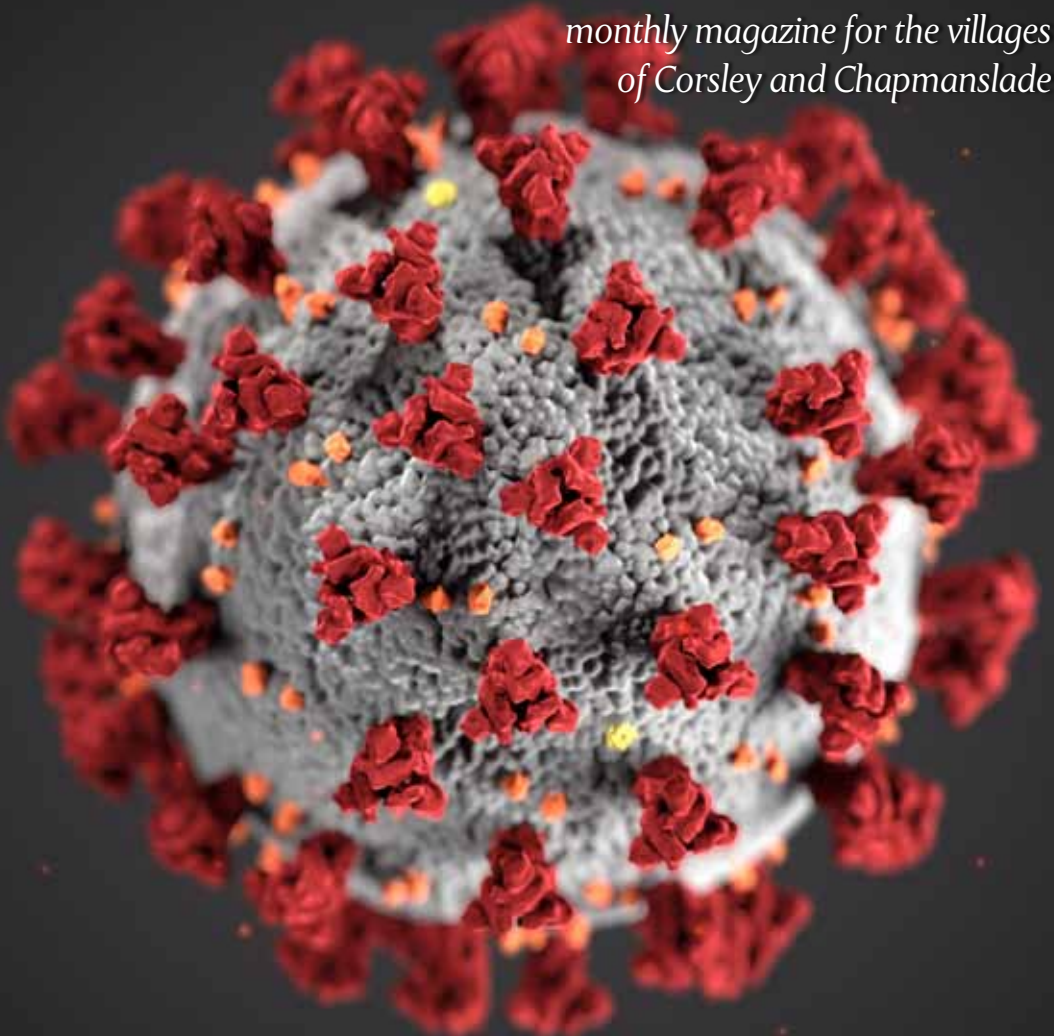


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May issue

Given the current state of affairs, it is unlikely that there will be a printed edition of the May issue of The Bridge.

If there are enough articles (you're going to have to be very creative!), I will publish it online as usual

Stay safe; see you on the other side!



Non-Diary *Dates*

April

Tuesday 7th

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

Chapmanslade Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12th

Special Service—Holy Communion—9 am, St Mary's Church, Temple

Thursday 16th

Community Coffee Morning—10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Cinema Gorsley—'Knives Out'—7 for 7.30pm, Gorsley Reading Room

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Soup Lunch—12.30 pm, Gorsley Reading Room

Gorsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Annual Parochial Church Meeting—7.30 pm

Thursday 23rd

Earth Day Open Meeting—7.30 pm, Gorsley Reading Room

Sunday 26th

Chapmanslade Zero Waste—'Give and Take Day' (free community swap shop), 3 - 5 pm,
Chapmanslade Village Hall

May

Monday 4th

Gorsley Parish Council Annual Meeting—7.30pm, Gorsley Reading Room

Tuesday 5th

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

Friday 8th

'Victory in Europe'

Saturday 16th

Gorsley and Chapmanslade Churches - May Fayre—The Barn, Manor Farm, Gorsley

Thursday 21st

Community Coffee Morning—10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch—12.30 pm, Gorsley Reading Room

June

Monday 1st

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room (subject to the prevailing rules re lockdown)

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Temporary closure of part of Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade

Wiltshire Council has made an order to close temporarily to all traffic Huntenhall Lane (Part), Chapmanslade; from its junction with Brimhill Rise to its junction with Huntenhall Green (on the sharp bend by the telephone exchange to Mill Lane); to enable Openreach to access underground structure for a new connection.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. The road will be closed from **20 April to 24 April**. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

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Corsley Show Cancelled

After much deliberation, and with regret, it has been decided to cancel this year's Corsley Show. Various options were considered including delaying the decision, but in the end, it was decided to take this difficult decision now and not delay. Hopefully this will allow those local volunteers who give so much time and energy in the weeks before the show to concentrate on whatever actions are necessary to combat the virus themselves and/or look after family and loved ones though the coming weeks and months without being concerned about their role in the show.

As soon as the 'all clear' is declared we will have a meeting of the committee to commence discussions about the 2021 show. Further articles will appear in The Bridge and on the show website.

Chapmanslade Village Hall and Playing Field Spring Clean



Some of the Spring Clean volunteers

On Saturday 7th March the clouds and rain rolled away and the sun came out for a couple of hours whilst up to 20 volunteers set to work giving the hall and grounds a big spring clean and tidy.

Adam Oakley says, “We had a long list of jobs inside and out - scrubbing, brushing, washing, wiping, polishing, shovelling, collecting, wheel-barrowing, trimming, clipping, fixing, etc., followed by some delicious home made refreshments. We didn’t quite get through all the jobs on the list so we’re thinking that we may do it again sometime later in the year”

On behalf of the Chapmanslade Village Hall & Playing Field Committee, Frank Lake thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. Frank also says, “We’re currently looking for some new folks to join the Committee, which plays such a vital role in maintaining and improving the hall and the ground - including the children’s play area – on behalf of the whole community.” So if you’d like to give a hand, email Frank at: frank.lake.fl@gmail.com.



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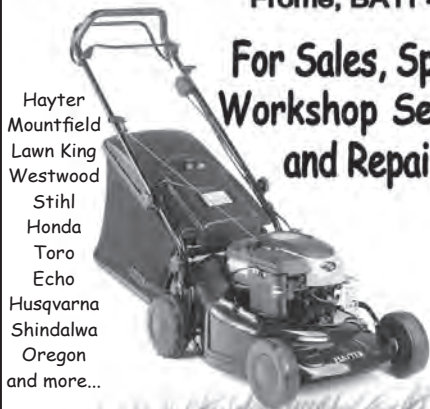
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Our local PCSO Candida has written some useful advice on the potential for fraud during this crisis

Wiltshire Police would like to remind residents to be vigilant of fraudsters trying to take advantage of others during the current global situation.

We've heard from other police forces of new scams targeting the elderly and most vulnerable members of society who are self-isolating at home.

Examples of fraud include, people visiting homes posing as police officers and/or health officials trying to gain entry to property with a view to burgle them. Fraudsters (criminals) will often offer fake coronavirus testing as well as bogus food and medicine delivery services.

So far, we have not seen any such cases in Wiltshire, but we want to make you aware of the fraudsters before they strike.

Top tips to thwart the fraudsters:

- Be a good neighbour - keep an eye on an elderly or vulnerable person living near you.
- Check ID - volunteers working with the health and emergency services will be in possession of the necessary documentation to prove they are genuine.
- If in doubt SHUT THE DOOR, then call us - if you are not sure about someone, don't engage with them. Report any serious suspicious behaviour straight away.
- Online fraud - don't click on links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details.

- Shopping online - if buying from a company or person you don't know or trust, carry out some research first, and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one as most major credit card providers insure online purchases.

The majority of groups are well intentioned and will be working with charities or a local authority and should have proof that they are doing so.

Remember, currently in Wiltshire, neither police officers or medical professionals are doing door-to-door checks or administering tests. Do not be fooled by anyone claiming to be doing so.

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 What breed of dog is Snoopy in the Peanuts cartoons?
- 2 Where are the smallest bones in the human body found?
- 3 Who is missing – Groucho, Chico, Harpo, Zeppo.....
- 4 What was the name of the Bronte Sisters' brother?
- 5 The Blue Boy is a work by which artist?
- 6 Out of all nominees in Academy Awards history, who has won the most Oscars overall?
- 7 Name two of the ballets composed by Tchaikovsky
- 8 Who created St Trinian's School?
- 9 "Fantastic Beasts and where to find them" is a companion to which book series?
- 10 What is the Spanish name for a fictional country rich in gold?
- 11 In which situation comedy would you have found the character Madame Fanny La Fan?
- 12 True or false – a group of sea cucumbers is called a pickle?

Answers on page 44

Cancellation of Easter Communion Service

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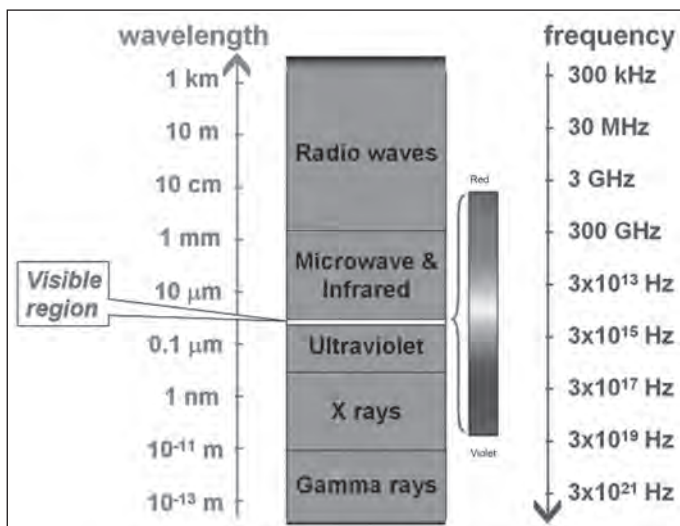
What is the 5G mobile network?

There has been a lot of discussion about 5G. What is it and what does it mean for rural areas like ours?

5G stands for 5th Generation - the next development in mobile networks. It is initially planned to be at least 35x faster than 4G and up to 800x as fast as 3G, and with very little lag time. This can provide multiple rapid connections and allow better connectivity of remote devices - making implementation of “The Internet of Things” much more efficient. This phrase refers to interconnected smart devices around the home and in industry. You might, for example, have your home lighting and heating, your oven and your washing machine connected to the internet, so you can turn them on and off remotely, or have your home call you if the power goes down.

Many people are concerned about 5G and the effect it will have on their health. It is true that there are few controlled studies on the effects of 5G on health and there have been protests. However, the majority of these seem to be due to worries about radiation and cancer. While this is understandable, it is a misunderstanding of the term “electromagnetic radiation”, which is how devices communicate over 5G (and also earlier mobile networks).

Electromagnetic radiation is a phrase that describes many different types of emission,



including microwaves, daylight, that from light bulbs, radio and TV transmissions, as well as the more dangerous X-rays used in hospitals or gamma rays emitted by some radioactive materials (see figure of the electromagnetic spectrum). Admittedly X-radiation and gamma radiation can cause damage to tissues, possibly causing cancers, as they are highly-energetic, ionising radiations and can damage molecules. UV light can damage skin because of the body's reaction to it. However, visible light, radio waves, TV, wi-fi, and mobile phone frequencies are non-ionising radiation and do not directly damage cells. Furthermore, the weakest photon (the particle comprising radiation) of visible light is over

17,000 times higher energy than the most energetic 5G photon.

5G is in the same part of the electromagnetic spectrum as radiation emitted from water vapour, so the 5G networks could confuse weather satellites monitoring rain clouds. Microwave radiation is also in the same part of the spectrum. So, in principle, 5G could cause warming, but the transmitter uses about one 60th of the power of your kitchen microwave and is at a considerable distance. If you are 10 metres away from a transmitter, the power intensity on you is reduced 100-fold compared with being 1 metre away.

Because the 5G signal is a shorter wavelength than 4G and 3G signals, it travels less distance and more low-output masts, maybe only 150 metres apart, will be needed in urban environments where buildings will block 5G signals more than 4G or 3G. In rural environments, it has been suggested that taller towers might be built (the present maximum is 25 metres) in order to get better mobile signals to poorly-served areas. In parts of Chapmanslade and Corsley we struggle to get a 3G or 4G signal, so this could be a welcome development.

Broadly speaking the shorter the wavelength, the more energetic the radiation. So many people claim that 5G is more damaging than 4G. However, they do not follow-up by stating that it is therefore less damaging than torchlight! To my mind, the downsides of 5G communication are the visual impact of the masts, the potential disruption to weather-forecasting, and the potential for misuse of 5G networks by foreign governments, not issues over health.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com. As always, this article is a personal viewpoint.

Elizabethan Evening 2020 performance of 'HMS Pinafore' CANCELLED

It is with much regret that the Elizabethan Evening Committee has decided to cancel this year's event due to the uncertainties around the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

In order to secure all the goods and services to stage the event in August we would need to commit to spending around £4,000 in the next few weeks and, as things stand, our insurance wouldn't cover this money should the event be cancelled at a later date; no one is certain about when gatherings may be restricted or prohibited.

We realise that this is the most eagerly awaited event of every summer in Corsley and places beyond (even as far as Chapmanslade!) and the disappointment will be keenly felt by the committee, our suppliers, and the cod-piece adjusters of Frome.

But you never know, if Messes' Parchment & Quill can be encouraged to come back from retirement and write one more of their excruciating and un-humorous foreplays, we may yet live stream (whatever that is) an evening of informal, extended foreplay straight into your parlours.

Once again we're sorry to have to cancel the event – but watch out for a 2021 event, as long as the the fourth horseman doesn't make a re-appearance!

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Parish Council Briefing

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

The PC had an occasional meeting on 9th March to consider one planning application and bids received for grants. An updated and revised spending plan for the remainder of the financial year was also discussed. These are covered in more detail below together with a summary of Wiltshire's decision on the Corsley House bund application.

Clearly, these matters now pale in relative insignificance compared with the consequences of the COVID-19 epidemic and the restrictions that the Government have put in place. There has been a spirited and very caring response in the village, aiming to help those who are following guidelines for self-isolation and others who are vulnerable or in need of support. Our pubs and an army of volunteers are at the centre of the support plans and, elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge, the developing schemes are publicised. I think that we should be very grateful for this effort, to which PC has offered financial support, along with the Elizabethan Evening Committee.

As far as the PC is concerned, there will be no more public meetings until further notice. The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) was postponed and, to meet legal requirements, it should now take place before the 1st June. The next planned quarterly meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting due in 4th May, for

the annual election of the Chair, but the need and timing of this and a re-scheduled APM will be reviewed nearer the time. Any business that must be handled in the mean-time will be handled 'out of Committee' by email and phone. If this need arises, the issue will be posted on the village public noticeboards and on The Bridge website, in time for public input before any deadlines. This is important in respect of planning applications.

New planning applications

20/000391/FUL

Access to paddock at Cranfield, Lane End

The PC agreed no objection to this application

Decisions on Previous Applications

19/11626/FUL

Construction of new vehicular access and parking/turning re to serve residential dwelling at Deerleap Cottage, The Hollow

Approval has been granted, with conditions. The major of these are to re-instate the existing track to agricultural land within six months and maintained as such thereafter, completion of the soft landscaping in the first growing season after completion of the new

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drive and not to bring the new drive into use until the visibility splays have been provided as specified. The PC had offered no objection subject to a hedge being planted to delineate the new drive from the remaining agricultural land, but Wiltshire's view was that this was unnecessary in light of the new delineation of the domestic curtilage of the property.

19/10108/WCM – Creation of a landscape and amenity bund with ancillary native tree planting to enhance residential amenity, bio-diversity, drainage, and the overall setting of a Grade II listed building with ancillary diversion of an existing public right of way at land to the north of the A361

This application has been refused. Two substantive reasons were cited in the decision notice. Both described the development as unwarranted, “by virtue of its nature, scale, setting, height and overall size..”, the first that, as a “major development” to be assessed against various statutory policies relating to the AONB and Wiltshire's Core Strategy, it had not met the necessary condition of being shown to be “in the public interest” and, second, the “disputed public benefit” would not outweigh the “identified harm”. The limited public benefit that the modest reduction in noise levels would not benefit or enhance the setting or significance of the building.

The decision notice was accompanied by a 27 page report with comprehensive underpinning of the refusal. Key points in the report were made concerning the fundamental motivation for the bund, i.e. for a private reason rather than the public interest, and concern over the sourcing of the bund material with the potential for the site to become effectively a “landfill site” over a much longer period than the completion time claimed in the application. It was also concluded that the distance of the nearest properties from the bund would “..mitigate

against any potential increases in reflected noise”.

Discussions with the Case Officer revealed that the applicant would not wish to substitute the bund by a fence. It is also likely that the applicants will appeal and they have six months in which to do this.

Grants and donations

The PC had received five bid applications and one notification of a further request later in the year to support the VE day celebrations. The latter has since been withdrawn on the basis that the VE day festivities are likely to be of a vastly different scale than previously anticipated, if not cancelled totally. It has been agreed that the amount “pencilled in” for this use will be put aside to help the CV Support Group, if required in the coming weeks.

Of the remaining bids, four were approved, the Reading Room (£1000 towards running costs), the Parochial Church Council (£1000 towards graveyard maintenance), Memorial Playing Field (£1200 towards insurance and maintenance costs on the OSPF) and the OSPF Orchard (£240 for protection measures for the final tree planting). A bid from Little Cuckoos for a grant towards their proposed new classroom was put in hold until the full project costs have been established.

Revised spending plans

A revised three year spending plan was tabled, the major change being the inclusion of an uplifted contribution to the planned road safety works at Corsley Heath in the FY 2020/21 of £5.5k. This amount is higher than the normal PC contributions to such projects, but is considered essential to bring into effect key improvements to road safety at the Heath, which Simon Jasper has been patiently negotiating for some considerable time. This amount is being funded by an underspend in anticipated contributions to other road

projects in recent years.

The spending plan for the next two years could be subject to change if the embryonic plan to replace the Heath bus stop shelter comes to fruition. This could have an impact on the amounts available for grants and donation in those two years.

Fly tipping

More than once in the last couple of weeks incidences of fly tipping have been reported to me. It is particularly anti-social and unpleasant behaviour and virtually impossible to stop under the present legislative climate and the clandestine nature of the activity. However, Wiltshire are responsive to such incidents and they have, as I have pointed out before, a very easy to use reporting system which allows full details be entered,

anonymously if required. If you are able to post such occurrences on social media, as often happens, then you will have no difficulty in using the Wiltshire website. I would encourage you to use it.

Dates of next meetings in 2020 as currently planned

All meetings begin at 7.30 pm

Annual PC Meeting	4th May
Quarterly Meeting	1st June
Quarterly Meeting	7th September
Quarterly Meeting	7th December

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Chairman

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CoronaVirus Action Group
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Hello

I hope everyone is keeping their spirits up in these difficult times. This week a few members of the village came together and became 'COV-AG', the CoronaVirus Action Group. Our main goal at this time is to make sure everyone is safe and well provided for, even if they are in insolation.

It's been brilliant to see so many people within our community who want to help in some way. I feel very fortunate to live in such a great village! We had a really successful first meeting and agreed on the following initial actions:

- All Chapmanslade households to be posted a Reach Out leaflet with phone numbers to call if help is needed with various tasks or just someone to talk too. (*Done – delivered on Friday 20th March*)
- A weekly newsletter to be posted by hand to all households in Chapmanslade with useful info and a little humour.
- A sub Facebook group for volunteers has been set up and can be searched "Chapmanslade Coronavirus action group volunteers"
- A request for volunteers via a quick online form has also been set up and can be found on the Chapmanslade village community group on Facebook and also on the village website.
- We are currently looking at getting staple foods into the village to buy. Further information will be shared shortly via Facebook/internet/email/newsletter (hand delivered).
- A self isolating laminated sign has been created to put on your door. If you would like one please give Charlene a call.

If you want to volunteer or are looking for help and advice call:

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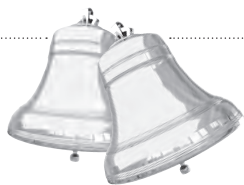


Corsley Tennis Club recently held its AGM and was fortunate to have volunteers for the key roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Our retiring Chair Diana Hale was thanked for her many years service but we have not let her go completely as she will remain on the committee to organise our tournaments. Thanks were also offered to Phil McRae our outgoing Secretary and to George Donkin who vacated the Treasurer role as he was moving away from the area. We are pleased that Phil is hoping to remain as a member and will be seen on court with us soon.

The enthusiastic new committee chaired by Di Britten have established the dates for our tournaments and the presentation evening and are making progress on many issues.. Our new Secretary is Liz Garrett and our treasurer is Mary Pyne.

We are an LTA Affiliated Club with our own LTA Qualified coach. We enter a team in the Chippenham and District League for which our Ladies Team were practising until the outbreak of coronavirus.

Marlene Latchem



Campanology News

The good news first!

What a good job the competitions were held on 7th March! Otherwise all that hard work would have been for nothing. We entered both competitions held at Corsley. The brilliant new is that our novice band consisting Anne Wilkes who began in July last year and Hilary Jenkins, Henny Mauwer, Maeve Gogarty, Liz Attenborough and Ed Henderson all of whom have rung for under five years, won their completion. They rang better than they had ever rung and thoroughly deserved their success. Well done!

The bad news

In line with the Central Council advice all ringing has been suspended for the foreseeable future. This will be a tremendous trial to us as we are all passionate about our ringing but common sense must prevail.

On the general front we are going to get the ringing chamber redecorated and a new carpet laid; all of which can probably take place in the intervening time so when we can ring again it should be in very much improved surroundings.

With a great deal of luck next month's news may be in much improved circumstances.

Marion Moldon
01373 832672

Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,

This is not the kind of letter I was anticipating writing as Easter approaches.

Yesterday I was supposed to be flying to New York to meet my beautiful new baby grandson, needless to say I didn't make it and I will have to content myself with WhatsApp photos, videos and chats. By the time you read this my eldest daughter in Spain will have had her baby too; obviously Spain is a no-no as well so I will be spending a good deal of time on my phone! However as the severity of this pandemic escalates part of me is grateful that the decision whether or not to travel has been taken out of my hands as this means that I will be here with my husband, our church family and the wider community to weather the storm together.

It's funny how extreme situations bring out the best and the worst of people's behaviour. Hoarding food and loo rolls (What is it about the loo roll thing!) being the worst, proactively reaching out to others to plan ways in which we can support the most vulnerable people in our communities being the best. There are many uplifting and life affirming new stories emerging about ways in which people are coming together with really imaginative ideas about how we might do this. I read yesterday about young woman who had designed a small postcard to put through people's doors so that they could indicate what kind of help if any, they needed. It was the comment at the end that was so good; she said 'let's make kindness go viral'. What an amazing thought! As the virus deepens its grip on our daily lives let's see how much kindness we can generate. Let's respond to panic and fear with love, care and compassion.

I know there are already amazing things going on in our villages to try support those who are particularly vulnerable and thus self-isolating. I want to reassure you that even though public worship is now suspended for the time being the church hasn't shut up shop! Every Sunday two clergy will have a short communion service in in each church that is listed to have one, or Morning Prayer, in which case we can do that on our own. We are hoping to be able to have this filmed and uploaded to Youtube very soon so that those who wants to can access it. I am of course aware that not everybody can do this so I will also be emailing the Sunday readings, a copy of my talk and prayer resources to all our church family. If we do not have your contact details and you would like to be included in that email list do be in touch. All our churches will be open during the day so that people can come in and sit quietly or pray and I am working on the possibility of providing prayer recourses in a way that is safe for everyone. Gay and I are always on the end of a phone as are our retired clergy.

I started this letter with a reference to Easter and the story of the resurrection from the darkness of death to the glory of new life. Whether you believe in the

resurrection or not the story communicates the possibility of hope of new life emerging from the darkness of confusion and fear. In these extraordinary times hope is emerging in the form of neighbours helping one another out and whole communities working together to support one another. When all this is over I hope our individualistic and consumerist society will remember how good it is to reach out to others in love and care.

When I consider my poor daughters and their new-born babies cooped up in New York and Spain I feel very lucky to be able to walk out of my front door into the countryside and the glorious new life of spring. Do take care of yourselves, know that you are loved by a faithful God who will never leave us whatever happens.

With love and prayers,
Pauline

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Benefice Webmaster	Mike Palmer	mjp.mikepalmer@gmail.com

Get a Buzz about Science

On Saturday 14 March, as part of Science Week, Chapmanslade Village Hall was filled with excited children doing science experiments. These included knowing why snails needed slime, the effect of exercise on their lungs, how a clock could run on lemons, why you should use soap to wash your hands, and much more. There was also a talk from our local beekeepers and an opportunity to make 'Bee Bombs'. It was probably one of the last events to be held in the Village Hall for a while, but it will be run again when possible and will be advertised in The Bridge.



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Corsley WI

March news

Alice Helliard rounds up the March meeting and announces some forthcoming events



The Reading Rooms rang with the iconic sound of 'Jerusalem' as we sat down for the Annual Meeting. We took a look back at finances and activities from the previous year and took a vote to elect the president (Judith Helliard was voted in again), awarded the Rose Bowl to Annie and the Hilda Guy cup to Val. This was followed by a talk from Eve Tigwell on 'Wild Gardening'.

- A summary of the previous year included:
- Maggie Thackway's amazing adventures in the Army.
 - 'This Farming Life' in 2019 all we need to know about dairy, beef and arable farming.
 - Nick Benbow's latest adventure the 'Three Peaks Challenge'.
 - The history of St John's ambulance and a practical demonstration of the defibrillator.
 - The trials and tribulations of growing and bottling rapeseed oil at Fussell's Fine Foods.
 - Presidents summer BBQ on a lovely sunny summer evening in July.
 - The bi-annual flower and produce of cakes, flowers, knitting and photos.
 - The Corsley Show Tea & Cake tent selling hundreds of cups of tea and slices cakes.
 - A scary evening about the spooky hauntings of old coaching hotels and inns,
 - Penguin books, their history, and the rare ones you need to look out for.
 - A fantastic wine and cheese tasting attracting a full house of 40 people.
 - A lovely Christmas meal at the Royal Oak.

- An informative talk on the Antarctic accompanied by amazing photographs by Sarah Buttenshaw. There was a great turn out of members and guests and we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.
- An 'Antiques Roadshow' style event.
- Charity Soup and Puds raising funds for RUH breast cancer appeal and Dementia UK.

Eve's talk on wild gardening gave us an insight into how we create a wild garden that will attract the birds and bees we would all love to see... And some of the moles and snakes that we maybe don't want to see! Fortunately for some and unfortunately for others it became apparent that in order to attract wildlife we may have to relax our strive for manicured gardens (a good excuse with for those of us with slightly unkempt gardens!) and embrace nettles, buttercups, daisies, brambles and ivy! This will then attract aphids to feed willow warblers, ivy for the ivy bee, voles which will feed barn owls, etc.

With the current coronavirus issues it is unlikely that we will be meeting for a while so please stay safe, keep in touch if you need anything and we will keep you updated. If you are interested www.thewi.org.uk have some great ideas for cooking, crafts, gardening, exercise, etc.

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Alice Helliard

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- A delivery service for food and essential supplies
- Collection and delivery of prescriptions to your door
- A friendly chat if needed

We aim to offer a small range of supplies (subject to availability) and assistance to the whole community of Corsley and especially those who cannot easily provide for themselves through friends, family or official support networks.

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Bryan Garwood 07485 125631

Alice Hellier 07989 339632

How to order

To order any of the groceries or essential supplies we have in stock, please call the HUB. Payment to be made over the phone at the time of ordering using bank card.

Cash can be accepted but would need to be left securely for a volunteer to collect. Your order will then be delivered to your door safely and securely. We will knock or ring your bell and step back two metres at a mutually safe distance for you to receive your items.

Collecting prescriptions

It is dependent on the resident to ensure that all appropriate clearances and paperwork are agreed with doctors and pharmacies in advance.

Collections will be confidential

Basic information (full name and address) will be required to collect prescriptions and payment to be made, in advance, by leaving cash out, securely, for the volunteer to collect.



Join the Corsley Village Community Group on Facebook to keep up-to-date with what's going on in Corsley

This number and volunteer led initiative is unofficial. Help or guidance cannot be guaranteed but the community will do their best to provide support. It is not a guaranteed food ordering service or prescription service and may well change or cease without prior notice. It has no access to emergency healthcare advice or practitioners.

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Parish Council Briefing

March briefing

The recent meeting of Chapmanslade Parish Council was informed of progress in improving stiles along our network of footpaths with many being replaced by 'kissing gates'. Rather less progress was reported regarding the ongoing concerns regarding access to the Wiltshire Council Planning website which has been problematic for some time making it difficult to access to review and comment upon planning applications. The latest post meeting news is that the website is now fixed, and the backlog is being cleared.

The Council agreed to commence a programme of traffic survey and initialised this by requesting Wiltshire for surveys at three sites in the village looking at traffic speed/volume/weight. The road closure in Huntenhull Lane from Brimhill Rise to Huntenhull Green between 20 and 24 April was also noted.

The visit of the Parish Steward is due, and the Council agreed to make potholes a priority for this visit.

Community actions for the collection of the defibrillator in an emergency were discussed and it was agreed that a scheme in use in Wood Lane would be expanded to a wider Neighbourhood Buddy Scheme in light of the current increased risks posed by COVID-19 to the vulnerable in our community. Explanatory notes and a generic template are on the village website www.chapmanslade.org for those who want to start such a scheme with their neighbours; there are other options for creating neighbourhood community

help schemes on the Chapmanslade Village Facebook page. The PC was keen to encourage the whole community to stay safe by adopting good practice in line with NHS guidelines and to help to look after the most vulnerable.

The Council also discussed measures for conducting its business in the event that it cannot meet in public. There are Government guidelines for this, and the thoughts of the PC were very much along the same lines.

The Council set the budget for the next year and was mindful that there would need to be more income in the future if the PC is to be more proactive over issues such as those raised by the Voice of the Village process.

The planning application for a swimming pool at Thoulstone Farm was reviewed and the PC was split in its views. The PC appreciated that the developer had reacted to previous concerns and had reduced the height of the pool building such that it would not jut above the wall of the listed walled garden. The PC agreed not to object to the application but wanted to ensure that the Planning Authority was observant of Wiltshire's Environmental policy when considering the application and added this as a concern.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 9th April (followed by the Annual Parish Meeting), but as things currently stand, this is unlikely. Please check the website (www.chapmanslade.org) for confirmation.

Lite Bites Soup Lunches

It is with much regret that the Lite Bites Team has decided to cancel the Soup Lunches, probably for the rest of the 'season'. In the very unlikely event that the coronavirus restrictions are over by our date in April, we will be happy to serve soup again.

A very big "thank you" to all those who have attended and given so generously to our chosen charities. We have raised nearly £500 for the Warminster Food Bank, the RNLI, the Royal British Legion, the Homeless (Julian House) and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We also raised £273 for the Children's Society at our Christmas Lunch.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September when, hopefully, this horrible virus will be beaten and we can continue our daily lives normally.

Best wishes to all and keep safe.

Maureen Willcox and the Lite Bites team

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There are two types of LPA:

Property and Affairs

This LPA will allow your Attorneys to help you manage your money, property and finances, for example. They can pay your bills, transfer, or invest your money for you. You can tailor the LPA to give as much, or as little, power as you would like to.

Health and Welfare

This LPA will allow your Attorneys to make decisions about your health and care; which may include what medical treatment you receive and where you live, etc. If you are capable of making those decisions yourself then your wishes will be paramount, and your Attorneys will be permitted to liaise with medical professionals, etc. in relation to your needs. Nowadays, care homes and medical

professionals are enquiring whether residents and patients have these types of LPAs in place, as many now consider Health and Welfare LPAs equally as important as the Property and Affairs LPAs.

What will happen if I do not make an LPA and then lose mental capacity?

If you do not have an LPA in place, and later become mentally incapable, your relatives must apply to the Court of Protection to obtain a Deputyship Order. This would allow them to take control of your assets and finances. However, the application for Deputyship is a very lengthy and stressful process and involves obtaining a medical report confirming loss of mental capacity, and few medical professionals nowadays are prepared to produce such reports. In addition, an application for a Deputyship Order can be extremely costly, and the role of a Deputy very onerous, and Annual Accounts and Annual Bonds must be delivered.

I do not want to give up managing my affairs yet, should I hold-off making an LPA until I need it?

Do not leave it until it is too late. As with writing a Will, you need to have sufficient mental capacity to make an LPA. Preparing a Lasting Power of Attorney does not mean you give up all of your rights. Your Attorneys must allow you to make your own decisions for as long as you are able to do so, and whenever

they make a decision for you, it must always be in your best interest. There are strict rules to prevent Attorneys mishandling your money, or making gifts to themselves and others; therefore, careful consideration must be paid when deciding who you appoint as your Attorneys, and whether they are actually capable of assisting you.

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Church and Community Coffee Morning

As you will be aware, the Three Horseshoes, along with all pubs, is now closed until further notice.

The Church and Community Coffee Morning that the Three Horseshoes usually hosts, forms an important part of our Church outreach to our community, and gives everyone the opportunity to get together and have a drink and chat outside their home. It will restart just as soon as the situation allows. In the meanwhile, trained members of our Pastoral Care Team which operates continuously all year, are available to contact anyone who needs support, and a friendly sympathetic person to talk to. The current pandemic emergency will place new pressures on all of us, but please feel free to contact anyone whose telephone numbers appear on the church pages in the centre of the Bridge magazine. We are prepared and happy to talk to anyone in our wonderful caring community, and provide whatever support we can.

The Corsley and Chapmanslade Parish Team



Corsley Show Charitable Trust

The Trust is pleased to report that, following a review of the applications received, it has made donations to the following organisations from the proceeds of the 2019 show;

- Chapmanslade CofE Primary School
- Corsley Reading Room
- Chapmanslade Players
- Horningsham Primary School
- Footpath Stiles Project (c/o Corsley Parish Council)
- Little Cuckoos
- 1st Chapmanslade Guides

Funds were also earmarked for two further projects subject to detailed review.

A total of just over £4000 was allocated/ earmarked as a result.

*On behalf of the Trustees of the
Corsley Show Charitable Trust*

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit
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Whitbourne Chapel

'...with God all things are possible.' Matt 19:26

The most impossible thing...

As a boy one of my presents every Christmas was the Guinness Book of Records. I'm sure you've heard of it. I loved reading of seemingly impossible feats achieved by men, women, boys and girls all over the world. Similarly, I watched the children's TV show 'Record Breakers' hosted by Roy Castle, who had alongside him the editors of the Guinness Book, twin brothers Ross and Norris McWhirter.

All of these things were seemingly impossible but were overcome by the ingenuity of engineers or scientists, artists of many kinds or simply by physical or mental strength.

At Easter we celebrate what could be argued to be the most impossible thing that could have or will ever happen. That God, in the form of the Lord Jesus Christ, went through the most physical and cruellest form of death but three days later was found alive, talking and eating with His disciples.

Do you remember, though, that as Jesus met with His followers one of them, Thomas, wasn't present? When he was told they'd met with the Lord Jesus, Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

We sometimes refer to him as "Doubting Thomas". If we read on, though, we find that a week later Thomas did meet Jesus and declared that Jesus was his Lord and his God. Jesus in response says, "Because you have seen me you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen me and yet have believed".

How do you respond to the Easter Story? The apparently impossible truth that God would step down from heaven to suffer and die as He shed His blood, dying for each and every one of us, and then three days later was found alive before ascending back to heaven? I trust that you will be able to accept this as not an impossible feat but wholly true and respond, accepting that He did this for you - and then put your trust in Him alone.

*Chris Andrews
visiting preacher*

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen! Hallelujah!
Risen our victorious head,
Sing his praises! Hallelujah!
Christ is risen from the dead!

*These words of triumph were written by JSB
Monsell, a Church of Ireland Minister (1811-1875)*

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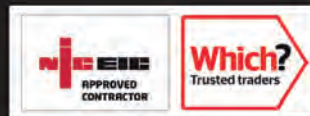
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Spring has sprung!

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If you can start the day appreciating the weather, the formation of the clouds, the sun rising over Cley Hill, the morning mist settling in the valleys, the sounds of the countryside, horses out first thing clip-clopping along the lane before the riders go to work and the traffic movement and noise start to build up.

In the early morning, the sounds are so much clearer, the birds are now busy finding their mates: the crow family noisily building their nests, cock pheasants strutting around showing their colours to their prospective spouse and blackbirds behaving crazily darting in and out of hedgerows. If you're up early enough, listen out for the wonderful dawn chorus!

This week, the sound of the cows rushing out of the milking parlour towards the open fields, bellowing and sniffing the air with joy being able to stretch their legs and roll in the grass to freshen up their dusty, thick, winter coats.

The lambs are at last able to enjoy a few dryer days out of the sheep pens and can now

be found chasing around! They soon realise that mum is out of sight and their bleating call quickly reunites them with their mothers.

Hedges suddenly come alive, bursting with fresh growth in bright shades of green; hawthorn and wild cherry blossom soon attract the hungry bumble bees.

Primroses, violets, cowslips, periwinkles and aconites brighten up our verges during the month of April. Going out on lovely walks along the lanes, footpaths and bridleways will give us all the chance to marvel at the simple pleasures of the countryside.

May I just remind everyone walking in the countryside to take care to close gates, keep dogs on leads whilst walking public footpaths on farmland – cows and sheep are easily upset and frightened when strangers or dogs approach them.

Ground nesting birds and mammals such as rabbits, hares, deer and badgers will be protecting their young in woodland, hedgerows and fields, so do be alert as you enter **THEIR** territory in the coming months.

We have had a spate of refuse being dumped in gateways, verges and bridlepaths recently, if you see anyone fly-tipping, make a note of the vehicle's number plate, take a photo of the vehicle, if it is safe to do so and report it to Wiltshire County Council. It is up to each and everyone of us to protect our countryside.

Judith Helliar

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

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- 7 Swan Lake, Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty along with Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux which was originally intended for Swan Lake
- 8 Ronald Searle
- 9 It is a 2001 guide book written by British author J K Rowling (under the pen name of the fictitious author Newt Scamander) about the magical creatures in the Harry Potter universe
- 10 El Dorado
- 11 'Allo 'Allo, played by Rose Hill (the flashing bed knobs!)
- 12 It's true!

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