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April 2022

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th April**

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items will be accepted
after this date**

April

Friday 1st

Pantomime – Dick Whittington, Chapmanslade

Saturday 2nd

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Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – from 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 12th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8 pm, at the hall

Wednesday 13th

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Thursday 14th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, at the village hall

Sunday 17th

Holy Communion Service – 9.30 am, St Mary's Church, Corsley

Thursday 21st

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

Wednesday 27th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Annual Parish Meeting – 7 pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 28th

Crafternoon – 3 pm to 5pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

May

Monday 9th

Corsley Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 19th

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

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre – 10.30 am to 2 pm at Corsley Mill



Diary Dates

June

Thursday 2nd

Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Friday 3rd

Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday 5th

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic – Chapmanslade village hall

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic – The Big Lunch Picnic, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 16th

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

Wednesday 22nd

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

July

Saturday 2nd

American Independence Day Celebrations
– 6 pm to 10.30 pm, Corsley House

Thursday 21st

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

Wednesday 27th

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm,
Corsley Reading Room

August

Thursday 18th

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

Saturday 6th

The Elizabethan Evening presents Peter Pan, performed by Illyria – 6.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

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Wednesday 6th April

Wednesday 20th April

Wednesday 4th May

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Wednesday 13th July

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 10th August

Wednesday 24th August

Wednesday 7th September

Jubilee Big Lunch Picnic

We will be hosting Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch Picnic on Sunday 5th June. The whole village is invited.

Preparations are in the early stages at the moment. We would love some volunteers to help with ideas, preparation and setting up on the day.

Plan so far:

- Everyone to bring their own picnic for us to celebrate together.
- There will activities for all, music from every year of Her Majesty's reign.
- Teas, coffees and soft drinks will be available
- We plan to have red, white and blue or jubilee-themed fancy dress
- Jubilee quiz and fun competitions.
- Our new piece play equipment, the flying carpet, will also be installed in time.

We welcome any offers of help and further suggestions.

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- 1 According to the popular saying, what speaks louder than words?
- 2 How many psalms make up the Book of Psalms in the Bible?
- 3 What kind of food is Monterey Jack?
- 4 Which organisation runs the annual Chelsea Flower Show?
- 5 Who gave Hampton Court Palace to Henry VIII?
- 6 Which author wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird"?
- 7 "Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross to see a fine lady on a white horse" - in which English county would you find Banbury Cross?
- 8 Released in March 1963, what was the title of The Beatles' debut UK album?
- 9 Which two countries border the Dead Sea?
- 10 Which planet in the solar system is not represented in the seven movements of Holst's "The Planets" suite?
- 11 On a standard London underground map, what colour is the Victoria Line?
- 12 Alphabetically which is the last in the list of the US States?

Answers on page 40

Chapmanslade – we need your ideas!

As part of the development at Barbers Farm, Chapmanslade has been granted several tens of thousands of pounds to be used on parish infrastructure projects (examples could include cycleways, sports and educational facilities, parks and play areas), which align to the following government criteria:

- It can fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation of management of infrastructure
- Or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands the development

places on Chapmanslade.

Some excellent suggestions were previously captured by the Parish Plan Questionnaire and Voice of the Village activities – more details can be found on the village website

Please let us know your thoughts on how the village could best use the funds by contacting John Foster by email:

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News from Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 5th March 5th saw the first 'fun quiz' we've held at the Village Hall for some considerable time! After being in lockdown for what seems like ages it was really great to be out in the world again, well at least the good bit known as Chapmanslade!

The quiz masters were the excellent 'Two Bobs', also referred to as 'Florin' but that joke was lost on those who are from the decimal age!

The food was absolutely excellent, ably prepared by Wendy and assisted by others including the youngsters who helped serve and clear up.

The questions were, for me, a bit abstract according to their group headings, but when you got into them they were easy (if you knew the answers!).

I think a good time was had by all and the winners were presented with wine and chocolates. The team who came last and won the wooden spoons, consumed a lot of wine at cheap Chapmanslade prices, had a great time and still lost despite some (allegedly) dubious use of Google!

Thanks to everyone who came and made it a great event!

Frank Lake

Platinum Jubilee

A Platinum Jubilee event is planned – a big picnic at the hall on Sunday 5th June, with live music, games and competitions. This will be organised in conjunction with the Parish Council and other interested parties – let us know if you would like to get involved.

AGM

This will be held at the hall on Tuesday 12th April at 8 pm – we invite everyone to come along – free refreshments!! New committee members are always welcome – meetings are held monthly over a drink at the Three Horseshoes – a sociable evening.

Committee

The current committee members are: Frank Lake, Ken Davies, Tim Humphries, Adam Oakley, Wendy Elkins, Carol Lewis, Lou Knight and Andy Fowler.

The family of Geoffrey Alan Long of Southcroft would like to announce the sad passing of their loving Dad.

The funeral took place on Thursday 24th March.

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We are moving with the times! Thanks to some newer members the club now has a Facebook page. Find us at www.facebook.com/corsleytennis

We also have a new website address www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CorsleyTennisClub

In case that's not enough technological advance for you, it's now possible for members to pay their subscription by credit or debit card, meaning that the whole process can be completed online. Do not despair if you prefer to pay by cheque or BACS payments you can download a membership form from the club website, print the form and send it to us.

It's that time of year when we remind you subs are due. It's only a small increase from last year. Tennis still only costs a single adult less than £2 per week and where else can you get a sociable work out on good courts in lovely rural surroundings for that cost?

At the AGM in January we decided to extend the catchment area for Junior Members who qualify for free membership to include Chapmanslade parish as well as Corsley.

We hope that will make it cheaper for those who play as a family from either village but we also have a new Family Membership

for two Adults and up to four named children. This is for Members who may have visiting children/grandchildren who are in full-time education and do not normally live in Corsley or Chapmanslade.

There may be a mathematical calculation to do to work out which option works best for your family, but we hope you will find something that works for you and yours.

Sadly, our coach Jon Dilena decided to give up coaching in Corsley at the end of February. Thank you Jon for all the skill and experience you gave us. Lots of us have enjoyed your sessions and learned a lot.

We are working hard to recruit a new coach and really hope to be able to offer some tennis sessions for children and young people throughout the Easter holidays. Watch the website and Facebook page for details.

The dates are now set for this year's adult tournaments throughout May and July so it's time to get practising and eye up the opposition.

See you on court!

*Liz Garrett
Club Secretary*



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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Adam Oakley rounds up the PC's activity in March

Chapmanslade Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 10th March. Cllr. Phil Holihead chaired the meeting at which there were four other councillors present, two members of the public and our Wiltshire Councillor Bill Parks.

During the public discussion a question was raised by a member of the public as to why the cost of the proposed additional street lighting was so high. Cllr. Holihead explained that the amount budgeted for was hopefully the worst-case estimate for the work required and that it was possible the actual cost could work out to be lower. Cllr. Morland observed that costs would be higher if there was a requirement to close the road to do the work. The matter will be discussed at the upcoming Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) in April.

Cllr. Parks explained that many of the meetings being called by Wiltshire Council were inadvertently excluding councillors from the villages because they were being held mostly in Warminster town. Changes are underway to make many of the meetings a hybrid mix of face-to-face and online so that it is much easier for members from the villages to join without the need to travel.

Climate Change

Cllr. Parks also updated us on the Wild About Wiltshire scheme as well as making us aware that Wiltshire Council have adopted The Green Blue Infrastructure Strategy and the Climate Strategy.

Weight Limit

Cllr. Holihead updated us on the continuing efforts to reduce the weight limit through the village to 7.5tonnes, as well as the progress that had been made with the developer at Honey Grove to reduce the number of commercial vehicles traveling through the village to access the site. Whilst there are no grounds for enforcement, lorries using the High Street to access Honey Grove were now doing so contrary to the expectations of the developers and new signs had been erected to route lorries to and from the A36.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Plans are being prepared for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations later in the year; village organisations have been invited to bring the community effort together. If you would like to help with the organising, please get in touch initially via the Parish Clerk (email at the bottom of the article).

Community Infrastructure Levy

The PC has received some of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from the Barbers Farm development and plans are underway to make decisions on spending these funds. The Village Plan Steering Group will explore possible projects and initiatives and report back to the PC at the next meeting.

Resilience Plan

Storm Eustice and other events had focused the minds of the PC to review the Resilience Plan and there was broad discussion around

the work that Cllr. Foster had been carrying out on a resilience/emergency plan for the village. It was recognised that there was now a need to complete this plan to link to Wiltshire Council's plan and gain access to wider support organisations.

Footpaths

Cllr. Oakley shared details of possible improvements by replacing stiles with kissing gates on various circular routes around the parish. Funding for this project would come from Section 106 funds from the Barter Farm development and would use village volunteers to carry out the work. This volunteering allows for more of the funding to be spent on additional gates. Also discussed were some details about possible diversions but more work and negotiations with landowners is required for all these projects to become reality.

Planning notices

Changes at Wiltshire Council have resulted in some of the green planning notices not being put up outside of properties where a planning application is under consultation. This has on occasion resulted in members of the public not being aware of proposed development. It was decided to ask Cllr. Bill Parks to try to resolve this issue with the Planning Department at County Hall, and the PC undertook to explain any new procedure on its website and in a future article in The Bridge.

Dates of next meetings

Chapmanslade Parish Council meet next at the village hall on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm. Details as ever via www.chapmansladepc.org and bookings to attend via chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk

Adam Oakley

Foodbank Donations for Lent

The PCC of Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches are inviting donations for the Food Bank, making this a part of our Lent giving this year, especially as the effects of the pandemic have caused even more people needing their services. There will be a designated area in St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade and St Margaret's Church, Corsley where donations can be left.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I think this is the hardest letter I have ever had to write. It is the beginning of March as I sit down with my computer and the morning after the Russian bombing of a maternity unit in Mariupol; now the Ukrainian city is under renewed bombardment and food and water are running out. Obviously, I have no idea what the situation will be in Ukraine by the time you actually read this letter. I wish I could say that I think things will be better, but quite honestly, I don't think they will.

From the vantage point of our privileged lives in the UK I would imagine all of us are responding to the terrible events in Ukraine with a mixture of appalled disbelief and a desperate sense of helplessness; we are left with questions for which there is no easy answer. What difference does it make to the people of Mariupol if I get down on my knees and pray, what difference does it make to the 2 million people who have fled their homes in 12 days if I light a candle each Sunday for them? And the ultimate question for Christians: where is God in all this, and if there is a God, why doesn't he do something to end the carnage we see being perpetrated against innocent civilians and which is being described as 'not a war anymore: It is Russia against humanity.'

I don't have a set of neat answers to these questions, questions that have haunted every generation of human beings since time immemorial. I believe in a God of love who shares our pain and whose own heart breaks at the terrible suffering we inflict upon each other. I don't believe in a God who sits on high watching what we do with indifference and who is imperious to our suffering.

This month on the 17th we celebrate the most important feast of the Church's year, Easter Day; I wonder how that sits with what I've said above? Before we get to the joy of Easter we go through the sombre events of Holy Week, culminating in the cruelty and terrible darkness of Good Friday. In the barbaric torture of the crucifixion, God shows us that he is with us in the awful darkness of human suffering, where the choices made by one despotic leader means that what amounts to genocide is inflicted upon a nation. After Good Friday comes Holy Saturday; perhaps this is where we find ourselves today? It's a kind of liminal in-between space where we are forced to live side by side with great evil not knowing when it will end and feeling powerless to change anything.

Easter day emerges out of the depths of human sin to show us that, even though we cannot see it or often believe it, in the end, love is stronger than evil. We see that love shining in the care and compassion being shown to refugees crossing the border into Poland, in the generosity of those donating money or clothes and essential items, in the comfort given to a young Russian conscript by some Ukrainian women as he cried for his mother.

Sometimes it seems Easter Day is very far away; sometimes we can't see it at all in our despair; sometimes love breaks through anyway. Let us pray that somehow, even if it is in a very small way, we can try to embody that love in our response to the suffering people of Ukraine.

May the blessing and hope of Easter be yours,
Love and prayers,
Pauline

April Church Diary (COVID-19 regulations permitting)

Sunday 3rd April: 5th Sunday of Lent

8 am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill

9.30 am Eucharist, St Margarets, Corsley

10.30 am Morning Worship, St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill



Wednesday 6th April

Cley Hill Lent Course

10.30 am, Short Street Farm, 160 Short Street



Sunday 10th April: Palm Sunday

9.30 am Eucharist, St Phillip & St James, Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist, St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill



Thursday 14th April: Maundy Thursday

7 pm Agape Meal, Corsley

7 pm Agape Meal, Longbridge Deverill



Friday 15th April: Good Friday

10.30 am Good Friday Family Walk - Corsley to Chapmanslade

12 noon Good Friday Service, St Phillip & St James, Chapmanslade

11 am St Mathew's Passion, St Michael The Archangel, Brixton



Sunday 17th April: Easter Sunday

9.30 am Eucharist, St Margarets, Corsley

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Corsley

10.30 am Eucharist, St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill

10.30 am, St John the Baptist, Horningsham

Sunday 24th April: Easter 2

9.30 am Eucharist, St Phillip & St James, Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist, St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 1st May: Sunday Easter 3

8 am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill

9.30 am Eucharist Corsley/Chapmanslade TBA

10.30 am Morning Worship, St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade
Thursday 21st April, 10 am to 12 noon

Crafternoon

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 28th April, 3 pm to 5 pm (in the gallery)
The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 27th April, 7 pm at St Margaret's Church

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll in the Parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade takes place between April 1st 2021 and April 15th 2022

Any parishioner wishing to have their names added to the current Church Electoral Roll should contact the Electoral Roll officer between the above dates in order to vote at the Annual Parish Church Meeting meeting on 27th April 2022.

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Memories of Corsley School

Danywenallt revisited

David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...



Danywenallt is an isolated Study Centre (and Youth Hostel) in the heart of the beautiful Brecon Beacons National Park, situated in an idyllic location alongside a picturesque reservoir and about three miles from the town of Brecon. It was a former farmhouse and barn converted into kitchen, dining hall, meeting room and bedrooms, with more bedrooms in an extension next door. When the children of Corsley School visited the centre we were always accompanied by children from Crockerton School and their

teacher, Val Culff. This was a perfect situation since it meant the cost of the trip was more affordable and because Val could have a room in the girls accommodation block and I could have a room in the boys block, ensuring the children got some sleep and did not spend much of each night keeping each other awake talking and playing!

At that time Val was a class teacher at Crockerton, but was destined to become its highly popular and successful Headteacher in future years. She was an exceptional teacher

and a gifted artist with a keen interest in literature, drama and art. She was loved by all the children in her care, staff and parents. I well remember the first time the two schools went away together – poor Val got several headaches during that eventful week! On the second afternoon there, a Crockerton parent rang the centre and insisted on speaking to her daughter. At the end of the call the poor child was in floods of tears – her pony had died and her parents felt she needed to be told immediately – Val had to spend much of the week consoling her! The very next day one of her boys had a very severe asthma attack and Val and I had to drive him to Brecon hospital and Val, of course, had to give his parents the news and reassure them he was OK. Unfortunately the attack was so severe he spent two days in hospital and his parents had to come and collect him. I seem to recall having a similar event one evening the next year, with young Jason Knight – but fortunately a short spell on a nebuliser ended the attack on this occasion – and dad Mike drove all the way up from Corsley next morning with his inhaler!

The centre's resident warden Ron was responsible for all the day activities at Danywenallt, most of which were off site but, every evening after the meal, Val and I were responsible for organising the activities with the children. Often this would involve some energetic ball games on the farmer's field, or a walk along the shores of the lake or hide and seek in the woods. On the final night Val, as always, would organise the evening's entertainment. She would get all the children to form small groups that had to have children from both schools in them and challenge them to devise a 'short play or musical event' in just one hour, to entertain us all before bed. The children, like Val, loved performing and the hurriedly organised entertainments could often be very high quality events. When all was finished it was their bedtime and Val,

Ron and I could relax with a glass of wine and a game of cards (and Val would usually have a surreptitious smoke outside) until the noise died down and our checks revealed all the children were asleep and we too could get some rest. As Val once said "Seven hours in school with my lot is exhausting, but twenty fours hours a day for five days is a killer!"

Sadly Val Culff passed away in February after a short illness and, for all those of us who had the privilege of knowing her, another shining light in this world went out.

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Community policing

Deb Smith, Assistant Chief Constable, outlines the new community policing model

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We first introduced our Community Policing model in 2016 and, in the last five years, we've updated and adapted the model to reflect the changing needs of our community. This ensures our model continues to be effective for 21st century policing.

In 2019, we restructured the geographical Community Policing Team (CPT) areas and introduced dedicated neighbourhood officers.

At the time, the former Police and Crime Commissioner wrote to partners across the county to update on our modifications to the policing model, but I am conscious that in recent years, particularly with the ongoing global pandemic, there have been many changes within our communities, in our policing roles and with the ways we work, so I wanted to write and re-introduce the model and remind you of how we are policing your community.

The policing model

As a police force, we cover the whole county, across both local authority areas for Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council.

The county is divided into eight Community Policing Teams (CPTs). Each team is led by an Inspector and made up of designated Response and Neighbourhood

officers.

Each CPT has five Response Teams with each one being led by sergeants. The main role of these officers is to respond to 999 and 101 calls and manage ongoing investigations.

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Our Neighbourhood Teams play a valuable role as the main link between the Force and the community. They are the officers and volunteers you will come to recognise in your communities and will see at local meetings and events.

Our neighbourhood officers focus directly on working within the community, offering greater contact with the public and take a problem-solving approach to local community issues.

Your Community Policing Team

We continue to work hard to embed our neighbourhood officers within the town and parish communities and we are working to raise awareness of these teams and how the public and partners can best engage and communicate with them.

You can find out more information about the team and our policing priorities in the 'Community Policing Team' area on our Force website.

We need your help to spread the word

We want every resident to know who their

local officers are and how they can contact their local Community Policing Team (CPT).

I know that many of you may already have regular contact with your local officers. We would like to build on this in 2022, so I would encourage you to share any ideas you may have on how we can work better together and develop this relationship and actively raise awareness locally.

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Walking through lockdown

Frome walk



Here's another Frome walk completed at the end of February this year; the starting point is the central car park. From there, walk through the Westway Shopping Centre and out to Cork Street, the road beside the cinema. Turn left and walk along to the crossing, go over and then turn right at the next corner, into Stoney Street. Hopefully, you're feeling fit for a climb up Catherine Hill, because that's the way you're going! I find it fascinating to study the artisan outlets up this narrow road; take your time climbing, so you don't miss a single one!

When you begin to feel puffed (I did, anyway!), you'll find the cobbled street you've been using becomes a wider, metalled road. Set back on the pavement at your left is Frome's Valentine Lamp, the remains of an old gas street lamp which Reg Ling

restored and adapted for electric use; the lighting ceremony for this rarity took place on Valentine's Day 1993. Past the lamp, the road narrows again and becomes Catherine Street. When you can see the junction with Badcox ahead of you, there's a café on the right called Bistro Lotte, with what must be the remains of an earlier, if not original, frontage with glorious coloured tiles



over the doorway, proclaiming 'Grocery and Provision Stores'.

At Badcox, turn right and right again at the next junction, into old and narrow Castle Street. This remainder of a bygone Frome era contains housing dating back to the seventeen-hundreds, plus another reminder of a bygone age that most people don't know exists. At your left,

on the crossroads beside the red-brick building known as The Keep, you'll see the pavement is edged with metal, not kerbstones. The late Ron Stone, who attended Whitbourne Chapel, told me this metal strip is from the days of horse-drawn carts. The slope here meant that loaded carts could force the horses downhill faster, due to the weight behind them, so carters had a brake on the cart they could somehow use on the hill to slow the carts down before the junction. When the road was changed to its current design, this tiny section of metal kerbing was left in place.

Turn left at The Keep, which Ron told me was once the local hospital, into Trinity Street. On your left now, you'll pass the beautiful buildings that were once the Butler and Tanner Works. This lovely site, now homes,

probably dates back to the early nineteen-hundreds. I hope you try this section of the walk at some time, if you've never seen these buildings before. Go across the mini-crossroads here and you'll see Holy Trinity Church, in a commanding position at the far end of the no-through-road ahead. Just from nosiness, I walked along to the church,

which has Trinity School adjoining it. The church wasn't open, sadly, but the graveyard was – with commanding views of the local countryside and well worth a peek.

Leave the churchyard and retrace your steps along the street towards the crossroads, pausing to study the plaque in the window of Number 21, which mentions past people who lived and worked here. Turn left beside The Bridge café/meeting place and walk down the slope; you're now on Selwood Road. At the next crossroads, cross the road to The

Griffin public house and walk along Milk Street, beside the pub. Keep going and you'll reach Rye Bakery, housed in the former Zion Chapel. Why not stop here and have a break, enjoy a pot of their tea or a specialist coffee and perhaps have something to eat, as well? I tried the children's marguerita pizza; it was





Rye Bakery



Example of Singer's craftsmanship

very tasty and plenty enough for greedy me! I took one of their filled Danish pastries home for an afternoon treat, too!

When you've had your fill and studied the building and its gardens, leave and walk out onto Milk Street, turning right and right again, onto the narrow footpath alongside the Chapel wall. This leads you into the area signed as 'Waterloo', where the Singer's

Works were (it's now a housing estate, at your left). Cross the road and head downhill, till you reach the Jenson Button footbridge on your right. If you aren't too worn out, walk the few feet more to study the signage about the Singer's Works and see examples of their craftsmanship, before crossing the footbridge back into the main car park.



The organ at Rye Bakery, formerly Zion Chapel

Whitbourne Chapel

*"He is not here; He has risen!"
Luke 24, verse 6!*

The simple but wonderful truth of the Easter story!

As I write, the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Army continues. Our political leaders have imposed economic sanctions against the Russians while others seek to negotiate a peaceful solution, but the battle continues with no sense of peace being restored any time soon. Whatever the outcome, it doesn't look as there will be any sort of victory to celebrate, with already many on both sides being killed, and millions fleeing to other countries for safety.

I recently read an article describing various historical battles, where commanders, despite having numbers of soldiers that far outweighed those of their enemy, managed to lose the battle, and found themselves returning to their home country with their reputations in tatters. The Easter story records what initially appeared to be a defeat, as Jesus' closest followers walked away from Calvary on Good Friday. They had witnessed the crucifixion and death of the One who had taught that He was the long-awaited Messiah who would overcome death. Of course, if we read on in our Bibles we see those who found the empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday



Morning. They would later meet and speak with the risen Lord Jesus. The Son of God, whom even death could not hold.

That's the simple but wonderful truth of the Easter Story. The Lord Jesus, the Messiah, overcame death and is now seated in heaven interceding for us. He longs for us to accept Him as our Lord, and admit that we too want to experience that same victory over all that stops us from truly knowing Him as our

Saviour. We don't have to fight for victory but instead, if we will believe in the Lord Jesus, we fight from victory.

**"Christ is Risen!
Hallelujah, risen our
victorious Head;
sing His praises;
Hallelujah! Christ is risen
from the dead." (John
Bewley Monsell).**

*Chris Andrews
Occasional preacher at Whitbourne*

Roger Hopwood

Roger passed away on Monday 7th March at the age of 85, after a long period of ill health. It was Roger who persuaded me to take over editing this monthly column for The Bridge and I miss his guidance and knowledge very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with Roger's wife Beth and all the family.

Gill Redman

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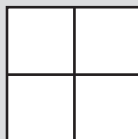
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Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Coffee Mornings

We were delighted to see some new faces again at the March coffee morning. Come along on Tuesday 5th April from 10 am and have a chat. We have invited our PCSO to join us; whether they attend or not will depend on their commitments.

Photographers

Thanks to those who contributed photos. If things went to plan, then they would have been on show on 26th March for you to indicate your preferences. The management committee will be meeting shortly to decide the first ones to be printed and displayed, taking your views into account.

Refurbishment programme

We are working on a 'Buy-a-Tile' scheme which we hope all residents will want to participate in. You will be able to buy one or more tiles to indicate your support for the continuation of the Reading Room. More details in due course.

New oven

As those who use it will know, one of the ovens was found to be electrically faulty and beyond economic repair so we are buying a new one. Users will be pleased to know that the main selection criteria is that it be "easy to use" and not require a PhD in ovens!

Adrian Tinniswood talk

This was a great success with the reduced capacity full, and enjoyed by those who attended a very entertaining and interesting talk.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up to date information and more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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Committee Members

David Carruthers, Hugh Deed, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett,
Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Gill Parkinson, Mark Richards

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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

www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk

Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Actions
- 2 150
- 3 Cheese
- 4 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
- 5 Cardinal Wolsey
- 6 Harper Lee
- 7 Oxfordshire
- 8 Please Please Me
- 9 Jordan and Israel
- 10 Earth
- 11 Light blue
- 12 Wyoming

Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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