ruth Worsley, Archdeacon of Wiltshire

3.30pm to 5.30pm at Chapmanslade School

'Messy Church'

Activities, singing, stories and snack tea.

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Wednesday 9th April

12.30pm at Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade

Lent Lunch



Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins



Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning

7pm at St Margaret's, Corsley

Agape Meal – details from Phil on 832845

Friday 18th April: Good Friday
10am to 12pm Easter Walk starting from St Margaret's

12.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Service of Reflection for Good Friday



Saturday 19th April: Easter Saturday
6pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham
Paschal Service



Sunday 20th April: Easter Sunday
9am at St Mary's, Temple
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist for Easter Sunday
Rt Rev Edward Condry, Bishop of Ramsbury



Wednesday 23rd April
From 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms
Light Bites Bread and Soup Lunch



Sunday 27th April: Second Sunday of Easter
10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Family Parish Worship
Launch of the 2014 "Talents" scheme



Wednesday 30th April
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Annual Parochial Church Meeting



Sunday 4th May: Third Sunday of Easter
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Home Visits

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Future dates for your diary

Saturday 17th May at Chapmanslade Village Hall
The May Fayre, Table-top Sale and 50/50 Club Draw.

Saturday 28th June at Corsley Reading Rooms
'New to You' sale of childrens' and adults' clothes at Corsley Reading Rooms.

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August
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Corsley WI

March News



On a rather foggy afternoon in March, the President, Carol Seward warmly welcomed members to the Annual Meeting of Corsley WI and began the meeting with the singing of Jerusalem.

Several new events have been organized by the Wiltshire Federation and members were urged to put their names down on the lists if they wished to attend. There will be Golf Taster sessions, an Old-Fashioned Games Day, a talk by Bob Flowerdew, the well-known gardener, about No-Dig Gardening, and a talk about Fraud and Internet Crime. Charlotte Beswick has arranged a social skittles evening for Friday 28 April and will take names of those wishing to participate at the next meeting. Corsley WI members are invited to the Weavers Group meeting on 30 April at Dilton Marsh Memorial Hall, for a talk by Dee Dee Wilde from Pans People.

There are still seats available on the coach for our visit to Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) on Monday 28 July. If you would like more details or wish to book a place, please contact Carol on 01373 832446. Non-members are very welcome to come.

Carol presented the Corsley WI Rose Bowl to Jean White, who was once again the outright winner, having acquired the most points in the competitions through the year.

Jenny Coates, our WI Advisor, took over the business part of the meeting, but there were no changes to officers this year apart from Jenny Candy who is resigning

from committee. Anne Carruthers, our Treasurer, presented the accounts for the year, which were approved. Anne also read the Committee's Report as our Secretary, Caroline Higham, was indisposed. Over the past year we have had some excellent speakers and enjoyable trips. We have visited beautiful gardens with the Gardening Club, taken part in all sorts of Wiltshire Federation events and enjoyed our own outing to Weymouth. There have also been the monthly coffee mornings, lunches in local pubs, skittles matches and socials, scrabble matches and learning to play bridge, so it has been a busy year! Di Dowling thanked Anne on behalf of the members. Carol Seward thanked each member of the committee for their support and praised the hard work done by them all during the year and was warmly thanked by Judith Helliar.

On 10 April at 7.30pm we have an open meeting when Michael Thorpe will give a talk on 'Veterinary Practice'. The competition for members is for a photo of an animal. New members to our WI would be most welcome. For further details please contact Carol on 01373 832446 or come to any WI meeting in Corsley Reading Room.

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

Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, 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	

Spring has suddenly sprung...

Countryside Matters

The wonderful show of snowdrops has disappeared for another year, and they are being replaced with daffodils; bringing sunshine to our gardens and verges even on grey days.

The hedgerows are bursting into life with hazel catkins showering everything with pollen, the blackthorn is covered in masses of small white flowers and bright green hawthorn leaves are unfurling rapidly. Celandines, violets, primroses and wood anemones make a wonderful carpet of natural ground cover. The colours of spring are so fresh and bright, they help to lift our spirits after the greyness of winter.

The cows are already enjoying the freedom of being out in the fields and grazing the short spring grass. The newly born lambs are skipping and jumping in the sunshine then nestling down close to their mothers, safe from predators and sheltering from driving wind and rain.

April is a busy time when spring crops must be sown. Grassland must be prepared for cropping, by fertilising, chain harrowing and rolling.

Many of you will have noticed flocks of Starlings wheeling across the fields, some have been up to 1,000 strong. These are the last of the winter's flocks – in late March and early April they rapidly disperse into smaller groups for breeding. Our wintering birds are heading north to breed, most Redwings and Fieldfares will be gone by mid-April. There is usually a brief crossover

with the incoming migrants who breed here – the cheerful song of Chiffchaffs is now mingling with that of our resident birds – others will follow suit very soon.

Some of you may remember, about 12 years ago, we were fortunate to have over 20 Kissing Gates installed along footpaths. These were paid for by individuals, groups and local businesses, and created a circular walk along footpaths and permissive

footpaths, here in both Corsley and Chapmanslade. It was intended that these gates would allow easier access for walkers along our historic footpaths, replacing styles that were not always easy to negotiate. Sadly, with time, some of the wooden gates are deteriorating, and are now in need of a little love

and attention. If you are aware of any problems, please let me know. I can either contact the donor or see if the Wiltshire Council Footpath Officer is able to help: it is not the responsibility of the landowner to maintain the Kissing Gates.

After our long, wet, windy winter, let's hope this spring will be memorable for all the right reasons.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the March meeting of Chapmanslade Parish Council and on other parish matters.

Once again we had another packed agenda for our March meeting – about 30 parish residents attended.

Planning

We considered three applications at the meeting. Most of the residents of Southcroft turned up to voice their concerns about an application for outline planning permission to build two houses in the garden of 26 Southcroft. The residents had concerns about access, overcrowding, drainage and road safety. We agreed with them that the application was ill-conceived and inappropriate for the area in question and we resolved to object to the proposal. We have asked Fleur de Rhé Philipe, our Wiltshire Councillor, to 'call in' the application, so that it can be considered by elected members of the council's planning sub-committee rather than be decided by planning officers under delegated powers.

We also looked at the retrospective planning application concerning the barn at Sienna's Valley in Huntenhull Lane, which appears to have been constructed in the wrong position. We repeated our concerns about the barn being too large; we also believe that in its present position it is too close to the adjacent property. Our objection has

been passed to Wiltshire Council and once again we have asked for the application to be called in.

The third application we considered was for permission to construct a covered swimming pool and new roadside walling and to build an ancillary building for use as carer's accommodation at Dye House Farm. We agreed to offer no objection to the proposed development.

An application to demolish and replace a conservatory with a new construction at Huntenhull Farm needed to be responded to before the date of our meeting. We raised no objection to the application.

Proposed Wind Turbine

Residents present at the meeting had their first sight of a proposal to build a wind turbine at Thoulstone Farm, just south of the A36, on the edge of the parish. The proposed turbine would be in Upton Scudamore parish (just) and would be 87 metres in height. A variety of views were expressed, both in favour of and against the prospect of a wind turbine being located so close to the village, but no firm conclusions were arrived at. There will be plenty of opportunities for residents to

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learn more about the proposed scheme and to make known their views about the proposals before any decision is taken. The first of these will be a community event that the proposers aim to stage prior to the submission of a planning application. I understand that this may take place very soon. We will endeavour to let you know the date.

Highways

Keith Muston and I recently attended a seminar on Balfour Beatty's contract with Wiltshire Council. Balfour Beatty now carry out all Wiltshire Council's 'streetscene' responsibilities, including pothole filling and other road maintenance tasks, grass cutting, and litter collection. We had the opportunity of meeting the council's coordinator for our area and we were assured that there is still a community steward who will make regular visits to the parish to carry out minor maintenance tasks. Please continue to let Keith know of any new road maintenance issues on 01373 832755 or at themustons@btinternet.com.

Mains Gas

44 residents have now expressed an interest in being connected to mains gas so there is hope that we might get there. If you are interested and haven't been in touch yet, please contact Kerry Jones at kmsgasandheating@gmail.com or on 07733 260512 or John Lewis, who is our lead councillor on this issue, at john.lewis@durnfield.co.uk or on 01373 832875.

Road Safety

The Speedwatch team had a busy month, as we had the camera for two weeks. One driver was reported for speeding at 50 mph – and he made no attempt to slow down when he saw us. He or she can expect a visit from the police very shortly, who will

give him 'appropriate advice'. Contact Jill Willmot at Jillwillmot@hotmail.com or on 01373 832464 if you are interested in joining the team.

Neighbourhood Watch.

Jill and Ian Willmot and I attended a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Tasking Group. This is a forum where Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators in rural Warminster, with other agencies, meet the members of the Neighbourhood Police Team to agree crime-prevention priorities for the coming months. The current priorities are to stamp out hare coursing, which apparently is on the increase, and to target burglaries from cars parked at places such as Heaven's Gate and Cley Hill car parks. The police will continue to monitor parking outside schools at the beginning and end of the school day and will place 'polite' notices on cars parked on the footpaths in our High Street. The police also report that a car parked in our High Street recently had its catalytic converter stolen. A satnav was also stolen from a van parked in the village that was left unsecured. So, be vigilant!

Pantomime

If you weren't able to get to this year's pantomime staged by the Chapmanslade Players you missed a real treat. Ken Davies and his talented team of thespians took us back to King Arthur's time in a highly entertaining and thoroughly professional performance. By common consent this was the best pantomime we've seen in Chapmanslade. Congratulations all round to everyone who took part, not forgetting the backstage crew. You are a talented lot!

BT

Is your phone still out of order after the recent storms? One resident tells me hers has been out of action for over a month and

BT seems unable to do anything about it. Do let me know if you are in the same position. There's strength in numbers.

Annual Parish Meeting

We will be giving our annual report to the parish at this meeting, which will be held at the school at **8.00pm on Thursday 10th April**. The owners of Thoulstone Park or their agents will also be present to tell

us how their plans to develop the old golf course are progressing. The annual meeting follows our normal parish council meeting, which takes place at 7pm. All our meetings are open to the public, so please do come along if you want to find out what's going on or you have an issue you wish to raise with us.

Phil Jefferson

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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.

With the sights and sounds of spring in the air, this term the children are learning about springtime and enjoying being able to spend more time outside playing and have been busy helping to plant some spring flowers.

Our annual 'Stories by Starlight' was very well attended with parent and grandparents reading the stories whilst the children enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits in their nightclothes.

We have been delighted to welcome several new families and their children to Little Cuckoos and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The children have been making special things for Mothering Sunday and Easter and were dressed in their spring gear to join in some fun sports to raise money for Sports Relief on the 21st March.

We are still looking for any good quality children's books for our Book Shop and donations for raffle prizes. For further information please contact Denise, Little Cuckoos Chair, on 07594 631450.

The Little Cuckoos Committee are looking forward to the annual Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt which will take place from 2 to 4pm on the 18th April at Little Cuckoos and as always, everyone is very welcome. There will be a variety of stalls from craft to face painting, as well as grown-up and children's decorated Easter cake competitions. We wish you all a very happy Mothers' Day and Easter.

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

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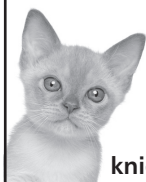
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Could you help us to make a difference to a neighbour in need?

Active and In Touch Frome is a service which offers volunteer befrienders to visit and help people who have become isolated or out of touch with the community around them.



The work we do is so rewarding, and such a benefit to those we can help.

"We are meeting lots of people who have become isolated through the circumstances life has thrown at them, maybe caring for a partner for years, moving to a new area, or just not feeling confident to try new things alone. We currently take referrals from Frome and the surrounding villages."

Lucia Chadwick, Volunteer Coordinator

Could you spare a little time to bring benefit to another person's life?

You do not need to commit much - it may be as little as a few hours every month.

By volunteering with **Active and In Touch Frome** you can find enjoyment and fulfilment in helping to make a real difference to the lives of isolated people living in our community.

We offer on-going support and learning opportunities. Volunteering can be a great way to enhance your current skills and to develop new ones.

We would love to tell you more about this exciting project.



If you think you could help, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Active and In Touch Coordinator on 01373 467946/ 0757 285 4029 or email activeintouch@vistaproject.org.uk. Active and In Touch is delivered by ViSTA Ltd, Registered Charity No: 1119172

Corsley: recycling, garden waste and household waste collection calendar

April – June

Remember to put them out by 7am on collection day. Ensure the lid is closed and do not leave any household waste next to the bin for collection.

Black bin

April

Friday 4th
Friday 18th

May

Friday 2nd
Friday 16th
Friday 30th

June

Friday 13th
Friday 27th

Green bin

April

Friday 4th
Friday 18th

May

Friday 2nd
Friday 16th
Friday 30th

June

Friday 13th
Friday 27th

Blue bin

April

Friday 11th
Friday 25th

May

Friday 9th
Friday 23rd

June

Friday 6th
Friday 20th

Black box

April

Thursday 3rd
Thursday 17th

May

Thursday 1st
Thursday 15th
Thursday 29th

June

Thursday 12th
Thursday 26th

Chapmanslade: recycling, garden waste and household waste collection calendar

April – June

Remember to put them out by 7am on collection day. Ensure the lid is closed and do not leave any household waste next to the bin for collection.

Black bin

April

Wednesday 2nd
Wednesday 16th
Wednesday 30th

May

Wednesday 14th
Wednesday 28th

June

Wednesday 11th
Wednesday 25th

Green bin

April

Wednesday 2nd
Wednesday 16th
Wednesday 30th

May

Wednesday 14th
Wednesday 28th

June

Wednesday 11th
Wednesday 25th

Blue bin

April

Wednesday 9th
Wednesday 23rd

May

Wednesday 7th
Wednesday 21st

June

Wednesday 4th
Wednesday 18th

Black box

April

Friday 4th
Friday 18th

May

Friday 2nd
Friday 16th
Friday 30th

June

Friday 13th
Friday 27th

Richard Dean's School Report

Beacon of hope

The ongoing catastrophe that is South Sudan shows little sign of abating but the Juba School is bucking the trend.

The third largest town, Malakal, 400 miles north of Juba, is still in rebel hands and the killing of in-patients in hospital there, is testament to the ongoing savagery. The peace talks in Addis Ababa have been suspended for a second time, but were due to start again on the 20th March. Since the fighting erupted on 15th December, the UN is estimating that there are now over five million people in need of humanitarian assistance. (Out of a population of 10 million). The major aid organisations, including Christian Aid and TEAR Fund are doing all they can to help, as is Salisbury Diocese. The Bishop of Salisbury has launched a Lent Appeal for relief in South Sudan, hoping to raise £50,000. There are two impending disasters: first, the shortly expected rains make many roads impassable, food and emergency supplies will be difficult to distribute; second, that as the insecurity has prevented planting ahead of the rainy season there will be little harvest.

Forward With Confidence

Against this very bleak background in the country as a whole, things in Juba are now calm and the Secondary School is standing firm and doing well. The School Compound and all its buildings have remained intact. Other open areas nearby had been claimed by displaced people but the school premises themselves were secure and open to students only – a very reassuring factor for them.

End of year examinations took place in January determining who should proceed further. Marking began, reports were issued and almost all students had fulfilled their expectations to progress to the next school year. Some parents, fearful of a possible future unstable political situation, requested transfer forms to take their children to other countries, but alongside that, the majority are staying and new applications have





Yann Lebrat with Tinate Bilal



Headmaster with student leading prayers at the school assembly

been pouring in daily. The Headmaster is adamant that the School will be full and has had a set of desks made to equip another class when the new school year begins on 31 March.

Support from the Home Front

A student at LSE, Yann Lebrat, doing a Masters degree about South Sudan, went out to Juba with Richard Dean last August. Yann assisted the School by running a Half-Marathon in Bath on 2 March; he completed the distance in 1 hour 54 minutes. The money he has raised will go towards a much-needed toilet block for the boys, costing £11,000. (The fund is still open!)

I myself am hoping to go out to Juba for two weeks at the end of May when I shall meet the new intake of 200 students, including 40 who will be there only because of bursaries. It is expected that the Girls' Boarding House will have a few girls from areas such as Malakal where the schools have been destroyed. For the new boarders I shall be

taking out some attractive bags made by ladies in Corsley and Shetland. I shall also be taking out some Maths and Science textbooks donated by Warminster School.

At the very successful 'Eye Opener' evening last November in Salisbury, Baroness Cox, who had officially opened the Girls Boarding House in October, spoke of how amazed she was at the educational facilities now available at Juba School. With all the suffering and poverty she had observed during her 40 visits to Sudan through the long years of civil war, echoed now in the present catastrophe, she declared the School to be a 'beacon of hope' for the future of South Sudan. We are trusting that the School, with its motto of: 'Let there be Light', is indeed a beacon of hope and normality now. Our prayer is that, in the future, our students will play an important part by bringing a strong Christian faith into whatever field they work in. Thank you to all those who are supporting this project. Your help is invaluable!

Richard Dean

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This month, as we approach Easter, the Chapel's Afternoon Service and Tea will be held on Palm Sunday, the second Sunday, April 13th. A short play has been prepared for the occasion. We'd love you to join us at 5pm on April 13th, for its performance. If you don't have transport and would like to come along to that Service, or to any Sunday Morning Service at 11am, please ring me (Gill Redman on 832573). I'll gladly collect you and deliver you home.

Always wear a hat

In the year two-o-one-four
The rain began to pour.
It rained all day; it rained all night;
And then it rained some more.

Let's now go back two hundred years.
The builders knew their stuff.
With skill and love the Chapel grew,
Simple but very tough.

For all these years it's weathered storms;
Frost, snow, hail, rain and drought.
It's welcomed saints and sinners in
And kept the weather out.

But now, at last, it's getting old.
The timbers start to creak.
Some window frames let water in;
A trickle shows the leak.

One night, last Feb. a storm arose;
A howling wind did blow.
Ridge tiles and slates were lifted off
And crashed far down below.

The rain gushed in the gaping roof
Soaked carpet, pulpit, pew.
Our principles we have maintained:
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Roger Hopwood

The Chapel is open for business again. Do come!

Descriptions of Jesus

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:7-10

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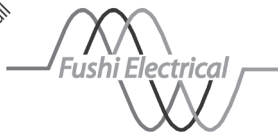
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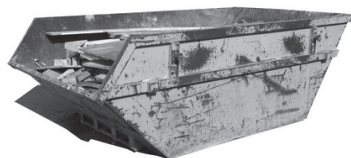
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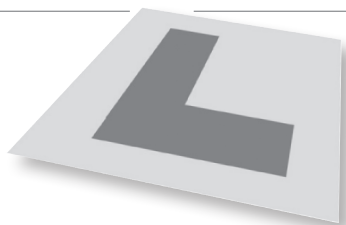
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Tales from the passenger seat



Parents of a pupil learning to drive can be a useful asset...

Clare was lazy, Daddy paid for all her lessons, which ordinarily would be fine. But Clare also had a large clothing allowance and anything vaguely resembling effort on her part was not something she was used to. She believed that learning would require no personal input, and that somehow I would 'make her drive'. She thought she would have her ten lessons as a right of passage, then get given a licence almost as an attendance certificate. So we were getting nowhere fast. Daddy's bill was going to rather high if this carried on. So a word in his ear that perhaps if she didn't buck her ideas up, her clothing allowance would be stopped did the trick. Suddenly we had an attentive Clare making an effort. And one happy parent.

Sometimes, it is the parent who needs and can benefit from a lesson. Helen was doing fine. She'd had twelve lessons – we'd completed all the manoeuvres and she was getting to grips with the awkward roads and roundabouts in Trowbridge. Nicely on target and making the normal mistakes that any pupil at that stage would be expected to make. A few more lessons, some mock tests and then in for the test was my agenda. Chris, her father, had learned to drive in six lessons about 4 million years ago and was concerned as to why his daughter was taking so many lessons...after all, she drives to Granny's in Chapmanslade without

making any mistakes. Hmmm, from their house to Grannies was three junctions and no roundabouts.

"Chris, do you want to save money?"

"Yes"

"Good. I can help. Get in the back of the car. You need a lesson in seeing precisely what is or is not acceptable, as well as seeing what your daughter gets up to when she has to cope with what I and the examiners expect her to cope with". Chris got in the back of the car and observed Helen on her lesson having to deal with traffic, blind junctions, narrow roads, busy roundabouts and to read the road, etc. She did fine but obviously made a fair number of mistakes or errors due to inexperience, but nothing that couldn't be corrected and good standard reached within a few more lessons. I will give Chris his due. He was big enough to admit he hadn't realised just how well she was doing, but also just how much more needed to be done to get her genuinely independent.

Any driving practice with a parent can be extremely beneficial in helping a pupil gain better spatial judgement, and if the time is used constructively then a financial saving can be made. The most useful things to specifically practise is 'reverse left' and 'bay parking'. Since every corner is a different shape, the more practice done on a variety of corners, the better. I can monitor the progress, but the actual 'doing', if done with a parent can really help.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Thinking of getting out and about in the spring sunshine?

Follow these handy tips to keep your possessions safe.

It has been a very wet and drab winter with not much chance to walk the lanes or beauty spots unless you were wearing waterproofs and wellington boots to negotiate some of the muddy, flooded lanes. Well the rain has slowed down and the ground is drying out. No doubt readers are noticing that there are signs of spring around in the garden and hedgerows and it is time to get out and do something energetic like walking again or gardening. If you are thinking of walking and want to use some of our beauty spots to drive to, park and walk, then I need to remind you of a familiar warning from last year wherever you park. Thefts from beauty spots are still a problem in the area and Wiltshire Police want people to be aware of the danger. People park their vehicles and usually leave them unattended for a couple of hours whilst they head off

on their walk. Thieves take advantage of this and windows are often smashed to gain access to sat navs, in-car DVD players, CD players and, in some cases, laptops and handbags that have been stored under seats. Do not leave anything of value on view inside your car. Do not lock bags or anything of value in the boot when you park as someone near by or in another car could be watching. If you do want to lock something in your boot, do so before you park. Please do not leave anything of value in your car – either carry it, leave it at home or lose it! Don't forget the thief will damage your car by either breaking a window or forcing the doors or boot. Either way you will have a repair bill for your car as well as any articles stolen from you for your insurer to deal with.

Wiltshire Police want the help of regular walkers to combat Hare Coursing. It is an illegal activity and there has been an increase in Hare Coursing in the Warminster Rural area. Coursing is the term used when dogs, usually Lurcher types, together with handlers, search a field by walking or driving in search of hares and then give chase. Other



wildlife such as rabbits and deer will also be pursued. The intention is not necessarily to catch what is chased. Sometimes large wagers are placed on the performance of the dogs. This is generally in daylight as the dogs are sight, not scent, hunters, but is also carried out at night with lamps. Hare Coursers are generally involved in other crimes. They damage fences and crops. In many cases, offenders are known to police for other rural crime, non-dwelling burglaries, etc. In some cases offenders will make off from police, and in some cases off road. If you see such activity, DO NOT approach the people concerned but dial 999 on your mobile giving the police as much information as possible.

Our PCSO, Elizabeth Harmsworth, has asked that I inform horse owners about mane plaiting. Some owners of horses have noticed that there has been a plait woven into the mane of their horse – possibly indicating that they may be stolen in the future. She has made the point that such incidents should be reported to the Police – failing to do so makes it difficult for them to try to prevent it from happening or giving advice regarding security, etc. Finally, to all horse owners – do you know about Wiltshire Horse Watch? If not then log into www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk and keep yourself informed with up-to-date news and information.

Mike Bird

Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Is 1% a mandate to go forward with a village development plan?

At the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) held on 10th March approx. 100-120 people attended. The headline item being a presentation by a Wiltshire Planning Officer about village development plans. After the presentation there was a question and answer session. Of those in the hall expressing an opinion, in my mind the feeling was clearly towards maintaining the status quo or an outright no to participating in developing a village plan, i.e. staying with the current development guidelines in use by Wiltshire for our village and surrounding areas.

The Chairman then asked those in the room if anyone was interested in moving this forward. From where I sat perhaps half a dozen people indicated an interest in going forward. Even within the ranks of the

Parish Council members themselves there appeared less than wholehearted support to move forward.

Now these 6 or so souls, who represent perhaps 5 % of those in the room, want to move this forward. That would translate to around 1% of the adult population Corsley (i.e. 6 out of 500 or so adult voters who could have attended). With so low an expression of interest it seems odd that the Chairman thought this was sufficient interest to move forward to the next stage of the process.

I say 1% is not a mandate to undertake something that could have such an important bearing on the village's future.

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- 10 10/6
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