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**April 2024** 



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

#### **April**

#### Tuesday 2nd

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

#### Thursday 4th

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Saturday 6th

Quiz Night and Supper with the Two Bobs, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Sunday 7th

Chapmanslade Village Hall Volunteers Day – 10 am to 4 pm, at the hall

#### Tuesday 9th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

#### Wednesday 10th

Crafternoon - 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

#### Thursday 11th

Corsley WI – speaker Mike Bull from Friends of the River Frome (guests £3)

#### Sunday 14th

Corsley Tennis Club Junior Tennis Programme starts today (see page 4)

#### Thursday 18th

Community Church Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch, from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

#### Thursday 25th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 7.30 pm, at the hall

#### Friday 26th

Comedy Night – drinks from 6.30 pm, show at 8 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Saturday 27th

Dolce Singers perform Allegri's Miserere and Haydn's Nelson Mass – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

#### Sunday 28th

Annual Parish Church Meeting – 11.30 am, St Philip and St James (following the service)

### **Diary** Dates

#### May

#### Thursday 2nd

Cash and Prize Bingo - doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### **Tuesday 7th**

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

#### Saturday 11th

JDMSS Eye-Opener Meeting – 10 am to 12.30 pm, St Francis' Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury, SP1 3PN

#### Sunday 12th

Corsley Tennis Club - Mixed Doubles tournament - 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

#### Monday 13th

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7 pm, in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room

#### **Tuesday 14th**

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

#### Thursday 16th

Cash and Prize Bingo - doors/ refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Sunday 19th

Corsley Tennis Club - Women's Doubles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

#### June

#### Sunday 2nd

Corsley Tennis Club - Men's Doubles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

#### **Tuesday 4th**

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Wednesday 24th July Wednesday 7th August

Wednesday 21st August

Wednesday 4th September



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Sign up is through the clubspark page. https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CorsleyTennisClub

> Age groups 5-8 start at 11 am, ages 8-13 start at 12 noon and ages 13-16 start at 1-2 pm

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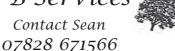
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### **War Memorial**

Terry Rose reports on a plan to add more names of those who have perished in wars or military campaigns to the Chapmanslade World War One Memorial

Currently Chapmanslade War Memorial, which sits in the grounds of St Philip and St James' Church, only displays the names of those servicemen from the village who died in WWI. It was dedicated on 12 September 1920 and reported in the Somerset Standard 'There was a very large gathering at Chapmanslade Parish Church on Sunday evening last, the church being crammed to its utmost capacity, and as many as were accommodated being unable to obtain admission. Lady Sybil Phipps (of Chalcott House) gave a brief and appropriate address and unveiled the memorial cross sculpted from Doulting stone by Mr Morgan of Keyford, Frome. The service was conducted by the

Rev H L West, vicar of Dilton Marsh. It may be mentioned that the whole of the necessary funds were collected within a fortnight.'

In many towns and villages similar memorials have been updated with the names of those who died in other wars and military campaigns, especially in WWII. These days remembrance ceremonies remind us of the horror and futility of war and the need for peace and reconciliation.

Chapmanslade History Group are proposing that the names of the two men from Chapmanslade that we know of, who died in WWII, should be added to our War



Memorial. Their names are Lance Corporal Wyndham Carter, died 6th February 1944, aged 29, and Flight Sergeant Kenneth W Chalk, died 28-29 January 1944, aged 21.

Wyndham Carter, Wiltshire Regiment Infantry, son of Frank and Francis, husband of Phyllis, killed in action in Lazio, Italy and is buried in Minturno War Cemetery.

Kenneth Chalk, Royal Air Force 77th Squadron, son of William and Hilda, was a rear gunner

on a Halifax bomber. Having survived a previous crash, he lost his life along with six other crew, three of whom were Canadian, during an air attack on Berlin when his plane collided with a German fighter crashing into KaDaWe, a large departmental store in the city centre. He is remembered on the Runnymede Memorial.

These two men who died within a few days of each other came from the same local family.

Dennis Barnard says, "We have long felt that their names should have been added to the war memorial, to be in public view along with the names of those who gave their lives in WWI and remembered with them on Remembrance Sundays. We thank Chapmanslade Parish Council and Ian Buick, Church Warden, for their support in this endeavour."

Adding names to a Grade II listed war memorial standing on consecrated grounds of a Grade II listed church is not straightforward but we've already made some positive steps. We're thinking that the names should be



added to a new cast bronze plaque, matching the existing plaque.

The nephew of the two servicemen, who lives in Chapmanslade, says that he supports what we are trying to do and we thank him for giving us the photo of Kenneth Chalk used in this article.

#### Other names and other conflicts - can you help?

Do you know of any names that may be missing from the existing WWI plaque and whether there

are any villagers who have lost their lives in any subsequent campaigns, not just WWII, that could also be recognised on the Chapmanslade war memorial?

The names on the current plaque are: H Dew, C Grant, F G Hill, S J Hill, T B Holdway, H J Holloway, C Mead, G Mead, T H Mines, W J Parfitt, S C Pickford, A Prangley, C W Stamp, E Stamp, W C Witchell

Public consultation is an important step in the process, so if you know of any additional names we can consider adding or have any thoughts you'd like to share about this initiative please let me know using the email address below.

> Terry Rose Chapmanslade History Group terencerose@btinternet.com

[References: A History of Chapmanslade' published 2019 and 'Lest We Forget - A Story of Corsley and Chapmanslade in WWI' published 2018. Both books may be purchased for £,10 per copy at The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade. All receipts go towards local initiatives]

### Corsley **Tennis Club News**

Bit of a bumpy ride over the last month or so, with some disagreements across committee and, sadly, some resignations. Fewer people means the work of running the club falls heavily on those who remain, but we still hope for a year of great tennis ahead and thank those who have moved on for their contribution to the committee.

Thanks to those of you who returned a completed questionnaire seeking members views about the club and its facilities. It's always useful to know what works well for members, or what changes or improvements would be welcomed.

Subscriptions are now due for those who wish to renew their membership or new people wanting to join.

We've raised the fees very slightly this year. This allows us to pay for some help to keep the courts and their surrounds tidy and safe. Adult membership now costs £,98 a year, couples membership is £158 and family membership £190.

If you live in Chapmanslade or Corsley your children (up to 18 years old and full time students) can play for FREE and for children outside the villages the cost is £,12.

You can meet others through club sessions and using the WhatsApp group and if you

feel you need some tuition, our coach Martin offers individual or group sessions.

Bookings are underway for the group sessions for children - see ad elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge or details on the website.

It's not long now until tournament season!

The dates are set:

Mixed Doubles Sunday 12th May Women's Doubles Sunday 19th May Sunday 2nd June Men's Doubles American Switch Sunday 23rd June

Tournament

Women's Singles Sunday 7th July Men's Singles Sunday 21st July

All of the above tournaments start at 2 pm

The Over 70s Tournament will be held on Thursday 5th September, starting at 10 am

There's plenty of time to book your practice and get in some coaching if you need it before placing your entry!

All the details are on the club website.

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ CorsleyTennisClub

See you on court!

Liz Garrett Cub Secretary

### Never put batteries in any of your bins

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### **Grass cutting**

Find out more about Wiltshire Council's grass cutting schedule which started in March...

Our annual grass cutting schedule in urban areas has begun, with monthly cuts now scheduled from March until October in most amenity areas maintained by the council.

The cutting programme, which is managed by our contractor idverde, focuses on maintaining amenity areas around the county by cutting them every month. However, in some areas, which have been selected in consultation with local communities, we look to promote biodiversity and encourage pollinators by leaving these areas uncut as wildflower meadows. These initiatives allow plants to flower and seed, providing a food source for insects and other wildlife. The areas that are left uncut are reviewed on an annual basis.

While amenity grass cutting begins this month, on rural highways we start cutting visibility splays on junctions and some bends, plus along some particularly narrow lanes, from May and then throughout the summer. The remaining verges are left uncut until September, which enables wildflowers to set seed and spread more widely in the verge.

We recognise that some people like grass to be cut neatly, while others prefer to let it grow to encourage wildlife, so while it is not possible to please everyone, we try our best to manage these differing views.

Please note that the grass cutting schedule during the next few months will be challenging because of the extremely wet weather we have experienced, but our teams are working hard to balance safety and the need to support biodiversity in Wiltshire.

To report areas that need grass cutting, go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts.

#### Council invests £1m in new gully emptying machinery to help prevent flooding

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### Bob's bafflers

- The New Orleans pianist, singer and songwriter Antoine Domino is better known by what nickname?
- Born with the surname Austerlitz in 1899, who was the famous dancer who starred in many musical films of the '30s, '40s and '50s?
- According the Ivor Novello song, which flowers will we gather in the spring again?
- Which emperor is supposed to have fiddled while Rome burned?
- What is the penultimate letter of the Greek alphabet?
- Which 1960s new town (now a city) in Buckinghamshire is known for its concrete cows?
- Which Mountain pass links Pakistan and Afghanistan?
- Which 1971 film, from an Anthony Burgess book, starred Malcolm McDonald as a classical music loving violent sociopath?
- Which country is known as the land of the Long White Cloud?
- 10 Which Irish author wrote 'Ulysses' and "Finnigan's Wake'?
- 11 Which three-letter word can precede fetched, away, row and thing?
- 12 In which English word do the first two letters signify a male, the first three signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word a great woman?

Answers on page 48

### **Annual Revision of the Electoral Roll**

The Annual revision of the Electoral Roll in the Parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade will take place between April 1st 2024 and April 15th 2024. 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 28th April 2024.

For an application form for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll please contact Rev Diana Britten 01373 832515 email: dianabritten69@gmail.com



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### 2024: a significant year for Chapmanslade

It's 90 years since Chapmanslade became a Civil Parish in its own right (in April 1934) with its very own Parish Council to support and promote the interests of the village

Chapmanslade was, of course, both a village and a community long before 1934! Roman remains have been found at the east end of the village so it's likely that it was a settlement at that time and the History Group found a reference, dated 1245, to Chipmannesled, which most likely meant 'the road used by chapmen (traders or pedlars)'. Later, from 1756 to 1870, Frome Turnpike Trust collected tolls on the busy road from Frome to Westbury through Chapmanslade with its two inns, stables, several beer-houses, shops, market gardens, tradesmen, blacksmiths and two chapels.

#### Chapmanslade Civil Parish

Before 1934 Chapmanslade was a village of two halves and three parishes divided along the High Street (then the B3098 - the old turnpike road). On the north side of the road the village was in the civil parish of Dilton Marsh whilst the south side of the road was either in the parishes of Corsley or Upton Scudamore, Confused? Well it must have been confusing for villagers to know who was responsible for what. An example was refuse collection. Those on the north side had their refuse collected quarterly, whilst those on the south side had no collection at all. So, it is said, some villagers on the south side waited until dark the night before the collection was due to take their rubbish across the road.

In 1934 bits of land were taken from Dilton Marsh, Corsley and Upton Scudamore parishes to form the new civil parish of Chapmanslade as we know it today, encompassing the hamlets of Huntenhull Green, Short Street and Thoulstone, with a boundary that closely followed the outline of the 1867 parochial boundary established when the church was built. In total, 400 people were transferred to the new parish giving them the opportunity to have more say in how the village was run and have their own Parish Council.

#### Chapmanslade Parish Council

The new parish needed its own councillors, so an election was held. According to a flyer printed by Harold Dyer, 46 people turned up to vote. The first councillors to be elected were; Arthur Barnard, shopkeeper, John Culverhouse, builder and Baptist Chapel organist, Harold Dyer, printer and postmaster, Sydney Farr, landlord of The Three Horseshoes, Percy Forward, farmer, William (Bill) Grant, decorator, and John Ford, farmer. John Culverhouse was elected as chairman with Percy Forward as vice chair. The first parish council meeting was held in the school on the 6th April 1934.

Discussions and disputes about refuse collection, housing, the state of roads, ditches, overgrown hedges, water supplies, street

lighting, footpaths and the locations of the telephone box and a proposed new village hall were had over the coming months. The council had to work out who was responsible for some of these things; landowners, the parish council, the district council, the county council or perhaps no one? It must have been a daunting experience for the newly elected councillors.

One of the first major decisions that needed to be taken in 1934 was whether the village should be supplied with either electricity or mains drainage for sewage. At this time there was no mains electricity and sewage disposal was the responsibility of households, with most homes having an outside privy with a wooden thunderbox toilet (often built by coffin maker Charlie Culverhouse) to be emptied into a trench in the garden. An up-market alternative was to install an Elsan chemical toilet in the privy.

So a referendum was organised with villagers voting overwhelmingly for electricity. A private company supplied the power via overhead cables and encouraged everyone to sign up for electricity by installing three ceiling lights and a 15 amp socket free of charge with the expectation that householders would pay £,48 for up to six more lamps to be fitted, which didn't always happen. Heath House Farm for example still had only the original free fitments in 1968. The power company also installed six street lamps along the High Street.

What happened to the mains drainage you might ask? Well it took another 60 years, until 1996, for mains sewerage to be installed throughout most of the parish - celebrated with a 'Big Flush' party held in the village hall attended by a celebrity guest of honour. But that's another story.

Over the years very many villagers have served as parish councillors to help make Chapmanslade a great place to live, work, play and visit. However, it would be remiss not to

give special mention to Dennis Barnard who was a councillor for a total of 42 years, 20 years as Chair, and to our present Clerk who has worked with ten Chairs of council over a lengthy period of time - both have shown an extraordinary commitment to the community.

**Note:** 2024 also marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the new Village Hall on 14th September 1974, followed by a week of events.

Written by Terry Rose based on extracts from A History of Chapmanslade' published in 2019 by the Chapmanslade History Group. The book can be purchased in The Three Horseshoes with all receipts donated to village funds. Other members of the History Group also contributed to this article.

### Churchyards **Spring Clean** and Grass **Cutting**

This month, grass cutting will begin in both St Margaret's and St Philip and St James' churchyards and we are asking all family members who attend the graves of more than a year old, to assist us by removing all items except one bouquet of flowers or one plant in order to allow the machine to cut the grass between the headstones and plaques. If items have not been removed by May they will be removed in order to allow this to happen. Thank you for your cooperation.

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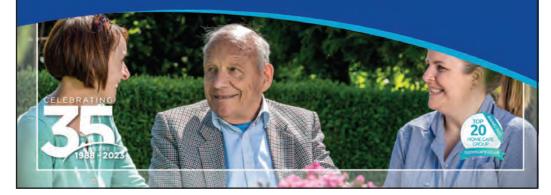
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#### **Corsley Parish Council**

### **Parish Council Briefing**

Neil Carpenter, Chair, rounds up the PC's activity in March

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on 11th March.

In addition to the Parish Councillors the meeting was attended by 16 members of the public, our County Councillor, Bill Parks and Michael Kalvis, the Residential Development Project Manager responsible for the delivery of the houses at the development on Maud Davies Close, Mr Kalvis had been invited to the meeting by the Parish Council and updated the meeting on the progress being made and also outlined the process for those wishing to rent/purchase the properties when they are complete. Mr Kalvis took questions from councillors and the members of the public who were present. (Copies of the slides used in Mr Kalvis presentation can be made available - contact John Willcox, Clerk to the Parish Council.)

There were a number of key messages that came out of his presentation:

- It is expected that the properties will be completed and available in September.
- · The rental costs will be considered as affordable. The definition of affordable is 80% of local rent costs. Mr Kalvis was pressed on what area they would be taking as local as rents in Corsley, with many properties owned by Longleat are much higher than Warminster for example. At this stage he did not have an answer. It is best to describe the mood as disappointing that we are still not clear what the rents will be but we will follow up to try and get this figure.
- The shared ownership will be sold at full

local value (again a lot of disquiet about this) with purchasers buying a share of the home and then having to pay rental on the rest of the value at a rate of 2.6% (to be confirmed). If purchasers then can afford to buy more of the property, it will be re-valued to get an up to date cost of that additional share.

NOTE: it was not made clear if when the property was revalued the rentable cost would increase as well (to that new value).

• It was raised by villagers that they had tried to contact Homes4Wiltshire by phone to find out how to apply, but nobody had answered the phone.

NOTE: Mr Kalvis has provide the number below to contact Homes4Wiltshire and be put on the housing register. Alternatively there is an electric form that can be found on the homes 4 wiltshire website. The full address for this is:

http://www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk/content/ Abouthomes4wiltshire/Howtocontactus

Villagers were also struggling to understand what their chances were of getting a property (was it worth replying or cancelling current rentals to get one of these). Once again, it was not clear when properties would be available, at what cost and for shared ownership how long legals would take with the council, i.e. a lot of risk associated with getting one of these properties for families.

After the meeting we received this from Mr Kalvis...

"As mentioned at the meeting, once the properties are in place, we will be able to establish their open

market value and calculate their rent. I appreciate that homes in your area may be expensive to buy and rent. However, Shared Ownership is a practical way for people to get a foothold on the property ladder and social rent will be significantly less than an equivalent market rent in the area".

Advice on the Homes 4 Wiltshire website says: "If you want to make a new application to join the Housing Register, please call our Housing Solutions team on 0300 456 0106 9 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (2 to 5 pm on Wednesdays)".

I am sorry to hear that some residents have had difficulty contacting the Council by phone – I have passed on this feedback to the team.

There is also an explanation of the shortlisting process which emphasises the importance of a local connection:

When bidding for a property, applicants are prioritised in shortlists in the following order:

- applicants with local connection to the parish or town in which the property is
- then by band ordered 1, 2, 3, 4 and Open Market Register, and
- within each band, effective date the date applicants are placed in the band or on the Open Market Register.

To explain these bands:

- Band 1 Emergency need (the Council has a legal requirement to find accommodation for them)
- Band 2 High need (social care need, urgent medical or welfare need, sick or injured Armed Forces)
- Band 3 Medium need (no fixed abode, temporary accommodation, seriously overcrowded)
- Band 4 Low need (lacking or shared facilities, overcrowded, Armed Forces).

Open market register

Low cost home ownership, older people accommodation, specialist accommodation for those with specific needs.

Personally, having just read this banding, I cannot believe that nowhere to live is Band 3 or that being elderly or disabled with needs is considered open market, but this is clearly the state of the housing need currently.

The Parish Council will continue to follow up with Homes4Wiltshire and let everyone know anything we find out.

#### **Planning**

The meeting considered one planning application:

PL/2024/01977 Detached garage/store/home office at: 79 Lane End, Corsley, Warminster, **BA12 7PE** 

It was agreed that the PC would have no objection to this application and that it be recommended to the planning authority that the building in question cannot be severed from the host property or occupied as a standalone dwelling.

#### Streetscene

A report had been circulated by David Ball, the PC member responsible for all matters roads. Villagers will probably have been aware of the flooding that had taken place on the A362 and various lanes south of the A362. A number of blocked drains were cleared by Wiltshire Council (thank you Councillor Parks for raising this to the priority needed to get the work done). There remain other issues across the village and the PC will be engaging with both Wiltshire and the Longleat Estates to try and achieve a long term solution to what could be an ongoing problem with climate change making winters wetter.

Traffic monitoring at several points on the A362 in response to the PC request for a 40mph limit throughout the whole length, instead of the six different speed limits currently in place is imminent. Watch this space! Hopefully the highways authority will take on board the wider road safety issues there are with this stretch e.g. the 12 junctions, 12 bus stops, 10 field entrances, 2 pubs, Cley Hill car park, etc. continued...

Further to the discussions on Emergency Planning it was agreed that a container be purchased to store equipment and the PC are grateful to Longleat and the Royal Oak for their permission to site the container in the Royal Oak car park.

#### Rights of Way

Villagers will have noticed that they are wet, some very wet! Unfortunately there is very little the PC can do about this, so bear with us.

#### Orchard

Significant work has been done at the orchard by volunteers with flowers and blossom all now coming out. The Parish Council thanks them for all their hard work.

#### Next meeting

Subject to confirmation, the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 13th May. We welcome all visitors!

Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7 pm)

### Chapmanslade Village Hall update

The winter months have seen some exciting events at the hall. We held a spooky Halloween disco, a packed quiz night, a natural Chapmanslade evening, film nights and our first musical bingo which was a great success. We're hoping to repeat all of these so look out for further info.

The best way to follow us is to join our Facebook group - Chapmanslade Village Hall and Memorial Playing Field. If you're not on Facebook, please drop Lou a message and we can forward information to you.

We're looking forward to the sunnier days and lighter evenings. We're planning our popular summer social evenings including rounders. We have our next quiz night and supper with the Two Bobs on Saturday 6th April then a fabulous Comedy Night planned for Friday 26th April hosted by the hilarious Jarred Christmas (see ad for further details). Tickets from www.popupcomedy.org

We are now hosting a regular cash and prize bingo that will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. Doors/ refreshments from 7pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

We've had some recent upgrades on our pavilion and we are so grateful to all the villagers that have given their time to this project.

Speaking of which, we need your help for our next volunteers day on Sunday 7th April 10 am to 4 pm. There's a multitude of jobs to cover so we'll happily have any help for any amount of time you can spare even if it's making the tea! If you can't make it, any donations of cakes, etc., would be gratefully received.

We are also looking for more volunteers to help us with our playground inspections. If you can spare 10/15 minutes every 6-8 weeks, please get in touch.

Our AGM is being held on Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm at the hall. We love to receive ideas and feedback from the community so please attend if possible. Refreshments will be provided.

For any more info please call/message Lou on 07806 486295 or speak to any committee member.

#### Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are fast approaching Easter. Our tendency is to rush over the difficult things that happened to Jesus in his last days, the grief that his mother and friends bore, and we run full pelt into the Resurrection. The tradition of attending church on Good Friday is left to a few faithful people, perhaps because the topic for that day is just too hard!

We hardly ever talk about death except when someone we know is coming towards the end of life. Yet, death is an everyday fact of life, in nursing we believed that it is the final act of living. There have been various bits of research that have suggested that we have 'professionalised' death in this country, we have 'forgotten' how to accompany someone as they take their final breath. The result of this is that death happens behind closed doors or away in the hospital, those that are left behind in the community forget (perhaps, gladly so) that this is something that will one day happen to them. And rather than come to terms with the prospect that life is not forever, try and do everything they possibly can to prolong life.

Don't' get me wrong, I am in full favour of improved medical techniques and interventions. But, as a human being, I, as do friends, family, colleagues need to understand that death happens at the end of life. Some lives are shorter than others for all sorts of reasons, some are longer though they wish it were not so. The life we have we must live.

Good Friday reminds us that there is good and evil in the world. Good Friday reminds us that we as human beings can do unspeakable things to others. Good Friday reminds us that we do not need to be afraid of death. Jesus tells us:

""Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

At the time the disciples were confused by what Jesus was saying, but then came the resurrection, and gradually as they experienced Jesus in their lives again, they came to understand that heaven is a very real phenomena and that eternal life is only possible through belief in Jesus. They were no longer afraid of death.

As we celebrate being an Easter people I pray that you too will experience new life in Tesus.

Grace and peace Reverend Caroline

#### **April Church Diary**

7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter 8 am Holy Communion Kingston 10 am Eucharist Corsley 10 am Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill

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14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter 10 am Praise and Worship Chapmanslade 10 am Eucharist Kingston

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21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter 11 am Matins Corsley 10 am Eucharist Brixton

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28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter 10 am Eucharist Chapmanslade 10 am Longbridge Deverill

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6th May – Rogation Service 10 am (venue TBA)

#### Church and Community Events in April

#### Crafternoons

Wednesday 10th & Wednesday 24th April 3 – 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

#### **Community Church Coffee Morning**

Thursday 18th April 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

#### Lite Bites Soup Lunch

Wednesday 24th April from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

#### Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Annual Parish Church Meeting

Sunday April 28th 11.30 am, St Philip and St James following the morning service



#### Parish Contacts for Corsley and Chapmanslade

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### March news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the March meeting



Members of Corsley WI arrived for the Annual General Meeting to find the Reading Room beautifully laid out; there were tables around the room laden with pots of spring flowers and bulbs.

Following the business part of the meeting, members and their guests got creative and set about making 'Living Wreaths'. The session was led by one of the members, Kit Pottow who, in true Blue Peter style, showed us one she had made earlier!

Kit demonstrated how to wrap the plants and bulbs in carpet moss before fixing them to the mossy wreaths which she had provided for us. The bulbs were a bit tricky as it was important to wrap and then tighten wire round them to hold them in place.

There was a real buzz around the room as a cup of coffee and a piece of cake, and

giving Kit a sincere vote of thanks, we each headed home with a lovely wreath which will continue to flower over the next few weeks. We can then plant them garden or into a flower pot to be enjoyed again next year.

We will meet again in the Reading Room on Thursday 11th April when our guest speaker will be Mike Bull from Friends of the River Frome, who will provide an update on their work and the state of the local river water. Guests are welcome to join us. (f,3).

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### **Corsley Fayre update**

#### When? Saturday August 31st Where? Showfield, Deep Lane What time? 12 noon to 4 pm

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Planning is continuing apace – a number of attractions and stalls have been contacted/confirmed and more are in the pipeline. The schedule for the Horticulture and Craft tent is a work in progress and we are thinking about the layout. The venue will be the same as last year and the committee are grateful to the Hares Partnership for their continued support and assistance in putting the event on.

As previously there will be no charge for entry to pedestrians. The decision has been taken to charge for cars entering the site - £7 per car. We are hoping to repeat the raffle and auction that was such a success last vear.

There will be no Ceilidh in support of the RUH Cancer Unit this year. However the marguee is available after the Fayre and the committee are more than willing to consider proposals for its use for social/charitable

events. If you have any ideas/suggestions please do get in contact.

It's not too late to volunteer your services:

- We need a chairman to coordinate the group and keep us on the straight and narrow.
- We are always pleased to have additional members of the committee
- And, of course, volunteers to help set up and take down as well as assisting with marshalling on the day.

All of the roles are not onerous, but are a huge help to ensure the day is a success for the community.

Anybody wanting to get involved, especially in the weeks leading up to the event, is welcome to contact any of the following:

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#### Rowing from the

## North Sea to the Atlantic

In aid of Friends of St Margaret's Church

In June, ten local friends, many of whom live in Corsley, with an average age of 65, have decided to row from the North Sea to the Atlantic - we're calling ourselves the 'Oarsome Oldies'. Personally I've always wanted to row – it's in the genes and I wanted to challenge myself whilst at the same time doing something for our community.

We're by far the oldest group yet to crew the world-renowned "Roxy", Rannoch's oceangoing flagship boat and, as I write, it's battling the waves in the mid-Atlantic. The route we've chosen is through Scotland and the most challenging - rowing against wind and tide - with some wild camping and dehydrated Army rations thrown in. Training began in earnest last autumn, shedding pounds and building muscles. By the time we start, on Monday 3rd June, collectively our training

programme will have topped 100,000 miles!

I am raising money for the Friends of St Margaret's Church in Corsley. The Friends group has been set up to help preserve this listed building as a centre in our community.

Any donation would be gratefully received, this is a link to my JustGiving page

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(Please don't be confused by references to the 'I can & I am' (or the other charities), they are very kindly providing the platform for our Just Giving pages).

The other crew members are: Nick Adams. Seb Chambers, Andrew and Laura Gates, Phyllida Hunt, Keith Johnson, Michael Parker, Glen Senk and Sarah Temple-Pedersen.

Claire da Costa



## Council increases its huge investment into filling potholes, resurfacing roads and tackling highways flooding

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The council has allocated an extra £10m over the next two years to spend on filling potholes and a road resurfacing programme that will help to prevent potholes and other highways defects across all areas of the county. The investment will also fund more small. local repairs to verges on rural roads.

This funding is in addition to the £20.7m the council receives from the Government's Highways Maintenance fund for 2024/25, plus the £5.2m from the Department for Transport's recently announced Road Resurfacing Fund following the cancellation of HS2.

The council also allocated an extra £1m in its recent budget for emptying gullies around the county to prevent flooding and enable teams to focus on problem areas that are most at risk - on top of the £1.27m the council already spends on gully emptying.

Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: "While other councils around the country are cutting budgets, we are investing millions into the everyday things that matter to people, such as filling potholes, resurfacing roads and emptying gullies to help prevent road flooding. And that is on top of the

tens of millions we already spend on these highways issues with Government grants.

We have also recently invested more than f, 1.5m into painting white lines, renewing road signs, tackling fly-tipping and cleaning up litter - because we know that these are the things that people care about, and they're the small things that improve their communities and make travelling that little bit easier.

This is all part of our Business Plan commitment to have vibrant, well-connected communities and to invest in our highways network. The changes won't happen overnight but, over the coming months, people in all areas of the county will see more resurfacing work, more potholes filled and more gullies emptied as this multi-million pound investment starts to bear fruit."

To find out more about potholes, how they are filled and the council prioritises its work, you can watch the council's potholes webinar at: www.youtube.com/ watch?v=h5NOhbFdKSU

To report potholes and other highways defects, people should go to: www.wiltshire. gov.uk/mywilts.

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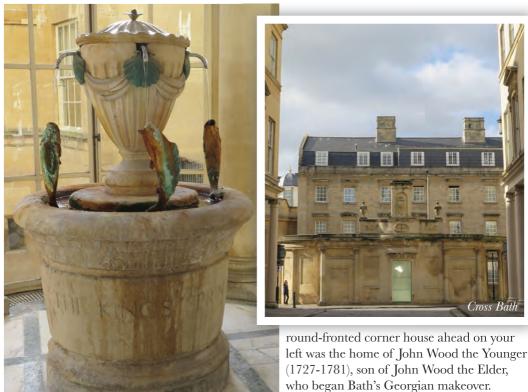
#### **Bath's Georgian makeover!**



I tried elegant Bath this month – which meant a near two-hour bus journey for me! For you, hopefully, it means a short wait at Odd Down Park and Ride, which is cheaper than parking in the city. From the bus stop, wander up Southgate to the colonnade into the Abbey Churchyard on your right; turn in there. My first stop is always the Pump Rooms (on the left and built around 1790) for facilities and refreshments, because there's a slower pace of life here; relax and enjoy the food on offer and maybe the music, too. Don't try the spring water, though, because I did once and spent three days off work sick!

Afterwards, step out into the Abbey Churchyard, return through the colonnade and turn left on Stall Street, walking to its wider part and crossing into Bath Street. The building ahead of you is the circular

Cross Bath, now part of Bath Thermae, but it once had a cross at its centre. This bath dates to the 1700s, while the original here was medieval. Walk through the alley to the left of the Cross Bath and join Westgate Buildings, the road going right; do you remember a Co-op store that took up most of the left side of this street?! Ahead of you now will be a round-fronted building and a Y-junction; take the right fork and look for a narrower road on your left, which passes the current frontage to the 'New Theatre Royal'. Walk along to study the edifice, then keep going, turning right on Monmouth Street and going right again at the next corner. You should now be in Beaufort Square and, on this quieter road, you'll see the original theatre frontage on your right, built in 1805 by George Dance. Stop and study this lovely sight; spot the ancient lyres with the



stone coat of arms at roof height, plus the carved masks and so on, telling passers-by what the building was!

Spring water

At the far end of Beaufort Square, the road ahead of you is Barton Street; turn left here and walk on, with Queen Square next and the Francis Hotel at the junction.

Don't turn into Queen Square, but study it as you walk ahead, on Gay Street; the grass, trees and obelisk here are all modern as, originally, the central space was simply cobbled. The

Continue up the hill a bit and, on the right, is the Jane Austen Museum, well worth a visit on a wet day, but keep going and you'll reach The Circus, built by John Wood the Elder. This circle of buildings is 318 feet across and was built in three sections, each with 11 dwellings, the fronts decorated with halfpillars in the Tuscan,

Ionic and Corinthian

styles. Take a close look at these as you walk past; I found the detail fascinating! At one time, Thomas Gainsborough the artist lived here, as did Lord Clive of India.

Theatre Royal



Head left now into Brock Street, where the secretary for composer George Frederic Handel once lived: his name was John Christopher Smith and he died in 1795, 36 years after his boss. At the end of Brock Street is the Royal Crescent, with Number One run as a Museum by the Bath Preservation Trust. If you've never been in here, give it a try, regardless of cost; I found the presentation of Bath

John Wood the Younge

history extremely interesting. This house was built for John Wood the Younger's father-inlaw, Thomas Brock, and the Crescent itself was begun in 1767 by that son-in-law, who continued the Georgian style started by his father; you'll notice it in the columns. Try getting a photo of the full crescent from across the grass opposite, but be warned, this area is a magnet for tourists and gets very busy! Later, return to Number One, with Upper Church Street on your left, but take the Gravel Walk opposite. At its cross-paths, go left, admiring different 'gardens' until you pass through an impressive stone entrance with lions on pillars; turn left again and you'll reach Gay Street.

Go left, uphill, just to George Street on the

right, which takes you into Milsom Street. Now head downhill via roads and alleys, until you reach the colonnade on Stall Street again. There are various cafes, etc, around the Abbey Churchyard, but I always return to the Pump Rooms for eating and resting..!



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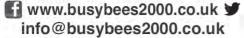
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## Whitbourne Chapel

'Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,' Romans, 4 v 7

#### Then the LORD shut them in...

I have recently visited Blenheim Palace near Oxford and Basildon Park near Reading. Both are interesting places to visit. However, as very large and old 'piles' they require constant upkeep. Coincidentally, during my visit I learned both are due to have new roofs. Such work is obviously essential to protect

them from the elements and to ensure that they are there for future generations to enjoy.

Reflecting on this, I was reminded of the Bible account of Noah, You will remember that God planned to flood the world and instructed Noah to build an ark into which he was to take his family, along with two of every living creature. The Ark, we are told, was to be 138 metres long, 23 metres wide and 13 metres high; roughly half the size of one of the Royal Navy's aircraft carriers.

After Noah had completed the work, including erecting a roof sealed with tar inside and out, we are told "Then the LORD shut them in" (Genesis 7 v16b). They were protected from the coming floods. They had a covering over them and protection all around them. You will remember that the flood eventually subsided and they were able to leave the ark.

We have recently celebrated Easter, where we remembered the Lord Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who went to the cross and died taking the punishment we deserve. Then, on the third day, He arose from the dead, met with His followers and later ascended back to heaven, where He now lives interceding for

us. In dying for us, the Lord Jesus has covered our sins, giving assurance

that on confession of faith we are forgiven and we find ourselves shut in with God

as we enter into that right relationship with Him.

We can also know His wonderful promise that one day we will be with Him forever. He will keep us safe in His arms.

The Bible says "Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are

covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him" (Romans 4 v7/8).

> Chris Andrews Occasional preacher at Whitbourne

#### The changing of the clocks!

Will we be rid of the non-stop rain? Will we be able to go out for the day without coat and umbrella? Who knows? Well, actually, God does! Let's be grateful that He controls the weather and everything else this world relies on - and thank Him and enjoy it!

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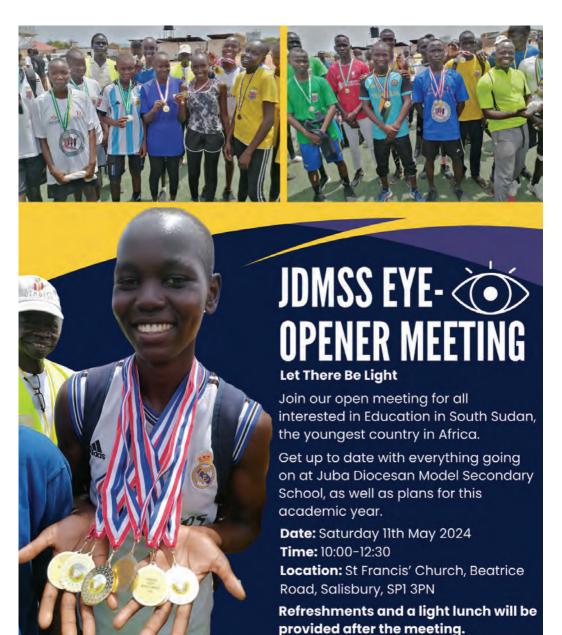
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#### A view from over the hedge...

## **Countryside Matters**

The last few days of March brought many changes in our lives living here in the countryside

The clocks have changed to British Summertime and we had an enjoyable Easter break with longer daylight hours and that sudden urgency to get things done before Mother Nature takes over.

The grey miserable weather of the last few months has lulled us into a lethargic state, but spring has now arrived in all its beauty. We have enjoyed the daffodils brightening up our verges for the last few months and now the hedgerows are alive with vivid hawthorn leaves and blossom. The celandines and primroses have been glorious, especially on the sides of muddy footpaths and bridle ways and they prepare us for the haze of bluebells that we look forward to as the month of April progresses.

The garden birds have been busy, waking us early with their dawn chorus and are now busy making their nests with some already hatching their first brood of the season; my post box is now the home of a robin so a temporary container for mail and papers has had to be found!

Although I'm glad to see the back of our wet and miserable winter weather, I have enjoyed the distant views through the bare trees and hedges and the joy of seeing buzzards and red kites swirling overhead then sweeping down to catch the unsuspecting field voles.

Sadly, the winter deluge has taken its toll on the farms; some land has been waterlogged or drowned since last October. Cattle have been housed since then and, although the

temperature has been above normal, access to the land has been nil. Very little winter cereals have been planted (nationwide we are approximately 40% down) with only some spring crops in the ground at the end of March. This will mean a shortage of cereal for bread, etc., later this year, so we'll see an increase in costs for human and animal feed.

The milking cows and young stock have had to be housed for at least two months longer this winter, incurring extra feed and bedding using up all standby feed and bedding and, of course, creating more farmyard manure and slurry. No doubt by the time this edition of The Bridge reaches your home, farmers will be making the most of any dry periods to get back to the land for field work and to get the cows out for grazing.

My usual reminder at this time of year is please avoid fields where sheep are grazing; most of them will have their young lambs with them and are easily very frightened by the presence of dogs. Shepherds have had a hard winter with a number of insect-borne diseases and wet and muddy ground creating foot problems, so the added concerns of dogs accidentally worrying sheep is not needed.

For those interested in the rainfall figures

January	94.12
February	172.30
Total for year	266 50

Let's look forward to a bright and cheerful spring when we can all feel so much better with the sun on our backs!

Judith Helliar

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Please contact me or any of the trustees if you are interested to help and keep the RR going for the benefit of villagers.



#### Coffee Mornings

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> Hugh Deed chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk 01373 832897

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