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**April 2017** 



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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas 146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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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**

### Saturday 1st

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oa



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

Deadline for submission of nomination papers for Corsley PC election on 4th May

### Saturday 8th

Field Day – 10am - 3pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

## Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting with Karen Hayter: 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Annual Parish Meeting and Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall please note new time!

### Good Friday 17th

Little Cuckoos Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt – 10 am - 12 noon

### Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

# Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 29th

Chapmanslade Quiz, Village Hall

# May

### Monday 1st

150th anniversary of St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade – 2 pm

### Tuesday 2nd

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

### Thursday 4th

Corsley Parish Council – election of councillors

# Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Monday 6th

Corsley Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

# **Diary** Dates

### Thursday 11th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Resolutions Meeting and talk on 'The Work of a Hospice'

### Thursday 18th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

### Saturday 20th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre – 2.30pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

### Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### June

### Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Tuesday 6th

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

### Thursday 8th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting, 'Ladies of the Court'

# Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

# July

# Sunday 2nd

Chapmanslade Fete, Village Hall

# Tuesday 4th

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

# Wednesday 5th

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# Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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In order to be on the roll for the Annual Meeting on 25th April, new applications will need to be received by **9th April** because we are required to close off the roll for a period beforehand.

Michael Taylor

Apologies for the short deadline to submit applications – this article should have appeared in the March edition Editor

# Bob's bafflers

- What is the capital of the Isle of Man?
- 2 Elinor Dashwood is the heroine in which Jane Austen novel?
- 3 What was the name of the prison governor in 'Porridge'?
- 4 Which mythical monster has the body, tail and hind legs of a lion along with the head, forelegs and wings of an eagle?
- 5 In which English seaside resort would you find 'The Lanes'?
- 6 What type of animal is a water moccasin?
- 7 Which King ruled immediately before Queen Victoria?
- 8 In the rhyme, who saw Cock Robin die?
- In military parlance, what does SAS stand for?
- 10 Where in the human body would you find the maxilla?
- 11 'Silver' coins are now made of copper and which other metal?
- 12 What can be gold, green, bull or zebra?

Answers on page 44

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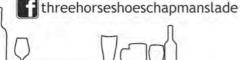
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# Biology: changing the world

# Sleep: are we getting enough?

Sleep, perchance to dream...

Last month, I had the pleasure of listening to Professor Russell Foster CBE FRS, an eminent Oxford neuroscientist, talk on "Sleep, body clocks and health". It was a salutary personal experience, as I certainly do not have sleep patterns in the best interests of my health.

One part of our brain runs a clock that operates on a 24 hour cycle, partly regulated by perception of light. You will have experienced the

re-setting of the clock if you have suffered from jet-lag. It takes a few days for your body clock to change to the new time zone in response to the light-dark daily cycle.

This body clock also does other things. It increases your blood pressure and increases metabolic activity in the early hours of the morning, getting ready for activity during the day. Conversely, it decreases blood pressure, alertness and body temperature in the late afternoon preparing for lower activity and sleep. This is why you should take blood pressure medication in the morning and why you may feel tired in the afternoon.

However, in this modern society our body clock, and the so-called 'circadian rhythm' it produces, has been overtaken by the social clock. We are woken by the alarm clock before we are fully rested, we may take caffeinated coffee in the late afternoon, which is still acting as a stimulant up to 9 hours later, and

> we may eat late and stay up watching TV. We may well get less than the eight hours we should

have (or nine hours for a teenager!).

So what is the harm in this? Surely, just being a bit tired does not cause any harm? On the contrary, short-term sleep disruption causes attention failure, impulsivity and loss of empathy, failure to process information, loss of creativity, reduced cognition, and increases stress, among other things. One wonders about decisions made in late sittings of parliament or all-night negotiations between employers and trades unions, for example! So, don't talk with your spouse about finances, or make other

important decisions, in the evening! Leave it to a morning at the weekend.

Lack of sleep can also have devastating consequences. It is estimated that there are about 100,000 car accidents a year in the USA caused by sleep deprivation, and if you drive a car between 3 and 8 am, your cognitive impairment may be greater than if you were above the drink-drive limit. The 1986 accident at Chenobyl was due to sleep deprivation causing individuals to be impulsive and not recognise the risks, and the 2010 Air India crash was due to the pilot falling asleep. Long-term sleep deprivation caused by shift work can increase the risk of cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Have no doubts, sleep is an important part of living well.

You can listen to Professor Foster at https:// www.ted.com/talks/russell foster why do we sleep

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to nigelbrown48@gmail.com

# Chapmanslade **Barn Dance**

What a great night it was! It is a long time since I have seen so many smiling faces, and heard so much laughter at the village hall. Probably the last time was at the great village pantomimes we used to have: any takers for next year..?

Reg Hutchings was the caller, accompanied by an excellent accordionist. The dance floor was full for EVERY dance, including many youngsters, who were having a great time.

Wendy supplied a superb meal of steak pie, or leek and cheese pie for vegetarians and pasta for the children. All freshly cooked that afternoon, and it was so good many gueued for seconds!

Thanks also to Roy for running the bar.

To top it all we have made over £400 for the Village Hall Improvement Fund. So, all in all a great success!

Many thanks to all who attended – commiserations to all those who missed such a great event!

# Going, going, gone!

The long-awaited removal of the static caravan from Sienna's Valley caused a blockage in Huntenhulll Lane for well over an hour on 14th March. Thanks to constant local pressure, support of the Parish Council and the enforcement of Planning Regulations by Wiltshire Council this illegally-sited caravan has now gone!



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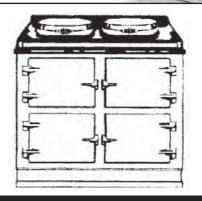
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# **Parish Council Briefing**

Neil Britten reports on the parish council's activities in March

March is the month of the Annual Parish Meeting: this year it was held on Monday 13th and was preceded on 28th February by an occasional meeting to consider the planning application by Longleat Enterprises Ltd (LEL) for a hotel resort on the boundary of our Parish at the site known as Tascroft Court. The Parish Council has also received notification of the planning application for the new houses on the Bay Tree site which will be the subject of a meeting early in April, details of which, as far as they are known at the time of writing, are also included below.

# Planning applications 17/01124/OUT

This is an outline planning application by LEL (with all matters reserved except for access) for a new hotel resort comprising:

- 240 bedroom hotel and business conference facility
- Water park
- Immersive animal experience

Associated works including landscaping, highways infrastructure (pedestrian and vehicular access, car parking, servicing arrangements, plant, stopping-up, creation and improvement of footpaths. improvements to bridleways, site clearance works, the installation of new services and infrastructure, earthworks and engineering works, and other ancillary works and activities.

The site is on the west side of the A36, south of the A362 between the Cley Hill A362/ A36 and Picket Post roundabouts on land entirely owned by the Longleat Estate. The south eastern edge of the development site borders the Parish boundary and the development will be visible from Cley Hill. The development area totals 52 Ha (128) acres) and affects four public rights of way (PROW), two of which have lengths inside the Parish boundary. It is proposed that one of these (WARM66), which crosses development site be 'stopped-up', i.e. closed over part of its length, with a new permissive path created to provide a connection with an existing PROW (WARM1) and the rump of WARM66. Cannimore road, a bridleway through Cannimore Woods (CORY49), connecting with the western section of Folly Lane and WARM 66, will be upgraded to provide pedestrian and cycle access to the south eastern edge of the site.

The planning assumption is that the hotel will open in 2019 and will eventually directly provide 300 direct full time equivalent jobs and a further 260 by "indirect and induced expenditure".

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There were fifteen documents associated with the application, covering all aspects of the application. However, it should be note that the application was 'outline' and all matters except access were reserved for later full planning applications. The PC had extensive discussions on the plans, particularly the traffic analyses and the visual aspects.

The setting of the proposed hotel was not deemed to be a problem and members of the PC had walked the site and viewed it from Cley Hill. Based on the current proposals, particularly in light of the extensive plans for screen planting and the use of the topology of the site, the development would not be visible, except from the top of Cley Hill and even from there it will not be intrusive. The effective height of the new buildings would be of the same scale as the existing Tascroft Court buildings. The PC was also in favour of the footpath changes that are being proposed.

However, there was considerable concern about the traffic implications. The traffic analysis indicated the additional number of vehicles anticipated in peak periods, both at the outset and after ten years, using analyses and assumptions which took into account other planned and proposed developments in Warminster and extreme rates of usage for the hotel resort. The output indicated a fairly modest increase in vehicle numbers, but significant queues at the Cleyhill roundabouts at peak bank holidays periods in the long term. Highways England had expressed concern and suggested that some planning restrictions might be appropriate.

The PC was not convinced that the traffic analysis had taken sufficient cognisance of the existing queuing problems routinely created by Center Parcs on their entry and exit days. These regularly backup to and onto the A36, blocking A362 through

traffic and the entrance to Folly Lane, that proposed to be used for the new Hotel Resort. The PC thus resolved to register an objection to the application with the following comments:

"The Parish Council (PC) have considered the application in some detail and in principle strongly support this development. However, the PC objects on the grounds that there are major concerns about the traffic implications were the scheme as detailed to be approved.

Traffic congestion, including regular queuing traffic, already exists on the A362, between the Picket Post roundabout and the Clev Hill roundabout and this development will only add to it. There does not seem to be any recognition of the current situation and the potential for a worsening one. The PC would urge that Wiltshire Council insist on a realistic traffic management plan be put in place that will be able to cope with the existing situation and deal with the growing traffic volumes from, the proposed development, the Longleat Estate and Center Parcs (both of which are forecast to grow) and, in due course, the Western Warminster Development."

The PC has now written to the Plannina Authority, the Highways Authority, to Longleat and Center Parcs, detailing their objections and to seek a meeting of interested parties to try and achieve some resolution to the issues. Copies of the letter have also been circulated to our County Councillor and to the portfolio holder for roads. Councillor Whitehead. The Parish Councils of Horningsham and Chapmanslade and Warminster Town Council have been advised of the PCs decision.

The fifteen planning documents concerning the hotel resort application and be viewed on Wiltshire Council's planning website and



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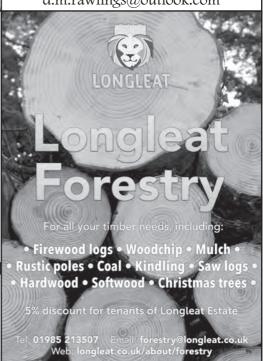
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Construction of five, two-bedroomed, threeperson bungalows together with associated car parking and landscaping at Bay Tree Close.

This planning application has been in the pipeline for some time now and has been the subject of briefs in previous editions of The Bridge. The full application has now been registered, with comments allowed up to 7th April. As usual, the documents can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council planning website.

At the time of writing, a date to discuss this application has not been fixed, but should be in the week beginning 3rd April, most likely date 4th April. Please consult the village noticeboards and The Bridge website for confirmation of the date.

# **Annual Parish Meeting**

This meeting took place on 13th March. The Tascroft Court planning application and the PC position was explained and Longleat's CEO, Bob Montgomery, gave a detailed presentation on Longleat's programme for 2017 and the planned hotel resort to a full audience

Tascroft Court is covered above and the other major points were:

In general, Longleat is currently operating at full capacity and has no planned growth this year

There will be no events this year of the size of the Elton John concert. Longleat is very aware of the traffic implications of this event and will be conducting a full traffic review this year

There will be a Festival of Light this year, with a new theme and, for the first time, will include animatronic exhibits

A food festival is being planned for the summer, centred on the TV Chef James Martin.

Longleat are in negotiations with the Caravan and Motorhome Club with a view to bringing their occupation to an end.

### Streetscene

Parish Steward: Simon Jasper developed a priority list across the village covering the following general areas:

- Clear verges/bus shelter at Whitbourne Springs
- Minor potholes at Junction A362/ Whitbourne Springs
- Minor potholes across the village,
- Any leftover time clearing drains and grips

Simon also met with Highways representatives to look at CATG projects to improve safety for residents on the Longleat Alternative Access (via Whitbourne Springs, Long Hedge, Knapps Gate) and the PC has also had direct discussions with Lonaleat staff on related issues and other village interfaces

# **Future Meetings 2017**

Annual Parish Council Meeting

15 May, 7.30 pm

Quarterly Meeting 5 June, 7.30 pm

Quarterly Meeting 4 September, 7.30 pm

Quarterly Meeting 4 December, 7.30 pm

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# **Seven Open Doors**

### Dear Friends,

I have thought a lot about what on earth I am going to say in this Easter edition of my letter. Easter, as we know, is about resurrection is it not, about hope and the promise of something beyond the darkness of suffering and death. As I write the people of East Africa are facing imminent starvation; the news is full of terrible images of the effects of hunger. In Iraq and Syria ordinary people suffer as war devastates their countries and many people continue to risk their lives to escape that devastation, thousands of people languish in refugee camps. Where is resurrection and hope for these people? I just can't sit here and glibly write about Easter hope without reference to the above and to be honest I don't know the answer to my question.

We live in such a ridiculous world really don't we? Everyday it seems there is another article in the newspapers about how the obesity epidemic is killing us. We are surrounded by a plethora of food, too much food, and we waste an absolutely colossal amount. You don't need me to tell you that something is wrong somewhere.

The Christian message is that Jesus came and lived among us to share what it means to be human and died and rose again so that we might have eternal life. What actually does that mean? What do we think eternal life is? Is it life after death, a nice cosy home with God in heaven when we die, and what or where is heaven? To be honest I don't know the answer to these questions either. I do believe that when we die in some mysterious way we are united with God but I wouldn't presume to know what that looks like.

So is that it do you think, is the idea of eternal life only about the hereafter, doesn't it have something to do with the now as well? In the Old Testament there is a very powerful imperative to care for the orphan and the stranger, to see that justice for the poor is upheld, essentially to love God and neighbour. Jesus took this one step further and blew apart the prevailing understanding of justice, which we find difficult to live by anyway because we are human and innately selfish. The stories that Jesus told and the way he lived show us that eternal life is very much about the here and now, it's about life in all its fullness for all people. Resurrection isn't just something that happened two thousand years ago, it needs to happen now and we all have apart to play in trying to bring about the possibility of resurrection for those who are in such dire need. Yes, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and disengage from what is happening but we who live such privileged lives surely have a part to play in bringing hope to those for whom all hope seems lost.

Sorry not to write about eggs and chocolate etc, of course there is a place for them too, and we should enjoy the good gifts God gives us, but let's not forget that Easter is for all of God's children and not just for us.

Love and prayers,

**Pauline** 

# **April Church Diary**

Sunday 2nd April: Fifth Sunday of Lent
8am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

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# Monday 3rd April

10.30am at 131 High Street, Chapmanslade and 2.30pm at the Rectory Lent Course: Christ and Chocolaterie

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# Sunday 9th April: Palm Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Communion 10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist 11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Matins

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# Thursday 13th April – Maundy Thursday

7pm at St Margaret's, Corsley: Agape meal 7pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Agape Meal

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# Friday 14th April – Good Friday

11am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Church workshop 12am at St Philip & St James', Chap: Messy Church service for Good Friday 11am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton: Stainer's crucifixion and service

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# Sunday 16th April: Easter Sunday

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: !662 BCP Holy Communion 9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist 10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist 10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

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# Thursday 20th April

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade Church & Community Coffee Morning Sunday 23rd April: Second Sunday of Easter 9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist 10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Tuesday 25th April
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Corsley & Chapmanslade Annual Parochial Church Meeting



Wednesday 26th April
12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Room
Church & Community Lite Bites Soup Lunch



Sunday 30th April – Patronal Festival

10.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade: Benefice Eucharist Patronal Festival and beginning the celebrations for 150 years of the church.



# Monday 1st May

2pm at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade: Songs of Praise
Celebrating the 150 years of St Philip & St James
Sunday 7th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter
8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

# Baptism, Wedding Congratulations and Farewells

Our warmest congratulations to Paul Jones and Mandy Humphris who were married at Horningsham on 18th March.

On March 16th at Kingston Deverill the funeral of Michael Mounde took place. On March 17th , also at Kingston Deverill, there was the funeral for Ann Patrick. We offer our prayers and extend our sympathies to both families.

# **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Our APCM will take place on Tuesday 25th April. Please do come along as we review the past twelve months in the church's life and offer your suggestions how we move forward in the future. There will be vacancies of the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod as well as the election for Churchwardens.

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# **Fundraising**

Our May Fayre will be held on Saturday 20th May from 2.30 pm. We are delighted that, once again, Claire and Chris da Costa have invited us back to Manor Farm, Corsley.

We need your help to make this important fundraising event a success. We need cakes, scones, tarts, pies, jams and other produce to sell on the cakes stall; bedding plants, herbs and perennials for the plant stall; prizes for the pot luck stall. But please note that this year there will not be a bric-a-brac stall.

We also need volunteers to help erect stalls and to set out tables and chairs, to man the stalls on the day, particularly to serve teas and to help with the washing up and also to help supervise children's games and competitions.

Do you know someone who would like to hire a stall to sell their own produce? Stalls cost £10 and stallholders can choose to keep the profits or hand them to a charity of their choice.

We often remind ourselves that the church's rightful place is at the heart of the community. The May Fayre gives us an opportunity to prove that we do mean this. Please do all you can to help us make a the event a great success, both as a community event and as a fundraiser. Please contact Stella, Judith or Phil with offers of help.

# 150th Anniversary of St Philip and St James'

Our village church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on Monday 1st May. We are planning an afternoon "Songs of Praise" service at 2 pm, which will be led by the Bishop of Ramsbury. This will be followed by cake and a cup of tea in the village hall. We hope all the village will join in this celebration. Do you have any treasured memories of the church that you could share with us, or photographs of Sunday School outings, weddings or christenings? An exhibition is being planned by the village history group and anything you could lend us will be much appreciated (and carefully looked after). Please contact Phil (01373 832845) or lan (01373 832318) if you can help.

> Copy for Seven Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com subject 7ODs or phone 01373 832755.

If you would like to receive weekly news of Church events and activities, please send your email address to the above, with subject 'Through the Open Doors' or download a pdf from the 'churches' pages at www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk



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### **Corsley WI**

# March news

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



The Annual Meeting of Corsley WI was held in the Reading Room at Corsley in March.

After the normal business matters of the month, the meeting was then chaired by the WI Advisor, Lesley Holdway. Our Treasurer, Cath Fricker, gave a comprehensive explanation of the Financial Statement and our Secretary, Caroline Higham, amused us with her account of our activities during the year, which strangely enough involved much food! Our President thanked all the committee for their hard work and support. The committee were voted in again en bloc and, after a secret ballot, Carol Seward was re-elected as President.

Lesley then organised a game of 'Handbag Bingo', which was won by Amanda Bain. The beading demonstrator was unfortunately unable to come to the meeting, so members enjoyed a cream tea and some social time instead.

Caroline Higham won the lovely Rose Bowl as the overall winner of the monthly competitions during the year.

The annual outing will be to **Windsor** on Wednesday 5th July, with an early start! If you join us on this trip you could visit Windsor Castle, go on the tour bus, take a boat trip, go shopping or just explore the town and the riverside. The outing is open to all, so book your places promptly. The list will be out at the April meeting or ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 to reserve a seat on the coach.

There are a number of forthcoming events organised by the Wiltshire Federation, including a visit to the American Museum and a new date to visit the Poppy Factory.

There will be an Open meeting on Thursday 13 April, beginning at 7.30pm; the first of our evening meetings this year. Karen Hayter from the House of Colour will be our speaker with a talk on Who Do You Think You Are? The competition is for an animal ornament.

Why not come and see us? We are a friendly group, so for a warm welcome and a nice cup of tea, just come and visit us at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month in the Reading Room at Corsley. The exact times are mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report and also in The Bridge Diary Dates or ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 for information.

Would you like to learn Bridge? Beginners are very welcome and anyone over 18 can come. Maybe you are interested in visiting gardens or would like to join us for lunch once a month? These events are not just for WI members. If you would like further details please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215760, as the venues vary each month.

# Cinema Corsley

We are pleased to announce that the next film showing at Corsley Reading Room in association with Moviola is...

**A United Kingdom Thursday 27th April** Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30pm start



This film is based on extraordinary true events. In 1947, Seretse Khama, the King of Botswana (David Oyelowo), met Ruth Williams (Rosamund Pike), a London office worker. They were a perfect match, yet their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their families but by the British and South African governments. The latter had recently introduced the policy of apartheid and found the notion of a biracial couple ruling a neighbouring country intolerable. South Africa threatened the British: either thwart the couple or be denied access to South African uranium and gold and face the risk of South Africa invading Botswana. An excellent film, stirring, heartstring-strumming stuff – a chapter of history that rewards close reading.

Tickets now available from Acres Supply. This is the last film in our spring season.

# Ladies' Social Evening

8 pm onwards, Thursday 13th April at the Royal Oak, Corsley

At long last Spring is in the air - time to venture out for a lovely evening! So come and join us in April, for the next friendly chat and drink!!

Really looking forward to seeing you all there – bring your friends and neighbours!

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# Chapmanslade Plan

We are pleased to report that the questionnaire we have been preparing has now started the checking and layout process. After this, if everything is OK, it's off to the printers. So we are hoping to get the questionnaires distributed for the people of Chapmanslade to have their say by early summer. We will be visiting every home in Chapmanslade parish and would like everyone aged 11 and over to complete the questionnaire. You will also be able to complete the questionnaire on line.

### Litter

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who gave an hour of their time to collect litter in the wettest rain storm most of us have experienced for some time. A BIG thank you to Ben at the Three Horseshoes for providing a warm drink to all of the wet volunteers and also a BIG thank you to all of the others who couldn't make the day but still went out before and after to keep Chapmanslade looking it's best. We will arrange another litter pick later in the summer - send us your email to villagers@ chapmanslade.org.uk to stay up to date with what's happening.

# **Lorry Watch**



Traffic issues topped the list of concerns expressed during the recent 'Voice of the Village' exercise. Reducing the number of lorries over 18 tonnes (3 or more axles) from driving through the village was something

that the Steering Group decided could be embarked upon immediately - so LORRY WATCH was started, primarily using the Chapmanslade Community Facebook group and also via the email lorrywatch@ chapmanslade.org.uk. Anyone can report an illegal lorry – including if possible, registration number, transport company, number of axles, direction and time of travel. Some quick-acting villagers even post photos, which is particularly helpful.

Already more than 20 overweight lorries have been logged and followed-up with transport companies. We have had assurances from many companies that this illegal activity will stop and this data helps us to build a case for making Chapmanslade a safer place to live

Thank you to Terry for working relentlessly on this project and thank you to everyone who has reported an illegal lorry. If you see a lorry with 3 or more axles in the village (which is not delivering) then post as many details as you can on the Chapmanslade Village Community Group Facebook page or send us an email. Do it for the village.

### Gas

Hopefully you managed to make it to the information meeting at the Village Hall and all of your questions have been answered, but if you still need more information or you need a separate form to fill in email gas@ chapmanslade.org.uk or call 832437

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# **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in March

The parish council met on 9th March. Eight members of the public were present. As we approach the end of another busy year for the council, our agenda was lighter than usual.

# Overweight lorries and 7.5 tonne weight limit

We are still waiting for a response from Dr Murrison, our MP, following our request that the use of car satnavs in heavy goods vehicles should be made illegal. We have seen a spate of overweight lorries in the High Street recently (i.e. lorries with three or more axles), perhaps because of the housing development currently going ahead near Asda in Frome, and volunteers are conducting an unofficial lorry watch. If you spot a large vehicle which shouldn't be in the village please report it via the village website or the Facebook page. Its reaistration number, the firm's name and the date and time of the incident would be helpful.

# Village Voice initiative

Adam reported on the progress being made in our village planning exercise. He told us that sponsorship has been found to support the plan and in particular the questionnaire. We expect the questionnaire will be issued

very shortly and we look forward to a good response: when we carried out a similar exercise 15 years ago the response was over 80%.

The Great British Litter Pick on 4th March was a great success, despite the horrendous weather and was favourably reported in the Wiltshire Times and Warminster Journal. 20 volunteers braved the downpour and we tidied up the whole village in the space of an hour. Ben at The Three Horseshoes provided us with a welcome cup of tea or coffee afterwards and some stayed on to sample the pub's other liquid delights!

Details of the consultation evening concerning mains gas, due to be held on 23rd March, were discussed. We hoped for a good attendance and that residents would find the meeting helpful. Wales and West Utilities have written to residents outlining the possibilities. Perhaps this time we will achieve the number required to make the project viable (although we noted the company is now asking for 62 householders to sign up). We will report back to you next month.

The village Facebook page is now regularly used by about 60 residents for sharing news, information and comment. Concern

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about someone who has left a plastic bag containing dog poo on the track from Southcroft to Dye House Farm is an example of an issue which has been raised via this method. Shame on the offender: I hope it isn't a village resident.

You can follow the progress of the planning initiative on the village website.

### **Planning**

### 17/00258/FUL/Wood Cottage, 115 **High Street**

Proposed single storey rear extension and new entrance porch. We considered this planning application at our last meeting and raised no objection to it. The planning authority has now given its consent.

### Sienna's Valley

You will recall that last March a Government Planning Inspector gave the owners of the mobile home 12 months to remove the building and all its paraphernalia and to restore the land to its original profile. The 12 months come to an end on 6th April. It was reported that the mobile home may be on the market.

## St Philip and St James' Church

A reminder that our village church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on Monday 1st May. Our village school, next door, will be 150 years old in five years' time. The Parochial Church Council is planning an afternoon "Songs of Praise" service, starting at 2 pm, which will be led by the Bishop of Ramsbury and followed by a tea party. The PCC hopes all the village will join in this celebration. Do you have any treasured memories of the church that you could share with us, or photographs of Sunday School outings, weddings or christenings? The history group is planning an exhibition and anything you could lend the PCC will be much appreciated. Please contact me or lan

Buick, our churchwarden, if you can help.

### **Highways**

Keith reported that he was hoping to meet with the Parish Steward shortly to discuss a number of issues including when the gullies will be cleared. It was noted that the white lines at the telephone kiosk have been refurbished and that the tarmac by New Rylands farm has been repaired. The poor state of the cobblestones in Southcroft and the need to refurbish road markings elsewhere in the village, especially those connected with traffic calming were noted.

### **Speedwatch**

Phil Holihead reported that he has asked the police for permission for two new sites in the village to be considered.

## And Finally...

That Dead Badger. I mentioned last month that Wiltshire Council, after it had been approached several times finally removed the dead badger which was outside the school. However, it seems there may be another explanation. It may have been that a well-wisher closely connected to the village carried out the removal before Wiltshire's contractors arrived! I will say no more, except thank you!

# **Annual Parish Meeting**

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th April at 7 pm (please note the time) in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to raise issues that concern you about Chapmanslade and to tell the parish council what we have done well, or badly, or perhaps failed to do, over the past twelve months. Fleur de Rhe Philippe, our Wiltshire councillor, will also be present to answer your questions on the services Wiltshire provides and parish councillors will

continued...

present the council's annual report. We will be focussing on traffic issues – congestion outside the school, overweight lorries, weight restrictions generally, road maintenance - so we will welcome your input, whether you are a resident or a parent. Representatives of the police and school governors will be present to give us their take on these issues.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

This will follow immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. It will be our last before we stand down at the end of our four-year term. It will be my last as a parish councillor but, more importantly, it will be Dennis's last meeting, too. He was first appointed in 1958 and, with a few breaks in service, has served a total of 42 years: a very impressive record. Please do come along as we say thank you for all that he has contributed to the work of the council over so many years. And if you are considering offering yourself as one of our next parish councillors remember you only have until 4th April to submit the necessary forms. So do please hurry!

> Phil Jefferson 01373 832845 phil.jefferson@virgin.net

# **Corsley litter** pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 1st April – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor



# **Cross Keys News**

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Following the successful purchase of the Cross Keys Inn by the community, we had an exciting 2016. We have enjoyed excellent support from both the local and wider communities reflecting the range of real ales and quality wines available, supported by good quality food.

Following the retirement of our manager, Shelley Watts, who also ran the pub for a number of years under Wadsworth's ownership, we are now ready to embark on the next stage of our growth.

We were really pleased to welcome Rob and Sara Burton who joined us on the 21st March as our new managers.

Sara will be introducing a completely new menu based around home-cooked quality meals using locally sourced supplies whilst Rob will ensure that our range of real ales are served in the best possible condition. We hope that existing regulars and those of you who haven't visited for a while will all come and meet them at the Cross Kevs in the near future.

Visit our website, www.crosskeyscorsley.co.uk for upcoming events, or follow us on

@crosskeysinncorsley



### News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from Corsley Cuckoo's PreSchool in Lyes Green, Corsley.

#### Its looking Blooming lovely down at the nest!

In the autumn, the staff and children planted some daffodil bulbs and we are delighted with the display! Not only do they make the preschool look pretty, but they provide the children with great learning opportunities we have drawn and painted them and listened to stories and poems about them too.

Last year, we became the final resting home for Postman Pat who retired from his full-time service at Longleat. Local villager, Pat Endicott, negotiated his retirement plan for us and, as you can see, he has settled in nicely at the preschool, becoming an important part of the Cuckoos team!



Our other addition to the outdoor area is our new willow den. created today by local company Organic Matters.

It's taken pride of place in our field and will soon be joined by other exciting activities – all will be unveiled soon! Thank you to everyone who helped us to fundraise for this at our Christmas Fayre.

We would love you to join us at our annual Easter Fayre on Good Friday. This year we have generously been sponsored by TJ Cooke Builders and Contractors, so there will be eggs aplenty!!

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10 am - 11.30 am For more information, please contact us on 01373 832298

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#### New life!

We all like new things, whether they be as expensive as a car, or maybe a new item of electronic equipment, to help in our work or study or maybe for our hobby.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the tremendous opportunity it gives us for something we can all receive; a new life. You see, the wonder of Easter is that God, in the form of the Son, the Lord Jesus, was prepared to go and die on the cross and in so doing suffer the punishment that each of us deserve. Amazingly for us, the truth of the Easter story is that it doesn't end on Good Friday. Instead, on that first Easter Sunday morning an angel meets Mary Magdalene and her friends and tells them that "He (Jesus) is not here but is risen".

Jesus' death and resurrection gives an amazing hope. Hope of a new life. Hope of an eternity with our Saviour. It's a hope that we can learn more about from the Bible. It's important though we don't just read about it; we need to do something about it. We need to ask God to forgive us and believe in the Lord Jesus – the only One able to give us new life.

I close with a few lines from the well-known Easter hymn 'Thine Be the Glory', in which the writer says "Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing. For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting."

> Contributed by Mr Chris Andrews, one of the Chapel's regular preachers

#### **Easter Bonnets!**

Where are the bonnets of yesteryear? Now that I'm long in the tooth I remember the wonderful headgear That tickled this church-going youth. After the drabness of long Lenten days The millinery splendour appeared. Old and young ladies, with critical gaze, Seeing a duplicate feared. For going to church now, old clothes will do, Ladies Day, Ascot's the goodie, Matt black is preferred as the fashionable hue. Church Easter parade in your hoodie.

RH

Gill Redman 01985 215062 paradiselost@btinternet.com

#### **Regular times**

Services every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45) Chapel Prayer meeting every Sunday morning from 10.20 - 10.40 Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 12 noon for 15 minutes

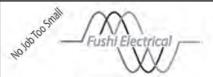


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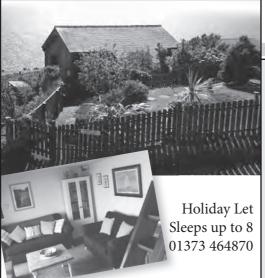
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Any questions?

Ask Barbara 01373 832273, Dot 01373 832059 or Marion 01373 832314 marion@nmc2.co.uk



## **Countryside Matters**

Our verges were brightened up with a show of spring flowers which luckily withstood temperatures up to 17°C and down to 3°C, with wind, rain, sunshine and showers

Daffodils, primroses, aconites and violets all in abundance and, before the month of April is over, our woodlands will put on a real show of bluebells. Hedgerows and trees are now bursting with life; catkins and willow buds, wild cherry and thorns with blossom and sticky buds on the chestnuts opening to those lovely candle flowers.

The birds are busy from dawn to dusk singing and displaying their feathers to attract a mate, building nests and sourcing food for their young. Don't forget to put out suitable food for wild birds, remembering that whole peanuts can choke young birds.

The milking cows scented spring in the air in early March and by the 16th the ground was dry enough for them to go out to the fresh grass for a few hours each day. It is quite

tricky managing their diet at this time as their winter rations are closely monitored and adjusted to suit their needs.

Young stock of 12-18 months of age have been out all winter grazing winter kale and roots on a strip grazing system with bales of silage to feed on. Each day the fence is moved and the metal ring feeders rolled over the freshly opened bagged silage. This method of feeding keeps the cattle well exercised rather than being housed and also means they have a health check by a herdsman/woman as daily routine.

As the ground conditions improve, slurry and manures are put on pastures before they're ploughed. Manure and bagged fertiliser is put on grass pastures for grazing and silage.

In fact, it's all 'go' throughout April, but with the longer daylight hours and the kinder warmer weather, the farm work becomes more of a pleasure.

Judith Helliar

#### **Corsley Reading Room**

## Your 'village hall'

It is a relatively quiet time of the year so much of this month's article is a reminder of what has already been communicated. We have taken the opportunity to have a deep clean done of the front entrance hall and the rear lobby area. This is part of our programme to look after 'your' hall.

We continue to look for bookings for a resurrected 'The Villages have Talent' night at the Reading Room pencilled in for 7th October. So, we are looking for people who would like to perform: read a poem, sing a song, play the guitar, dance, entertain us..! Please call Vanessa 01373 832700 and book your slot.

The next "Silver Surfers IT Club" is on 19th April at 10 am, all abilities welcome.

Corsley Cinema was again well supported in March – buy your tickets early for the next film on 27th April (note this is later in the month due to Easter) The film is the highlyacclaimed 'A United Kingdom'.

The exciting new news is that we have been awarded our own movie projection kit by the British Film Institute (BFI). Their Neighbourhood Cinema project has agreed to provide equipment. At the time of writing this we await the final details and timeframe, however we will be expanding the variety/ number of the films on offer as part of the deal – so look forward to exciting and very reasonably-priced offerings. More details in future editions of The Bridge.

If you would be interested in joining the committee please let me or Jenny Rutty know, or talk to any member. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact any

Remember the facility is available for hire, details on the website or call Gill Parkinson to discuss. See website www. corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more information, booking process, contact details, etc.

Hugh Deed Chairman of Management Committee chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk or 01373 832897

#### Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning:

First Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon IT Classes/Club:

Normally second Wednesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon

Corslev Cinema

Dates as advertised – doors open at 7 pm Talent Night – 7th October (TBC)

#### Other regular events not organised by the Management Committee

Lite Bites Lunches: third Wednesday of the month at 12.30 pm

Yoga: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Pilates: Tuesday afternoons

Committee members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Rutty, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers.

### Small ads

 $\mathfrak L1$  for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

#### **FOUND**

Caramel scarf found in Reading Room – contact Gill Parkinson to retrieve

## Corsley Broadband

As and when anything new is learnt from BT/ Openreach about the Corsley deployment the dedicated website will be updated.

Please see http://hdwebsites.wixsite.com/broadband

It is very difficult to get any information beyond what has already been published or is on the BT Community Fibre website www.communityfibre.bt.com

We continue to press for updated information.

#### **Answers to Bob's Bafflers**

- 1 Douglas
- 2 Sense and Sensibility
- 3 Mr Venables
- 4 Griffin
- 5 Brighton
- 6 A snake
- 7 William IV
- 8 The fly (with his little eye)
- 9 Special Air Service
- 10 It is the upper jawbone formed from the fusion of two maxillary bones
- 11 Nickel
- 12 Finches

#### **Local organisation adverts**

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