

The Bridge

April 2018

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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

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

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

April

Sunday 1st April

Easter Treasure Hunt – Cross Keys, Corsley

Tuesday 3rd

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

Tuesday 10th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room - OPEN Meeting, 'Stourhead Gardens' by Emily Utgren

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 14th

Chicken Chasers Walk - 2 pm

Frome Selwood Rotary - World Cuisine Evening – 7 pm for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 18th

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30 pm, St Philip and St James' Church

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning 10 am – noon Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade Cinema Corsley – either 'The Audience' or 'Breathe' to be announced on the 5th April – please see page 40 for info

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites lunch 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

Fun Quiz – 7 for 7.30 pm – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 29th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

May

Tuesday 1st

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

Monday 7th

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



Diary Dates

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Resolutions Meeting

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 12th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Coffee Morning and Plant & Produce Sale – 10.30 – 12 noon, Manor Farm Corsley

Sunday 13th

Corsley Festival Choir present Handel's 'Messiah' - parts two and three – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 17th

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

Sunday 20th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre Manor Farm 2.30pm

CANCELLED

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites lunch 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 27th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

June

Tuesday 5th

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

Monday 11th

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

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'A Woman Starting up a Business' with Fiona Baggs

Thursday 21st

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

Sunday 24th

Chapmanslade Barbecue

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

July

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 14th

Military Wives Choir Concert – St Margaret's

Thursday 19th

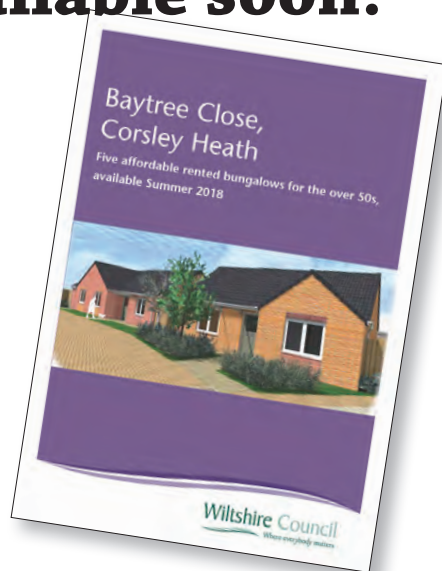
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Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM

We are holding our AGM at Chapmanslade Village Hall on **Tuesday 10th April at 8 pm**. Please come along! The hall has had huge improvements made over the last few years, and is an excellent village amenity.

It would be great if we could find some new committee members. We meet once a month in the Three Horseshoes, so you can enjoy a drink while we chat!! We hold several popular events a year, which are fun, as well as work!

It would be marvellous to see some new faces! If you are new in the village it would be a great way to meet you, and for you to make new friends. If you do not want to be on the committee, we already have a list of volunteers who come along and help, and you may wish to add your name!

Looking forward to seeing you all on 10th April – you know where and when and, with lighter evenings there will be no excuse not to attend!

Thank You!

I am sure that Joan and I are not the only elderly people in Corsley and Chapmanslade who have reason to be grateful to neighbours for their concern for our welfare in the recent snow. Our thanks to you all from all of us.

Tony Brown, Corsley

Would you like to help the village?

Wanted! Corsley Show Meetings Secretary

**We urgently need a
Meetings Secretary!**

The Meetings Secretary would be responsible for issuing meeting agendas, minuting the meetings, issuing the minutes and keeping records. Email is used for issuing and receiving all documentation.

This role is only needed for the main committee meetings which are held monthly leading up to the Show and for the AGM held in November.

The sub-committees make their own arrangements for agendas and minute-taking.

You do not need to live in Corsley to offer to do this job. If you would like to take a more active role in the running of the Show, please do let us know!

If you are interested and would like to know more or just to discuss the role, please contact Rob White at Acres Supply on 01373 832591 or email him at vicechair@corsleyshow.org.uk

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Who wrote the novel 'Kidnapped'?
- 2 What is the world's largest fish?
- 3 In 1981, John Hinckley Junior wounded which leading figure in Washington DC?
- 4 In which TV series did Superintendent Jane Tennison appear?
- 5 In which country is the city of Fez?
- 6 On a Monopoly board, what colour is the Angel Islington?
- 7 Which Duke is associated with Arundel Castle?
- 8 Which UK No 1 did Elvis Presley sing partly in German?
- 9 An exultation is the collective name for a group of which birds?
- 10 The airline Aeroflot is from which country?
- 11 Which type of bomb contains hydrogen sulphide?
- 12 Which word can go after 'slip' but before 'rage'?

Answers on page 48

Church and Community Coffee mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our church and community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our vicar, and Debbie or Candy, our PCSOs, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

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Biology: changing the world

Why is carbon monoxide dangerous?

Produced by incomplete combustion of fuel, carbon monoxide is sometimes known as the silent killer...

Gas, oil or wood in heating systems, or for cooking, normally burns to produce water and carbon dioxide, as well as other compounds, depending on the fuel. If there is insufficient air getting to the fuel, carbon monoxide, chemical formula CO , is produced instead of carbon dioxide, CO_2 . This can be a problem in portable paraffin heaters, in particular.

Carbon dioxide is not hazardous to health. Indeed, it is normally about 0.04% of the air we breathe in, and we breathe out 100-fold more CO_2 due to our normal metabolism. Carbon monoxide, on the other hand is very poisonous. About 4000 people a year go to A&E due to CO exposure.

It binds to the oxygen-carrying protein, haemoglobin, in the red blood cells. Normally, haemoglobin carries oxygen from the lungs, where the oxygen concentration is high, and releases it in the tissues. However, CO binds tightly to haemoglobin and prevents the protein carrying oxygen. At high concentrations of CO so much of the available haemoglobin is bound by CO that

the tissues, including the brain and heart, are starved of oxygen and unconsciousness and death can follow.



From time to time one reads of a death caused by a faulty heater or a blocked flue. Sometimes, several people, maybe whole families, are found dead. Carbon monoxide gas has no smell, so it is difficult to detect. Mild exposure may lead to a bad headache and dizziness, nausea or shortness of breath. The symptoms get worse on continued exposure, but may be alleviated when you move away from the source of the gas. Unconsciousness and death can follow on prolonged exposure, which can be as little as two hours if the CO concentration is high.

However, there are carbon monoxide monitors, which will detect low concentrations of CO. Even when I was sure that there was sufficient ventilation to allow fuel to be fully burnt, I have had a CO monitor by our gas or oil boiler. Only now have I made an exception, as our boiler is outside. However, we have a CO monitor by the open wood fire in our living room.

When it is cold, the temptation is to block the cold draughts, which may reduce the flow of air to the boiler or fire. Be careful that you do not do that. It also helps if you have your boiler serviced regularly and the chimney of your open fire or woodburner swept annually.

If you haven't got a CO monitor near your fire or internal boiler, then you can buy one from a hardware store. Remember to test it weekly (usually there is a test button to enable this) and to change the batteries regularly. If you are concerned about carbon monoxide and other aspects of fire safety, look on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service website at www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/ for more information.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com. The idea for this article was suggested by a reader.

Corsley Show Charitable Trust Donations

The Trust had applications from five bodies and the Trustees and the Show Committee members are pleased to announce that all five were able to be funded to the level requested. The grants made were for:

- Re-tuning St Margaret's church bells
- Electrical upgrade work at St Margaret's church
- Lighting equipment for the Chapmanslade Players
- Support materials for 1st Chapmanslade Brownies and Guides (two applications)

The Trustees aim to grant further awards once the 2018 Show's results are known.

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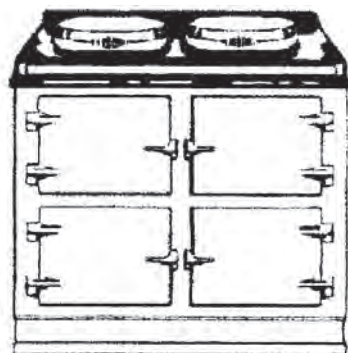


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Experience of a Lifetime at Ypres

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Teaching comprised three periods of two hours each per day for five days with up to six pupils at each session. Given the ringing chamber is only 11 feet square it was all a little challenging. On two days there were English/Flemish interpreters Paul and Harm Jan de Kok from Dordrecht and Gregory Woods who works for the European Union all of whom are very experienced ringers but on the other days hand signals and demonstration had to take the place of words.

The first session on Thursday started quite chaotically with everyone a little unsure of how things would work, but soon settled into productive teaching ably assisted by Paul and Harm Jan aiding the understanding of instructions. During the afternoon a local newspaper reporter and photographer arrived giving both teachers and learners the additional trauma of being interviewed whilst trying to comprehend information and practice movements, as well as trying to ignore the fact that they were being photographed.

Another day distraction came in the form of a television crew bent on filming and interviewing for Belgian national news. Despite an enormous camera, floating about an already overcrowded compact ringing chamber, operated by a cameraman determined to take shots of everything from ropes disappearing through holes in the ceiling to feet rocking in rhythm to the bells, amazing headway was made. Trying to focus on catching a sally with a big microphone in front of you and questions being thrust at you certainly added to the challenge for learners and teachers. To everyone's amusement the TV report was shown that day during the sport section of the news.

At 5 pm on the last day another television crew arrived to do a feature for a children's programme. After explaining what was going on the teachers gave a demonstration on ringing during which Liz Milward (Tower Captain and returned ringer) and Rev Gillian Trinder (new ringer and chaplain of the church) rang rounds on eight, an amazing accomplishment in such a short time. Graham Nabb the teaching co-ordinator and Fredrick Vandenbroucke the Secretary of the newly formed Ypres Bell Ringers Guild were then interviewed by a young girl for the programme and most of the learners were filmed having a lesson.

On the much needed day of rest on Sunday in between ringing for two church services and a quarter peal in the morning sightseeing could now be on the agenda visiting four cemeteries; Railway Dugouts (Transport Farm), Zillebeke Churchyard (the aristocrat's churchyard), Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial and Langemark German Military Cemetery. We were extremely fortunate to have Alan Regin a trustee of the bellsforstgeorgeypres charity with his extensive knowledge of both the cemeteries and the fallen bell ringers buried and remembered there added greatly to the experience. At Tyne Cot Memorial Alan identified the name of Private George Alfred Busby a ringer at Penn, whose brothers Frederick, also a ringer, and William Albert also fell in the war. Plain Hunt was rung on the Ypres hand bells, by the memorial and in remembrance of all those ringers who fell. What an honour to be part of that! In the evening the very moving Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate concluded the visits.

Marion said 'This week has been very tiring but the enthusiasm of these budding bell ringers was a joy to behold and a testament to the hard work being worth every minute. The standard they reached by the end was

way above what was expected after day one. With eight teachers and 15 learners throughout five days of concentrated striving the pupils now have the foundations to progress through the planned subsequent sessions of teaching over the next few months and create some history by being the first ever band of ringers and ringing the beautiful bells at Ypres for many years to come. I wouldn't have missed this experience for the world!'

For the history of St George's Memorial Church follow:

www.greatwar.co.uk/ypres-salient/town-iever-st-georges-church.htm

Marion Moldon
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Chapmanslade Village Hall Annual General Meeting

8 pm, Tuesday, 10th April
at the Village Hall

Tea, coffee and biscuits!

Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in March

March is the month for the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and also, it seems, for snow in Corsley, twice in one month, though two rather different kinds. The earlier bout was fine and dry and drifted easily in the narrow lanes; today's is the traditional Christmas card, picturesque fluffy stuff that sits on hedges and roofs and makes excellent snowmen and snow balls. The weather didn't detract from a full attendance at the APM on the 5th March and I am grateful that so many came along to hear the two main presentations. The PC held a brief meeting afterwards to consider a planning application and consider this year's applications for grants and donations.

Planning applications

Wiltshire decision update

17/10497/LBC & 17/10232/FUL

Whitbourne Manor, Whitbourne Springs,
Corsley BA12 7RF

Proposed conversion of existing barn to form annex to main house.

The application was given planning and listed building consent subject to normal conditions plus a planning requirement that it shall be used solely as an ancillary residential accommodation. For Corsley, Wiltshire routinely take the view that such "... additional accommodation is sited in a position where the Local Planning Authority,

having regard to the reasonable standards of residential amenity, access, and planning policies pertaining to the area, would not permit a wholly separate dwelling." This is in line with PC comments on the application

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The APM is held in accordance with statutory requirements, intended for the Village to debate issues of topical interest, hear a report from the PC on its activities over the preceding 12 months and raise any questions. Invitations for agenda items for the meeting had been published in several editions of *The Bridge*, but none were forthcoming. The PC thus selected two topics, Corsley road safety and traffic and Longleat plans for the future. Two speakers from Wiltshire Highways spoke on the former and Longleat's General Manager gave a presentation on their plans. A summary of the main points is included below.

Road traffic and Safety

This is a topic which figures in virtually every PC meeting and a lot of time and effort is devoted to developing productive relations with three parts of the Local Authority with, broadly, the following responsibilities; the Parish Steward who does the maintenance on the lanes of Corsley, the Local Area Board, who manage a small budget for capital items, Highways, who deal with

issues associated with the main artery through Corsley, the A362. With the first two, we have an agreed and regularly updated schedule of work which is also augmented by reports registered by the general public on Wiltshire's website.

Two speakers were invited, Martin Rose, a Principal Traffic Engineer, who handles road and traffic issues for the Warminster Area Board, and is the PC's main contact for many of the issues of concern to Corsley, and Martin Adlam, a Senior Traffic Planner, who deals with strategic Highways issues and was invited to explain the position on HGV eastbound weight limits.

Martin Rose had been asked to talk mainly about the results of a recent joint safety review of the village concerns, primarily those in and around Corsley Heath and the A362, which bisects whose traffic bisects the village. The main points were:

• 40 mph speed limit

As is well known and previously reported, the speed survey had conducted in Corsley Heath indicated, using nationally agreed standards, that the measured speeds did not justify further action, particularly in support of a community speed watch scheme. There was strong feeling at the meeting that the volume of traffic now passing through Corsley was such that, with the rising traffic levels, the number of those driving at speeds above the 85th percentile threshold number, 44mph, posed a significant risk to pedestrian and local traffic safety along the A362 in Corsley. There was also a view that, at the Warminster end of the Village, the 40mph limit should be extended to Picket Post roundabout to prevent drivers from speeding down the hill to Sturford and that the 40mph speed count had not been done in optimum locations.

Martin's view was that the speed survey results were close enough to the threshold to make an appeal to the Police for Corsley to be allowed to conduct a speed watch. However, he made it clear that any such approach would need to be accompanied by a clear commitment by sufficient individuals to make it viable. On any extension of the speed limit eastwards, the precursor would be to a formal assessment made in accordance with the due processes. If funded, it would be conducted by Wiltshire's appointed consultants, Atkins.

• Speed Indicator Devices (SID)

It was open to PCs to apply for purchase of these devices, which measure vehicle speeds and display a message if the speed is over the limit. These are then owned by the Parish and mounted on pre-positioned poles. The indicators are put up at intervals, at each location, by trained volunteers. Their effect is proportional to drivers' familiarity with the devices and routine effort is required to manage their placing.

• Corsley Heath

There was potential for modifications to white lining and other signs/indications to provide a safer environment for pedestrians crossing the road at the Heath and for traffic at the junctions with minor roads on each side, i.e. Reading Room Hill and the 'triangle'. Suggestions were for such items as 40mph repeaters on the road surface, a 'pedestrians crossing' sign, additional white lines to give a narrowing impression at the junctions/bus stop and better visibility for vehicles joining the road. Some of this work could be piggy-backed on to the Bay Tree improvements, which in themselves include a larger refuge, new bus stops and associated markings road markings. *(continued...)*

It was explained that any of the items with associated costs would have to be assessed by the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) against the funding available and other priorities. Corsley had been relatively successful in getting its priorities into the programme, sometimes at the expense of other parishes, and the presentation of any increased aspirations would need to be backed up by a degree of balance and pragmatism. From the Parish perspective, it should also be noted that current Wiltshire policy requires a PC contribution of approximately 25% these projects, which has a potential knock-on effect on the precept and longer term spending plans.

The PC has already started work on establishing a sensible and affordable priority list of road safety and traffic items, which includes consideration of the issues discussed at the APM plus items already under consideration, such as the improvements on the route from the A362 via Whitbourne Springs and Longhedge to Picket Post.

• HGV Weight Limits

Martin Adlam explained the position on the potential east bound A362 weight limits. In essence, there is negligible scope for optimism that there will be a change to the current situation in the short term. The issue of HGV weight limits in Wiltshire is a strategic one covering a large area and several HGV routes, of which the A362 is but one. Computer modelling has indicated the A350/A303 junction is a key part of the overall jigsaw and re-modelling of that junction, to make it safe for westbound HGV traffic to turn right on to the A303, is one of the major hurdles, but which has no timescale for completion. The other reported major hurdle is that Somerset have no interest in the eastbound weight limit. In their view

the A362 is an A Class road and therefore an appropriate route for HGVs and it had been previously reported that any attempt by Wiltshire to impose the eastbound limit could meet legal challenge from the haulage industry. Gill Sheppard made a plea for more help with the continuing HGV watch and anyone wishing to join the team should contact her on 07985 5672682.

Longleat Plans

The APM was attended by Alex Lloyd, General Manager, on behalf of Bob Montgomery, CEO, and Jo King, Bob's PA. Mrs Lloyd gave a presentation on Longleat's short term plans. Her main points were:

Attractions – For the coming year the pattern would be largely as last year and there are no plans to stage any event comparing in size to the Elton John concert or any other similar event. The general plan, as before, is to spread the activities across the year, so as to maximise the use of facilities and spread the traffic flows. Highlights this year will include more animatronic predators, pop-up pandas, the Longleat Food & Drink Festival, Festival of Light and many others. Details can be found on the Longleat website.

Projects

A major project this year has been the draining out and clearing of the lakes for the first time for many years. The Tascroft Court 240 bed hotel has outline planning approval and work is now underway developing the detailed plans. A question was asked about the impact of additional traffic and it was explained the access from the A36 to Folly Lane at the Cley Hill roundabout was to be re-engineered to meet the predicted traffic flows.

Park Management

The emphasis under the current

management has been to generate an integrated long-term plan for the development of the business in place of what had been a disjointed approach leading to run down of assets in many areas. Renewal of facilities was well underway, examples being the main entrance, the new events building and latterly the intention to completely rebuild and re-style the catering area adjacent to the main square. Longer term aspirations include a complete review of traffic arrangements in the park, including car parking and entry arrangements. It is intended that the latter be totally concentrated on the main entrance, thus obviating the need for current routes via Corsley lanes. This review would also include potential relocation of the Caravan Club site within the park.

Grounds Access

In response to queries from the audience, Alex confirmed that residents’ passes were still available.

PC Meeting (following APM)

Grants & Donations

Amounts requested and granted for FY 2017/18 are shown below:

From Whom	Amount Requested	Amount granted	Notes
Corsley Reading Room	Unspecified	£1000	To assist running costs
War Memorial Playing Field	£1000	£1000	Insurance & mower fuel (OSPF mowing)
St Margaret’s Church	£1000	£1000	Grass cutting
St Margaret’s Church	£150	£150	WW1 remembrance
Judith Selman & Chris Johnson	£960	Deferred	OSPF development of wildflower meadow
Little Cuckoos	£1885	£300	Contribution to capital expenses
St Margaret’s Bell Renovation	Unspecified	£500	Contribution to repair/re-tuning

The bid from Judith Selman and Chris Johnson to convert the OSPF into a wildflower meadow cum nature area was deferred for further consultation on the extent and resourcing of the project and will be re-considered on 21st March. Judith and Chris are in the process of putting together a team of volunteers for this project and would very much like to hear from anyone interested. Their contact details are: judithselman_m@hotmail.com and chrismajo@btinternet.com.

Planning applications

18/00816/FUL

Longleat Safari and Adventure Park – Erection of new fencing for Hyena and Tiger enclosures.

The PC registered no objection. (Application approved by Wiltshire 14 March)

18/01005/FUL & 18/01071/LBC

Malt House, Court Lane. Application to vary 17/05879/FUL to allow the re-covering of the two-storey north west wing’s roof with natural slate (to match existing), to replace the existing clay tile The PC registered no objection. *(continued...)*

18/00934/FUL

Lavender Lodge, 40 Temple. Removal of condition 7 of previous planning application W/06/0346/FUL so as to allow Lavender Lodge to be used as a permanent separate residency.

The PC registered an objection on the grounds that it had not been shown that the building was no longer a commercially viable holiday letting business under the existing planning approval.

Dates of next meetings

Annual Parish Council Meeting
(election of Chair & Vice Chair)

7.30 pm, 7 May

Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm, 11 June

Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm, 3rd September

Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm, 3rd December

There will be occasional meetings at short notice; please watch the Village notice-boards.

Neil Britten
Chairman

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Chapmanslade Footpaths

Eleven hardy souls braved the snow storm on the 17th March for the first 'Chicken Chasers' walk. After leaving at 10.30 am the group were back to the Three Horseshoes by midday for a hot cup of coffee (or something stronger!). The next walk will be on **Saturday 14 April** starting at 2 pm (note the time). Contact Jaimie on 07740 473725 for further information.

Old Mother Hubbard

The Chapmanslade Players were delighted to have received so much support from the village, family and friends with three sold-out performances welcoming over 460 people to the hall, all cheering the goodies and booing the baddies!

Congratulations to the cast and crew who worked so hard on what proved to be a fantastic show enjoyed by all.

We'd like to thank absolutely everybody that contributed their time and efforts – from costumes to tea making, bar staff to ticket sales and everyone in between – we couldn't have done it without you and your help was very much appreciated.

We were extremely grateful to receive £250 from the Corsley Show Society, enabling us to purchase some new stage lights.

The fantastic outcome allowed us to donate to the church as a thank you for our Wednesday night rehearsal space and lovely warmth (thanks Ian!) and invest in several areas of technology in the village hall which will enhance light and sound facilities for future events.

Many thanks to Ernie McKenna for producing a fantastic DVD. If you missed the show, a few copies are still available for £10.

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Dear Friends,

We live in crazy times do we not? At the time of writing little old Salisbury is the centre of world attention after the poisoning of an ex Russian spy and his daughter with a nerve agent. Images that could be out of a space age movie are beamed into our sitting rooms as we listen to the news with increasing unease; if something so, and I'm searching for words here, so sinister, so outside of our control, can happen in Salisbury, then where in the world can we go to keep safe, where is normal life to be found with its predictable rhythms and comfortable certainties? The response to the above is of course that we kid ourselves if we think we have everything under control; much of how we live our lives is an attempt to shield ourselves from the more difficult aspects of what it means to be human, as T S Elliot famously said, 'human beings cannot bear very much reality'.

What's all this got to do with Easter? If you thought that the Christmas story was bonkers then, quite frankly, the Easter one is even more bonkers, with the hero's grisly end on a cross and then three days later an audacious statement by his followers that he wasn't dead after all. And to cap it all the laughable story that this weirdo then made several appearances, even, and here's the killer, sharing a breakfast of fish and bread with his friends on the shores of Lake Galilee.

According to the gospel of John, the first person to see the risen Jesus was Mary Magdalene, who is, I note, the subject of a new film released on March 23rd. In popular culture, Mary Magdalene has more often than not been portrayed as a prostitute who found redemption when she met Jesus. The new film 'flips the script to show Mary in a new light - as an independent free-thinker who bore witness to Jesus' death and resurrection and who deserves to be considered as an apostle in her own right.' Amen to that! Because there is actually not one single word in the bible that describes Mary in this way, the claim that Mary was a sex worker comes from Pope Gregory I, who declared her to be a penitent prostitute in the year 591. Whoever she was, and how she lived her life are not the things that matter, what matters is that she was the very first witness to the resurrection. Coming to the burial ground in the early light of that first Easter Day she sees, to her horror, that the huge stone sealing Jesus' tomb has been rolled away. She turns and rushes home to tell the others, quickly returning with them. Peter looks inside the tomb and sees the linen wrapping lying there; bewildered and shocked the disciples return home, but Mary remains, weeping. Sensing someone behind her she turns, and not yet recognising the risen Christ she begs him to tell her where the body is. And Jesus says to her 'Mary', and in that moment the world turns and she recognises him for who he is; he calls her by her name, he knows her at the deepest level, he loves her. And in the same way he calls each and everyone of us by name; as we read in the book of the prophet Isaiah 'Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.' There are no certainties in life but throughout it all God knows us, loves us, is with us. And yes, the Easter story is bonkers, but there is nothing bonkers about love, which really, is what it's all about.

Love and prayers, Pauline

April Church Diary

Sunday 1st April: Easter Day

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Parish Eucharist for Easter

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist



Tuesday 3rd April

7.30pm at the Anchorage, Corsley

After Alpha Home Group – details from Trudi on 832393



Sunday 8th April: Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Benefice Eucharist



Monday 9th April

10.30am at 9 Cleyhill Gardens, Chapmanslade

Time to Think – details from Phil on 832845



Sunday 15th April: Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship



Tuesday 17th April

7.30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley

After Alpha Home Group – details from Trudi on 832393



Wednesday 18th April

7pm for 7.30pm at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 19th April

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church & Community Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Monday 23rd April

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade
Time to Think – details from Phil on 832845



Wednesday 25th April

12.30pm at The Reading Rooms, Corsley
Lite Bites Soup Lunch



Sunday 29th April: Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Benefice Eucharist



Sunday 6th May: Rogation Sunday

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion
10am at Summerleaze, Chapmanslade: Rogation Eucharist
6pm at Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill: Rogation Service

Easter Day service at St Mary's

The Communion Service being held at St Mary's on Easter Sunday will be a unique and special occasion in that it will mark a critical event in the history of our beautiful little church and holy place. Most sadly it will be the last service held there for a while and possibly for ever.

Traditionally we have had a strong congregation at our Easter Day Holy Communion and this year we hope for even greater support in view of the significance of the occasion. As for all of our services at St Mary's this Easter, Holy Communion will be the 1662 Prayer Book Service.

Let us not allow St. Mary's to fade quietly but go out on a strong positive note with heads held high.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM is taking place on Wednesday 18th of April at St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade. This is your opportunity to question the PCC about the activities in your community during 2017 and to receive the financial report for this period. We shall be holding elections for Churchwardens and PCC members. Please do come along and have your say.

Fundraising

"Friday Night is Music Night" was a great success. The audience enjoyed a varied programme from My Fair Lady to Abba. We were entertained by our own church choir, the Upton Scudamore church choir, Dave Prosser on harmonica, Robert Thackway together with Beth, our Vicar Pauline who gave us two poems, and all brought together by Geoff Titt playing the organ with his usual panache. It was all held together by Dennis Barnard who, as always, excelled at being the MC for the evening. Our thanks to everyone who was involved in the evening. Thanks to everyone for your donations which, with Gift Aid, totalled £820.

The May Fayre on the 19th May has been replaced with a coffee morning with a plant and produce sale on the 12th of May. This will take place at Manor Farm, Corsley at 10.30am by kind permission of Chris and Claire da Costa. If you can assist with providing cakes, plants or produce please contact either Phil or Stella. The summer draw for the 50/50 Club will also take place at the coffee morning.

On the 14th of July St Margaret's will be hosting a concert by the Military Wives Choir with the proceeds being shared between the church, Frome Rotary and the Choir. On Saturday 21st July we will be returning to the delightful Job's Mill by kind invitation of Lady Sylvi McQuiston for an afternoon of Pimms and cream teas. Further details of these two events will be in subsequent issues of The Bridge.

Volunteers needed

Mrs Chapman, Head Teacher at Chapmanslade School, would love to hear from anyone who can offer help at lunchtimes to play board games with her pupils. It need not be a regular or frequent commitment and would only be for a few minutes each time. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way please have a word in the first instance with Phil on 832845.

Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell

We welcome into our church family Elsie Scott-Heale, baptised at Kingston Deverill on 11th March; Hon. Henry Thynn, baptised at Longbridge Deverill on 17th March; and Erin Bull, baptised at Horningsham on 18th March.

The funeral of Ian Atkinson took place on 20th March at Longbridge Deverill. We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family.

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



The Annual Meeting of Corsley WI was held at the Corsley Reading Room in March. After the singing of Jerusalem, the Vice-President, Judith Helliard went through the usual monthly business matters and information from the Wiltshire Federation. Several new events have been organised, including a Literary Lunch and Talk with Judith Holder, a visit to the Trowbridge Sewage Treatment Works and a workshop on Sugarcraft.

The Rose Bowl for the most points in the monthly competitions during the past year was won by Amanda Bain.

The Treasurer, Cath Fricker, presented the Annual Financial Statement which was approved and the Secretary, Caroline Higham then gave the Committee's Report on the year. Members had been shown how to arrange flowers for all occasions, how to wrap presents and how to ice celebration cakes. We learnt about Napoleon and his courtly ladies, the work of the school in Juba and the crowns and tiaras owned by the royal family. We heard how food production has to change to feed the world and were instructed in the art of Tai Chi. We went to Weymouth on the train, held our own produce and handicraft show and a shared Christmas lunch with music and quizzes. We visited Longleat, attended a quiz, an anniversary party, the Annual Council Meeting and held workshops on Christmas decorations and patchwork. The Scrabble Team came third in the league finals and with skittles matches, bridge, lunches and garden visits it was another very busy year!

Judith read the report from the President, Carol Seward, who was unable to attend the meeting, in which Carol thanked all the committee members for working so tirelessly behind the scenes each month. The work they do is very much appreciated. Hilary Vallis has now resigned from the committee due to ill-health and a new member, Ann Campbell has joined. Carol Seward was re-elected as President and the remaining committee members were all re-elected. Members then enjoyed tea with a selection of delicious scones, jam and cream and some social time.

Emily Utgren, a gardener and arborist at Stourhead, will give a talk on the gardens at the meeting on **12th April at 7.30pm** at Corsley Reading Rooms. This is an open meeting so visitors are very welcome. The competition for members is for a spring flower.

Are you new to the area? Don't know anyone? Come and make friends at our WI meetings, held in the Reading Room at Corsley on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm. If you need a lift or would like someone to come with you, phone Carol Seward on 01373 832446 or email [carol.seward@talktalk.net](mailto:seward@talktalk.net) for details and any other information about Corsley WI.

Can you play skittles or scrabble, or would like to learn? We are looking for new WI team members, so please contact us if you would be interested. For information about the Bridge Club, Gardening Club and Lunch Club, please ring Pauline Scott on 01985 215760.

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches



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10.30 – 12 noon, Saturday 12th May

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This year's May Fayre has been cancelled so we can all watch the Royal Wedding and the FA Cup Final



LONGLEAT

Advice for keepers of poultry/captive birds

2018 has seen another outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) in the UK so for our tenants who keep poultry or captive bird's free range we would like to highlight your duty of care and make sure everyone is up to date with the latest advice from DEFRA/ APHA.

As Longleat keeps a wide range of exotic birds it is important that we try to keep biosecurity as tight as possible in our area.

For those of you with internet access the following link will give you all the up to date information on what you should be doing to reduce the chances of either contracting or spreading this disease: www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-winter-2017-to-2018.

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Corsley Tennis Club News

At the AGM on 26th January, the Tennis Club's long standing President Charlotte Beswick stood down. Charlotte was a founding member of the club in 1956 when some of the wives of the Corsley cricketers decided they would like to play tennis. A grass court was established where the existing single court is now situated. Both the Tennis Club and the Cricket Club have flourished on the Playing Field ever since.

Charlotte has always been very supportive and active in the Tennis Club and has provided excellent counsel during times of decision-making and establishing policy. We are sorry to hear of her decision but we wish her well for the future and are pleased that she will stay in touch. Thank you Charlotte for the legacy of a thriving Tennis Club which gives so much pleasure to all of its members.

The committee considered the need for a new President and we are pleased to announce that Sandra Whatley has agreed to fill the role. Sandra has a long association with the club as a member, an honorary Life Member and was our coach to juniors for many years. Following shoulder injuries, Sandra gave up both playing and the junior coaching but still helped to liaise with parents, collect junior fees and plan junior activities in conjunction with the club coach. We look forward to Sandra's renewed contact with the club and thank her for taking on the role of President.

Our Club Coach Jon Dilena now runs the activities to develop and support juniors. Jon is again planning to run the LTA supported Tennis for Kids, a ten-week programme.

21st April

Parent and child tournament (children up to 10 years old)

22nd, 23rd and 24th August

3-day Tennis Camp

Regular weekly coaching for juniors is also offered.

Membership of Corsley Tennis Club is free to all children living in Corsley and £10 per year for other children.

For information about coaching, contact Jon Dilena 07986 370080

For information about joining the Tennis Club ring the Membership Secretary 07512 009580 or email emmiefox74@gmail.com

Our new season for adults has been planned and we will again enter a ladies league team. Last year we came second in the Chippenham and District League Division 3.

We will also enter an over 50s team and a team in the knockout tournament.

The club will be running six of their own tournaments. Spectators are most welcome!

13th May

The American Tournament

The ladies' and men's singles begin in May

3rd June

Ladies' Doubles

24th June

Men's doubles

8th July

Mixed tournament

Further information and a membership application form can be found on our website www.corsley-tennis.uk



*Marlene Latchem
Publicity Secretary*

Thank you

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and members of the parish who have provided and looked after the Public Access Defibrillator located outside the Royal Oak in Corsley, and to increase awareness of this piece of life-saving equipment.

During the snowy weather my friend and I had cause to obtain the defibrillator; fortunately we did not have to use it and the person in question is making a very good recovery.

We would also like to thank our neighbours and friends for all their help and support".

The defibrillator in Corsley is located within a locked box outside the Royal Oak. Once you've dialled 999 the call handler will tell you the code to unlock the box and also where the nearest defibrillator is located if unknown.

The 999 call handler will also remain on the phone to give further support and advice while the ambulance is on its way. The defibrillator is very straight forward to use, with diagrams and clear spoken instructions on what to do.

There is clear evidence that defibrillation within 3-5 minutes of collapse can increase survival rates by as high as 50%-70%.

What is a cardiac arrest?

The heart goes into a life-threatening rhythm and stops pumping blood around the body and brain. It causes the person to fall unconscious and stop breathing (or stop breathing normally).

A heart attack is the most common cause of cardiac arrest, but not everyone who has a heart attack will have a cardiac arrest. There are several other potential causes of cardiac

arrest, including other heart problems, severe bleeding, choking or electrocution.

What is Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)?

CPR involves giving a combination of chest compressions and mouth to mouth 'rescue breaths' to the person that has had a cardiac arrest. People that have not been trained in CPR, or who are uncomfortable giving rescue breaths to strangers, can just do chest compressions.

What is a defibrillator?

A defibrillator is a machine that analyses the rhythm of the heart and can deliver an electric shock to try and restore a normal heart rhythm if necessary. All UK ambulances are equipped with fixed defibrillators for professional use. However, there are also thousands of public access defibrillators (PADs) sometimes also known as automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) – portable, lightweight defibrillators designed specifically for use by members of the public located in public places across the UK.

Chain of survival

Early recognition and call for help

If untreated, cardiac arrest occurs in a quarter to a third of patients with myocardial ischaemia within the first hour after onset of chest pain.

Once cardiac arrest has occurred, early recognition is critical to enable rapid activation of the ambulance service and prompt initiation of bystander CPR.

Early bystander CPR

The immediate initiation of bystander CPR can double or quadruple survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Despite this

compelling evidence, only 40% of victims receive bystander CPR in the UK.

Early defibrillation

Defibrillation within 3–5 min of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50–70%. This can be achieved through public access defibrillation, when a bystander uses a nearby PAD/AED to deliver the first shock. Each minute of delay to defibrillation reduces the probability of survival to hospital discharge by 10%. In the UK, fewer than 2% of victims have a PAD/AED deployed before the ambulance arrives.

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Corsley Community Wildflower Meadow

There is an exciting project underway to restore the Old School Playing Field to a wildflower meadow

Corsley was once rich in wildflower meadows, providing colour, biodiversity, a haven for wildlife and forage for bees. Sadly, as across much of England, our wildflower meadows have been lost or degraded. Our plan is to restore one small area in Corsley. We want to create a beautiful wildlife-friendly area which local people can visit and enjoy. It will require hard work and patience, but we think it's worth it.

If you would like to be involved - whether actively volunteering (sowing, mowing, raking, weeding) or just cheering from the side lines - please get in touch. We would especially welcome help from anyone with special skills or equipment.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March

The meeting opened with a presentation from Lochailort on their planning application for the development at Barter's Plant Centre. The presentation was followed by a lengthy question and answer session. Our thanks to Hugo Haig and James Croucher for the presentation and taking questions. There were many issues raised and there will be an additional PC meeting on **22nd March** when the PC will discuss their response to WC in respect of this planning application.

Village Plan

Adam Oakley reported to the PC on the progress of the steering group and that we had now reached the stage of deciding which type of plan we adopt going forward. It was agreed that Adam and the steering group would come back to the next PC meeting with some details of the different plant and potential costs.

Crime and safety

We welcomed our new PCSO Candida Jackson to the meeting. There had been a recent break-in at Southcroft. Candida urged people to report all crimes and suspicious activities.

Weight restrictions and speeding

The Chairman was able to report that it now appears that Highways England and Wiltshire Council have agreed a plan and that the necessary will proceed in the near future

Other matters

Following the resignation of Charlene Ridler the Clerk has published the notice of the vacancy for a councillor and the procedures were discussed.

The Clerk reported on the appointment of new auditors and the new processes to be followed.

The clerk reported on the new General Data Protection Regulations and the changes that the PC may be required to make to ensure compliance.

Next meeting

The next regular Parish Council meeting which is the Annual Parish Meeting will be on **12th April at 7.30pm.**

Keith Muston, Chair
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Cross Keys News

A community Free House



We have returned to our Summer opening hours and are open from 11 am to 11 pm Monday to Saturday and 11 am to 10 pm on Sundays.

For April, our theme evening moves to a Tuesday and is a **Burger and Beer evening** with a selection of gourmet burgers to choose from. Come and try a classic or something a little bit different, we have something to appeal to everyone. **Tuesday 17th April**, at a cost of £12.50. Pre-booking is recommended, please see our website, Facebook page or blackboard for more details.

Our popular **Quiz Night**, will be held on **Sunday 29th April**. Why not make up a team with your friends or neighbours? **Starting at 6.30pm**; a maximum of five people per team at a cost of £2 per person, or £5 per person to include a light supper of chips and sandwiches. Book your place by calling the pub. If you'd like supper, you will need to book by Saturday 28th April.

If you can't make one of our special events, we'd love to see you another time, you're

sure of a warm welcome. The garden is a delightful space to relax in, and we are the perfect stopping off point for a walk or cycle ride in our beautiful countryside. **Maps of local walks** are available in the pub and dogs are very welcome; we have a jar of **dog biscuits** for them with a suggested donation of 10p towards the defibrillator fund.

As a **community pub**, we welcome your suggestions. We want to provide a welcoming venue for you, your friends and families. There is a suggestions box in the pub and if you have any events you'd like to see hosted at the Cross Keys, pop down and let us know. We can also host parties and private functions in the Oak Apple Room.

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Facebook page Cross Keys Inn Corsley for
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We look forward to seeing you soon.

Cinema Corsley

Thursday 19th April

'The Audience' OR 'Breathe'

For our last screening for this season we would love to show the outstanding live recording of 'The Audience' from the National Theatre, with Helen Mirren in the lead. However, frustratingly, the distributor Cinegi, is having technical problems with its streaming, which we are trying desperately to solve. It is really worth us persevering with this but just in case we are unable to show 'The Audience' we will show the equally good film 'Breathe' instead – which is a fascinating and moving story based on real-life events. A firm decision will be made by the 5th April and the results will be on www.corsleyandthebridge.com and www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk.

Helen Mirren reprises her Academy Award winning role as Queen Elizabeth II in the highly-anticipated West End production of 'The Audience', broadcast as part of National Theatre Live.

This film is a portrait of a dynamic and fiercely intelligent woman—the symbol of a nation—as she weathers decades of history and political strife. Every Tuesday afternoon for more than 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II has met with her Prime Ministers, 12 in all, in a private audience, a gesture of unity between government and Crown. An audience like no other in public life, because it is completely private and unrecorded. Both parties have an unspoken agreement never to repeat what is said. Not even to their spouses. Through moments of tension, negotiation, war, and unrest, these conversations with political leaders from Winston Churchill to Harold Wilson to Margaret Thatcher have remained a constant across the years. Playwright Peter Morgan re-imagines these meetings, giving us a glimpse at the Queen's role in guiding the circumstances that have shaped Great Britain, and a window into the mystery, compassion and humour of the woman behind the iconic crown.

From young mother to grandmother, these private audiences chart the arc of the second Elizabethan Age. Politicians come and go through the revolving door of electoral politics, while she remains constant - waiting to welcome her next Prime Minister....

Running time - 2hrs 15 mins -including interval



Breathe – PG

The inspiring true love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease.

Joy is a complicated emotion to capture on screen – particularly when your narrative deals with paralysis, imprisonment, and the desire for death. Yet Andy Serkis' directorial feature debut, about the life of pioneering polio survivor Robin Cavendish, is so full of laughter that one might easily forget its sombre subject matter. Part exuberant love story, part great escape adventure, this is an old-fashioned tale of triumph over adversity that refuses – like its protagonists – to succumb to confinement.

The film starts with a heady mixture of 1950's cricket, tennis, tea and exuberance until Robin is felled by the onset of polio. However, Robin and Diana challenge the restrictive expectations placed on his condition by medicine – and by society at large - and so a new life and new story unimagined by anyone else before, opens up in front of them.

It is a story that is heartwarming and heartbreaking in equal measure, a mixture that rings so true in real life.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets - £6 (to include a free cup of tea or coffee) from Acres Supply (cash only please) or, if available, on the door on the night. Refreshments and licensed bar also available.

Running time 1hr 58 mins

Keeping memories safe

You may remember an item in the February edition of The Bridge entitled 'Corsley Photo Archive'. As explained in that article, Phil Plumb has already helped some people to restore and store their photos. Do contact him if you also have photos he can help with. He would also be happy to hear from people in Chapmanslade.

In this update we wanted to remind you that we are hoping to build a digital archive of Corsley to ensure that the history and development of the village is saved and can be easily viewed.

We hope the archive will include a collection of spoken memories, as well as pictures or film. Our plan is to find out more about how this can be done properly and safely by talking to the Wiltshire and Swindon history centre.

Anyone can get involved from loaning us a picture to copy or more active participation. In particular, if you have experience or knowledge about collecting oral history we would love to have you on board.

Talking about this project in places or meetings where there might be people who would be prepared to share their memories is something we would be happy to do. Please be assured that your privacy is of paramount importance and nothing will be released or used without your approval.

If you would like to be involved or want to hear more about this project do please contact either Liz Garrett 01373 839060, email lizi.garrett@btinternet.com or Phil Plumb 01373 832441, email philip.plumb1@btopenworld.com

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'Sirs, what must I do to be saved...?' Acts 16:30

Filled with joy...

You're reading this in April, but I'm writing it in the aftermath of March's snowstorms. For three days I stayed in my one-bedroom flat, doing indoor jobs and feeling thoroughly miserable – and all I'd lost was my freedom!

The early Christians we read about, in Luke's 'Acts of the Apostles', were in continual danger of losing something more precious – their lives – but still they spread the story of Jesus and gained new converts, because their JOY in the Living Lord outshone their fears of this world!

I re-read Acts 14, verses 16-34, Luke's report on the apostle Paul and his companion Silas. In the city of Philippi, the pair were seized and dragged before the magistrates, for preaching the Good News of Jesus and for healing a slave girl. They were stripped and beaten, 'severely flogged', is Luke's description. After flogging came imprisonment, with the jailer warned to guard them carefully – meaning he'd suffer whatever sentence they received, if the two men escaped.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns, while the jail's other inmates listened, when a violent earthquake shook the building, opening all the doors and loosening everyone's chains. When the jailer saw the doors open, he thought the prisoners had gone and drew

his sword to kill himself. Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

Wow! Not only did Paul and Silas stay where they were, but the other inmates remained, too! What presence, what peace, must have showed in those two faces, that no-one ran for freedom when the chance came!

Luke tells us the jailer brought Paul and Silas out of prison and asked them, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The answer was simple. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved – you and all your household."

After he'd washed Paul's and Silas's wounds himself, the jailer and his household were baptised, before he took both men into his home and fed them. Luke tells us the jailer 'was filled with joy' because he believed in Jesus. He'd exchanged the security of his past life for the uncertainty and danger of the Christian life – and was filled with joy!

Missionary

Am I sitting safely
With comforts close at hand,
While a single-minded woman
Sweats in a hostile land?
Sacrificial deprivation
For years, and toil unsung,
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Your 'village hall'

Chairman, Hugh Deed, reports on the latest happenings at the hall

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So, if you see any such activity please call the police and let one of the committee members know!

We had a great turn out for Cinema Corsley's March film, 'Paddington 2', which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience of all ages.

As advertised elsewhere at the time of printing we are unable to commit which film will be shown in April due to technical difficulties with our preferred film. We hope to show "The Audience" with Helen Mirren which was recorded live at the National Theatre. The security on this is so tight to ensure it is not copied or shown illegally that this causes some technical issues which the company involved is working on. If these are not resolved we will show "Breathe", the true story of a polio victim, highly acclaimed and educational, as well as being a love story.

The decision on which film is shown will be taken on April 5th and published on the Reading Room and Corsley and The Bridge websites. Tickets will then go on sale at Acres Supply (cash only please).

A new fridge has been installed in the bar as the old one failed its safety check. We have also bought a small freezer for the kitchen.

Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

Hugh Deed

*Chairman of Management Committee
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Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning:

First Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon

IT Classes/Club: *see our website*

Cinema Corsley: *film to be confirmed on 5th*

April (see website for decision)

19th March, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

Regular events run by other organisations

Lite Bites Lunches: *4th Wednesday of the month*

Yoga: *Tuesday and Wednesday evenings*

Pilates: *Tuesday afternoons*

WI: *second Thursday of the month (evening)*

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

Chapmanslade

Explorer Trail

Charlene reports on the Trail Team's latest activities



We had a really successful meeting in March with six people attending and three sending apologies. We can now confirm that this year's theme will be Fables & Fairytails!

This can be anything from 'Little Red Riding Hood' to the 'Tortoise and the Hare'.

The trail will be held on the Sunday 10th June, 11am until 4pm.

This is such a great community event, with money made on the day going to the church, school, Busy Bees Pre School and the village. Money from last year's event contributed to the path leading to the church to be re tarmaced, funded the village questionnaires and gave money to the school for a company to come in and do bushcraft, archery and bug hunting with the children.

This year there will be two trails, a shorter pushchair-friendly route through the village and another route that is slightly longer but will take you past some of the woods and across fields. We will also be having a BBQ at the village hall with a raffle and drinks. The church will be serving cream teas. More information to follow soon.

This event is for all ages, young and old!

There are several ways to get involved...

- attend the event! **Please let us know if you would like assistance walking up through the village**

- make a display with the Fables & Fairytails theme either in your garden if *en route* or at elsewhere to win the Chapmanslade Explorer Trail trophy and another prize. All entries must contact me before the day to enter. Last year we had 20 entries, it would be great if more people could enter this year.
- make any props to go around the trail
- volunteer on a task before the event
- volunteer on the day
- make cakes for the day
- sell raffle tickets
- donate a raffle prize
- sponsoring the event - your name/business on the front page of the explorer trail guide, on social media, posters up on the day, leaflets or business cards handed out.

Any groups in the village wishing to have a table at the hall to do an activity can have it free and keep any money made on the day.

If any of the above activities appeal to you please get in contact by emailing charlene_searle@hotmail.com, posting a note through my door 60 High Street, Chapmanslade or calling 01373832021.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 11th April at the Three Horseshoes.

Many thanks
Chapmanslade Explorer Trail Team

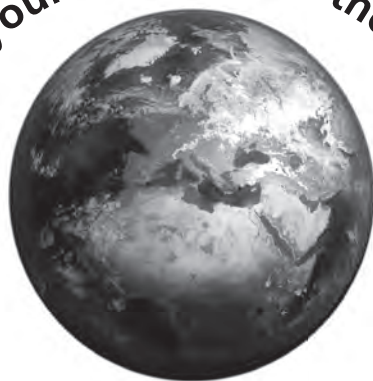
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The dawn chorus has already started as I write this in March, but it's still a bit patchy and fades rapidly as the sun comes up. Nevertheless, it's almost impossible to go for a walk without hearing a great tit chiming away, or a chaffinch with his attractive song.

This is despite the distinctly wintery weather we have experienced, and will continue to experience, this year. Snow isn't that unusual in this part of the South West, but the amount and the way the impressive snowdrifts refused to melt certainly was! Some path clearing and, most importantly, bird feeding was in order.

Although we're properly into spring now, having passed the vernal equinox, many of our winter birds are still with us; there are redwing and fieldfares feeding in the fields, and the starlings are still moving around in large flocks; although the main murmurations have dispersed. As April progresses winter birds will move further north and east until they reach their breeding grounds, whilst our summer visitors begin to arrive from the south.

Robins, blackbirds, thrushes, dunnocks, tits, and the finches are well into nest building. An early first brood means that they can have second, or even third broods; giving numbers a real boost in a good year.

Cuckoos should arrive in April; they have left their wintering grounds in West Africa,

and by mid-March most are feeding up just south of the Sahara before crossing this ever-increasing desert. Do take a look at www.bto.org and click on the Cuckoo Tracking button to see the live flight-paths of eight tagged cuckoos. We haven't heard many cuckoos around here for a few years now; please let me know if you do hear or see one.

Keep watching and listening for the other returning migrants; swallows are always a great sign of spring, but only a hint of summer, of course!

Despite the weather, the wild flowers have been wonderful this year; the snowdrops lived up to their name, and the primroses bravely carried on flowering under the snow. We should soon be seeing violets, wood anemones and cowslips in flower and all those bluebell leaves are looking promising.

There's plenty of other wildlife to enjoy; you should be seeing deer, rabbits and even hares on most countryside walks. At this time of year, sheep and their newborn lambs are particularly vulnerable so if you have a dog, or dogs, with you, please do remember that they must be kept under control and not be allowed to harass wild animals or livestock.

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