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of Corsley and Chapmanslade

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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

File types

Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

Advertising

Small ads are £1 for each item 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

Events/local organisation ads (churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a small, boxed advert.

Larger ads are subject to space availability and by arrangement with the Editor who will advise on the price.

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Please see the last page.

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Deadline

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

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

August



Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Elizabethan Evening - Pirates of Penzance – 7.30pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Sunday 3rd

Chapmanslade Boules, Croquet and Cream Teas

Wednesday 6th

Free Sports for Children – 10.00 - 11.00, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Ages 5 - 11

Thursday 7th

Warminster mobile library (see last page for times)

Messy Church – 3pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 9th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick is taking a break in August, returning on the 13th September

Monday 11th

Corsley Show Horticulture & Craft Show Entries – 7.00 - 8.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 13th

Free Sports for Children – 10.00 - 11.00, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Ages 5 - 11

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - 'Flower Arranging' – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 18th

Corsley Show Horticulture & Craft Show Entries – 7.00 - 8.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 19th

Road closed: Derford (part) – from its junction with Corsley Heath to its junction at Whitbourne Moor for up to 3 days (see closure notice on page 8)

Wednesday 20th

Corsley Gardening Club Visit to Fonthill Garden Centre

Thursday 21st

Warminster mobile library (see last page for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon,
The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Sunday 24th

Songs of Praise – 6pm, Corsley Showground

Diary Dates



Monday 25th

Corsley Show – 9am - 6pm

September

Monday 1st

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

Corsley Festival Choir re-starts – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 4th

Warminster mobile library (see last page for times)

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 11th

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting 'The Making of Larkrise'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 13th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 18th

Warminster mobile library (see last page for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Wine Tasting

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Friday 26th

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.30 - 12 noon, Sandhayes, Corsley

October

Saturday 4th

Harvest Supper – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

continued...

Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 2pm, Corsley Reading Room, a short WI Meeting followed by 3.00pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting with Talk & Tea Party 'Canine Partners'

Saturday 11th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 16th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 18th

Chapmanslade Quiz

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

November

Thursday 6th November

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

Saturday 8th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 13th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'The Animals at Longleat'

Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Friday 21st

Quiz Night – Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Missing event advert?

For some time now we've had a number of requests for adverts with no payment; some have even been accompanied by the promise of payment at a later date, but the cash has not been forthcoming. The Bridge survives purely on advertising – both commercial adverts and event promotion. We cannot justify adding extra pages,

which clearly has a cost implication, without the requisite income; finances have been particularly strained recently due to the amount of extra pages added dedicated to the wind turbine debate. We publish all articles supplied so we stay current and relevant to our readers, but adverts for activities/events **must** be paid for.



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The Corsley Show

Bank Holiday Monday
25th August

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You will find an entry form on page 56 of the Schedule delivered to you last month and you can take the form and money to the Corsley Reading Room on either Monday 11th or 18th August 7.00 – 8.30pm.
You can also post or email your entry forms

Please will any trophy holders for the Horse & Pony Show, Dog Show and Horticulture & Crafts Show make sure they return the cups in good time.

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Where can you now see the Swiss Guard?
- 2 What is the total of all the balls on the table at the start of a game of snooker?
- 3 What was the real first name of jazz pianist Count Basie?
- 4 Which year followed 1BC?
- 5 What was the first sport ever to be broadcast on BBC TV?
- 6 Which word can go after nut but before jack?
- 7 How many lines are there in a sonnet?
- 8 Who had Heffalump as a friend amongst others?
- 9 In which sport would you go to a Basho?
- 10 What does a misogynist hate?
- 11 Where on the human body would you find the philtrum?
- 12 Who was the last British Prime Minister not to have a wife?

Answers on page 48

Road Closure Notice

Wiltshire Council

Temporary Closure of: Dertford (Part), Corsley (Ref: TTRO 3526)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic:

Dertford (Part), Corsley; from its junction with Corsley Heath to its junction with Whitbourne Moor.

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Alternative Route: Via Lower Whitbourne – A362 Corsley Heath – Lane End – Dertford (unaffected length) and vice versa.

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Fun and games!

Neil Carpenter reports on the second Sports Day and Sleep-over held at the Corsley Memorial Playing Field on the 12th and 13th July

The weather for the sports was wonderful with glorious sunshine all afternoon. The sports were provided for the first time by Superstars Sports who kept everyone busy with sports including rounders, dodge ball and a mini Olympics. We were also supported by the wonderful chaps from Warminster Table Tennis Club (WTTC) who spent the afternoon teaching young and old how to play on our new table tennis table for which we must thank the Warminster Area Board. Feedback from kids and parents was very positive.

Everyone had a great time and there should be some photos up on our Facebook page soon.

Once all the sports were over everyone enjoyed the barbi and the brave parents who were sleeping over put their tents up. With all the tents up, the predicted rain arrived for an hour, however this did not dampen the spirits or the camp fire over which many marshmallows were cooked.

The evening was rounded off with Ped, his guitar and what must have been a record number of verses of 'Old Macdonald's Farm' with elephants and all manner of creatures being kept. There were also lashings of hot chocolate as there should be for any camping.

It is worth noting that at this point all the dads (except the very brave Glynn) went

home to their comfortable beds to leave the mums, kids (and Glynn) to brave the night in tents. Everyone was back though for a wonderful and well deserved full English breakfast.

After breakfast, the boys from the WTTC came back and gave another very enjoyable coaching session; our thanks must go to them for all their support over the weekend.

Finally, this year saw a small charge of £5 per child. We would prefer to run these events for free through winning a grant or donations as we did for the Halloween weekend. I am sure many parents have no idea how much these events cost to run so I want to share some facts and figures with you. Superstar Sports cost £350 for the afternoon. In previous years we have paid in excess of £600. Add to this the drinks and fruit provided and the hours of effort that the Trustees put in organising and being at the event and you can see why supporting the field and coming to the fund raisers is so important. The Halloween bash cost £2,000, for which we luckily received a grant!

PS. For the school holidays we have managed to win three sports mornings (see ad on page 19), please come along and support us. If we can demonstrate there is a desire and need, we will be able to get support running more events in the future.



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Corsley Festival Choir

Singing is good for you!

Corsley Festival Choir re-starts on Monday 1st September and we would warmly welcome new singers. We will meet at St Margaret's Church in Corsley every Monday evening from 1st September until our Christmas Concert on Sunday 14th December.

If you are basking in sunny climes or exerting yourself on adventure holidays over the next few weeks, do give a thought to joining the choir when it re-starts in September.

Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' will be part of the December concert programme plus

some well-known and lesser known carols. No auditions are required and it is a chance to give your lungs and diaphragm a regular work-out.

You could come along to check us out when rehearsals re-start on Monday 1st September at 7.30pm and join us for a glass of wine before we get down to the joyous task of making music.

For more information about the choir, please contact me on 01373 832418.

*Jenny Ruty
Choir member*

Messy Church holiday workshop

Thursday August 7th

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Corsley

Parish Council briefing

This is a very reduced version of the normal monthly Parish Council briefing – just a little light holiday reading!

The PC had one subsidiary meeting on 23rd June, to discuss affordable housing with an officer of the Wiltshire Affordable Housing team, and one occasional full meeting on 30 June, to consider a planning application and affordable housing. By the time this Bridge is out there will have been another occasional meeting on 28th July to discuss two planning applications, one concerning the Orange mast in Dertford Wood, the second for retrospective approval for a field gate on to the Hollow.

Planning Application

14/050391/LBC – Sturford Mead House.

A combined application for retrospective approval for replacement of the rear boundary fence and a new application for a gate, of similar style to the A362 gate, and improved turn-in off Sturford Lane.

There was one objection from a resident of Sturford Lane to the fencing. The application was unanimously approved.

Affordable Housing

As a result of recent government policy change, Local Authorities are now allowed to use social housing revenue as an investment source for new social housing stock. Wiltshire are reviewing all their sites,

including the Bay Tree site in Corsley, with a view to building more social housing. Under the scheme any new houses would be built and administered directly by the Council, via the Housing Register. On any site there could be a total of up to 10 mixed style houses.

Decisions on what and where to build would be based on a Housing Needs survey and a new one will be required for Corsley since the last was in 1991. If Corsley got the go ahead, a design team could be engaged by the end of 2014, sketch designs available early 2015 for local debate, and pre-application advice sought from planners with build start-up at end of 2015. The PC agreed to go ahead with the survey, which should now be distributed in late August with a covering letter.

A full version of the notes of the meeting with the affordable Housing Team has been placed on the Bridge website.

Best wishes for the summer holiday from all the Parish Council.

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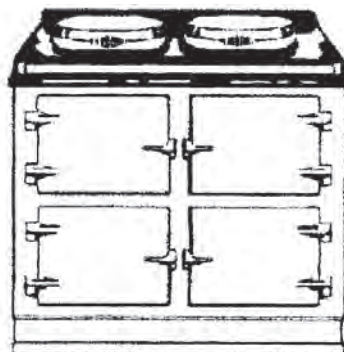


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Glee and Gym Baron bought their cottage at Southcroft, Chapmanslade in 1947. It was renovated, extended and rented out for some years. Gym was vicar of Keevil and when he retired in 1962 the family moved to Chapmanslade. Sadly he died just over 2 years later. Glee had already returned to her nursing career and worked as local district nurse attached to Beckington Surgery from 1964 until she retired in 1973.

She quickly became very involved in village life, joining the WI and eventually becoming local branch president. She was active in fundraising for the Village Hall including making refreshments and taking her turn serving them in the lay-by at Norridge. Glee started the 'Golden Age Club' which met in the village hall each month. She and Midge Morgan were very great friends, both of them by this time widows and both very committed Christians with strong involvement with Chapmanslade Church. Together they started church groups, the 'Joy Club' for children, which ran for a number of years, and 'Time to Think' for adults, which still meets fortnightly. After retiring, she took up pottery and continued until a few months ago attending Frome College when she could, being the oldest student there by a long way!

Glee loved living in this part of the country. She loved Chapmanslade, she loved her home and garden and all her local friends. She would always comment on how lucky

she was, how beautiful the lanes and countryside were whatever the time of year, rain or shine.

She celebrated her 100th birthday in style, starting with a 'Songs of Praise' service in Chapmanslade Church followed by a village tea party in the school hall. At the big family party a few days later, she was fit enough to dance 'The Gay Gordons' accompanied by a local bagpiper. The video clip of that can be found on YouTube, entitled 'Glee's 100th birthday dance'. Following the big birthday she became increasingly frail and finally in March this year she moved to Longbridge Deverill Nursing Home. She remained alert and interested in all who visited, particularly family and local friends. Everyone commented on her ready smile and positive attitude on life.

Sadly Glee died, very peacefully late on Saturday 5th July, with members of her family around her. We are so grateful to the staff at Longbridge. They were wonderful to Glee and very kind and supportive of us, her family, particularly during her last days.

Glee's cremation was held on 25th July at Bath, followed by a service in Chapmanslade Church to celebrate her life. Donations in Glee's memory will be divided between Juba School in Southern Sudan (supported by her for many years), Dorothy House Hospice and Chapmanslade Church.

Anne Guthrie (daughter)

Corsley Show

Monday 25th August

STEWARDS REQUIRED

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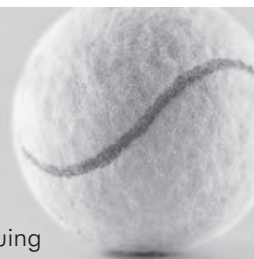
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Corsley Tennis Club News



The **Men's Doubles Tournament** was held on a hot afternoon at the Memorial Field. Three combinations braved the Saharan conditions before Brian Young and Michael Clarke emerged as clear victors. As always, Brian was imperious at the net, while Michael supplied craft and guile from the back-court.

Second were coach Jon Dilena and the promising George Sandoe, ahead of the gallant Keith Glen and Charles Drought. The competition was seamlessly orchestrated by Sonia Glen, while Isabel Lewis and Sue Kerfoot provided refreshments.

The **Mixed Doubles Tournament** took place on a blustery day at the Memorial

Field. After some intriguing sets, the final was fought out between Cornelius Clarke and Alison Plummer against George Sandoe and Isabel Lewis. Cornelius' elegant strokeplay and Alison's athleticism let to a clear win, though their opponents deserve much credit.

An honourable mention also to Keith Glen and Alison Withey who missed the final by a whisker.

As always, Sonia Glen organised efficiently and it was a great pleasure to have our president, Charlotte Beswick, in attendance.

Cake Monster



At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

Corsley played a 20-Over Match at Horningsham and lost by 8 wickets. Batting first, Corsley struggled as Lock and O'Connor both sent the stumps cartwheeling.

Will Lewis and Olly Hares each scored 15, but the best knock came from the patient Glyn Newton. He hit four fours in this 22, while Neil Carpenter smote a six to achieve a modest total of 80*.

Horningsham replied briskly, despite a good spell by Robin Ledbury. O'Connor and Osborne played stylishly and, although Hare held a good catch, the home team galloped to their target with six overs to spare.

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Comings and Goings

We are delighted to be able to inform you that the Reverend Pauline Reid has been appointed as the new Priest-in-Charge for our Benefice. We are hopeful that she will move into the Vicarage in September and her Licensing Service will be on October 1st. We look forward to welcoming Pauline and Ian and their Labrador into the life of our Parish.

The last twelve months when we have been without a Vicar have been a stimulating and invigorating time and the church has gone from strength to strength during this period. We look forward to handing over a healthy and flourishing Church to Pauline's ministry in October. We are so very grateful to the Reverend Di Britten who has given us tremendous support in this very busy twelve months.

At this time we congratulate David and Alice Helliard and Robert and Nicole Green on their marriages at which Di officiated.

It is with a mixture of sadness and celebration that we also report that Glee Baron passed away on July 5th. Glee reached the wonderful age of 101 and although she was staying at Longbridge Deverill nursing home she made frequent visits back to her cottage which Glee and her husband had bought in 1947. Glee lived a very full and fulfilling life and on July 25th we celebrated this wonderful life at St Philip & St James' Church, Chapmanslade.

The Parish Team

August Church Diary

Sunday 3rd August: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist



Sunday 10th August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Family Eucharist

Rural Dean – Reverend Jonathan Burke

11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley
Matins



Sunday 17th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
Family Eucharist



Thursday 21st August

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



Sunday 24th August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Rural Dean – Reverend Jonathan Burke

6pm at Corsley Showground
Songs of Praise



Sunday 31st August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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



Sunday 7th September: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

Fundraising Matters

At the Corsley Show this year we will as usual have a stall as the Show is a major fundraising event for the Church. Our stall this year has the theme of the 'Garden Party' and we shall be selling a range of items with this theme including local produce.

As well as needing volunteers to man the stall we also welcome all donations of items both for the stall and for the raffle. Please contact Stella Bayman (01373 832230) or any PCC member if you can help us. We look forward to seeing you at Corsley Show enjoying the marvellous weather!

In the Autumn we shall be holding our usual pre-Christmas Coffee Morning at which we shall be drawing the prizes for the 50/50 Club. If you want to have the chance of winning a cash prize from £25 up to £200 for an annual membership fee of £24 please contact either Neil Britten or Keith Muston. We shall have the usual range of stalls on the day with plenty of tempting goodies.

It is a few years since we ran a 'Talents' scheme and we are challenging you once again to organise your own fundraising idea. We shall give you the seed investment of £10.

For all the Family

Messy Church

Thursday 7th August from 10am to 12.30pm, at Chapmanslade School

We shall hold another 'Messy Church' to which all families are very welcome. We begin with activities and craft stands, a short worship, and we hope to finish with a barbecue.

Teddy Bear Abseil

Sunday 28th September at 10.30am, at St Margaret's Church

Our previous abseil was a great success and we hope that this one will be even better. All young people, and older people, are invited to come along to our Worship Service with their favourite but brave Teddy Bear.

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Church Events for your diary

Light Bites Lunches recommence on Wednesday September 24th from 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms and then every fourth Wednesday.

Church and Community Coffee Morning at the Three Horseshoes every third Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.

Harvest Supper at Chapmanslade Village Hall on October 4th.

Copy for 3 Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com subject 3ODs or phone 01373 832755.

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Corsley WI

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



The July meeting began with a warm welcome from the President, Carol Seward, followed by the usual business matters. Recent events included the finals of the Wiltshire Scrabble League where luck was against our team on the day and they finished like the Grand Old Duke of York, neither up nor down! Our WI team took part in Quizzical Pursuits organised by the Wiltshire Federation, but with stiff competition from over twenty teams we were, unfortunately, not amongst the winners. Perhaps we shall have better luck in the Dilton Marsh Challenge Quiz in October!

We were very pleased to welcome to our meeting Chris Nourse, the Vice Chairman of the Freewheelers EVS group which is part of the National Association of Blood Bikes. Freewheelers EVS is a charity with 68 unpaid volunteers and owns three bikes which each do between 70-80,000 miles a year transporting blood or medicines between hospitals in the RUH Trust area, from Taunton to Bristol. Their services are free to the NHS with costs being met by fund-raising. The ability of hospital doctors to call on bikers to transfer blood urgently to where it is needed has no doubt helped to save many lives. The bikers work in shifts, either weekday nights from 7pm to 7am or entire weekends, in all weather conditions,

when the NHS' own courier services have finished for the day. The Bikers supply their own protective clothing and helmets except for their hi-vis jackets, must have passed an advanced driving test and reach the Blood Bikes own standards of driving. Our WI members were very impressed when they inspected the large bike ridden by Chris, which was very similar to a police bike apart from being yellow, with specialist detailing and extra equipment. Caroline Higham gave the vote of thanks for a most interesting talk.

Details of the many forthcoming events and workshops are available at our meetings, including a Whist Lunch, Winchester Christmas Market, Kaya Drums and a holiday in Ayrshire in 2015. Hilary Vallis won the competition for a cup and saucer.

We shall be having our usual stall at Corsley Show and welcome contributions from members of cakes, jams, preserves etc., and volunteers to help on the day.

New members are always welcome to join us – our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 14th August at Corsley Reading Room. Maureen Hinton is to give a demonstration on Flower Arranging. The competition for members is for a vase. For more details about Corsley WI, contact Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

Non-members are very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
<i>More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760</i>	

Annual Corsley v Chapmanslade

Cricket Match

Neil Carpenter reports on the match played back in May...

The 3rd annual cricket match between Chapmanslade and Corsley took place at the Corsley Memorial Playing Field playing on May bank holiday.

As always the event was well attend by a fair, if partisan, crowd.

The venue looked splendid thanks to Ped's hard work on the cricket square, the wonderful planters done by Andy and the Union flag and George Cross flying from the recently erected flag poles.

Special thanks also goes to all those who delivered a wonderful match tea for players and spectators alike and Nick for running the bar.

There were a large number of players, a wonderful sign of the enthusiasm from both villages for the match and a number of children joined in. This allowed for two matches, a twenty-twenty featuring many juniors and the odd very senior and the 40-over match for the Bridge Trophy.

Corsley fielded a team of players from the village squad; Chapmanslade's team comprised of some villagers and those who promised under oath that they once drove through the village or visited Barter's Plant Centre. We understand that next year's selection will be based on being able to



see the Thoulstone wind turbine or having complained about it to the planners. It was also clear that Chapmanslade had actually practiced on the grass and not just in the pub this year, a worrying turn of events.

Both matches were very close with several controversial umpiring decisions. After a hotspot replay it was clear that Richard could not have been more plum for LBW if his name was Victoria. In the end it all came down to the last over with Corsley managing to scrap through to retain the trophy.

Top scorers were Will Lewis for Corsley and Justin Wagstaff for Chapmanslade. Best bowling figures were from Richard Alexander for Corsley and Adam Dealing for Chapmanslade.

Photos can be viewed on the Chapmanslade village website...
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Select, perfect, collect

With the Corsley Show fast approaching, Rob shares a few tips on how to prepare your flowers for the showbench

You can't control what the weather does to your plants but you can control how you prepare your exhibit. Different shows may use different rules so always review them before you go out to cut your flowers.

Select the best

If you can see something wrong with one of your flowers, the judge will see it too. Remember that flowers go through many stages from a bud to being over-mature.

Plan to cut your flowers in the evening or early morning. Always cut the stem several inches longer than necessary to allow for trimming later. Use a clean, sharp knife to make a smooth, even cut. Scissors tend to pinch the ends of the stems and close off the water-conducting vessels. Remove any leaves on the stem that will be in water. Foliage covered with water will rot and cause discoloured water and stem blockage. Blocked stems are unable to supply water needed by the living flower and make the exhibit deteriorate more rapidly.

Perfect

'Conditioning' or 'hardening' reduces the chances of stem blockage and promotes the quick water uptake necessary for long flower life. Take a container of lukewarm water (100° to 110°F) along to the garden. Immediately after cutting, place the stems in the water. When you return inside, place the container and flowers in a refrigerator set at 35° to 40°F for 3 to 12 hours. Cooling permits the plant to take up more water than it releases and helps hold flower freshness. Never store flowers in a refrigerator with

fresh fruits or vegetables as they release ethylene gas which will reduce the vase life of the flowers.

Tips for exhibiting flower arrangements

- Follow the show guidelines.
- The overall effect of the arrangement should be pleasing to the eye. Colour, space, texture, and shape are important.
- Use high-quality plant materials with no wilting, colour fading or obvious damage. The condition of individual flowers and foliage is less important than when they are exhibited separately.
- Create arrangements that are well balanced and do not appear to tilt to either side. Consider the visual 'weight' of individual flowers and arrange so both sides appear equal.
- Plant materials should be in good proportion to each other and to the container. The length of stems and the size of flowers and foliage affect overall proportion.
- Avoid using containers that detract from the plant materials.
- Pay attention to construction details. Insert plant materials so that foam or other material used to hold the stems is not visible. If the design is intended to be viewed from only one side, fill the back side with foliage so it looks finished.

Collect

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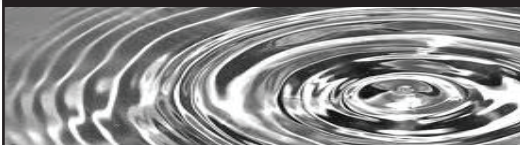
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The debate rumbles on...

Thoulstone Wind Turbine

David Pinckney presents a personal view for the 'against' camp

At the Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting on 15th May I explained to the Council and to the 60 people present that I had a reasonably detailed knowledge of wind farms (as opposed to "being informed by misguided information"), as since 2005 I have been chairman of a public company, based in London, which invests in the development of renewable energy products, including biomass, land-fill gas, hydro and wind farms.

However, our company applies three very strict criteria to any proposal for wind farms, which are that the wind turbines must be located at least one mile from the nearest residential dwelling, that they must be at least one and a half miles from the perimeter of any designated area of outstanding natural beauty or site of special historic interest and that the proposal must have the support of the majority (not 100%) of the residents of any villages affected.

The proposed Thoulstone Farm Wind Turbine does not meet any of these criteria.

Following the publication of an independent report that demonstrated that the combined numbers of onshore wind farms, which are operational, under construction or which have already received planning consent will be more than adequate to meet the legally binding targets for the reduction in

greenhouse gasses by 2020, which the UK has signed up to, our company has decided that it will no longer invest in wind farms.

In one of the letters in *The Bridge* in July there was an implied criticism that people were opposing the proposed wind turbine for personal reasons rather than supporting the proposal "for the higher good". I believe that it is completely reasonable and appropriate to express an opinion for personal reasons. At 500 metres from the nearest house and at 700 metres from our house the 80 metre high turbine would dominate the unspoilt landscape and beautiful views as well as causing noise, disruption and health problems, despite the fact that newer turbines generate marginally less noise than the older models, as well as causing a probable fall in house prices. (One house which is near us in Chapmanslade and which is for sale has already had one firm buyer pull out because of the possibility of the erection of the turbine.)

The facts are that about 300 homes will be visually blighted and all our energy bills will marginally increase. Furthermore, the turbine will need to be demolished in 20 to 25 years' time as it becomes obsolete due to new technology. What will be left for future generations will be a permanent eyesore of hundreds of cubic metres of concrete in a

beautiful area of hitherto unspoilt Wiltshire countryside.

The only benefit of this proposal is the significant income which the land owners, their brother-in-law and the small development company in Wales will enjoy through government subsidies, which are paid for by us through much higher bills from the energy suppliers. In addition, these beneficiaries live miles from the proposed wind turbine, thus having none of the inconvenience, hassle or disturbance which will be caused by it. Rather than "for the higher good" this proposal could be deemed to represent "the unacceptable face of capitalism", benefiting just three people and one tiny development company in Wales to the detriment of hundreds of local households.

I have spent much of my work in the past 15 years in Hong Kong and China. That is where the real international effort for reducing greenhouse gases needs to be made. China's power stations are 81% coal fired and produce unbelievable pollution, which is so bad in Hong Kong that one can only see across the narrow harbour about 25 days a year and there is a huge increase in respiratory diseases. An interesting statistic is that just the net increase in greenhouse gas emissions in China from 2011 to 2012, equalled the total emissions for the whole of 2012 of Germany and Romania combined.

The saving in greenhouse gases from one turbine in Wiltshire generating 500kw is so infinitesimally small as to be virtually unquantifiable, the location of the proposed wind turbine is totally inappropriate, its benefits would be negligible and it would be highly damaging to the local communities. It should not be allowed to proceed.

David Pinckney, Chapmanslade

Corsley Show 25th August

The Show is now just over three weeks away so there is still plenty of time to feed and water your promising flowers and vegetables and to finish off those crafty creations, paintings and pictures. Many of the homecraft entries will be produced nearer the day, but your preserves can be identified and prepared now. There's advice on this in the Show Schedule.

How to enter

You can create an account through the web site at www.corsleyshow.org.uk (or if you have entered via the web site before you can use your previously created account).

Or you can enter in the traditional way by completing the entry form in the Corsley Show Schedule which is available from the following locations...

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What happens next?

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Who to contact at The Community Foundation

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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from **Little Cuckoo's Pre-School** in Lyes Green, Corsley.

Little Cuckoos had a busy end to the summer term with a trip to Longleat, Sports Day and finally a special Graduation Ceremony at St Margaret's Church for the 17 children moving onto various local schools; the celebration concluded with a picnic.

We are delighted that after a lot of fund-raising we have just had a whiteboard and interactive projector installed. This improvement to our IT facilities will enhance the learning opportunities given by our staff and it is amazing that at such an early age so many of the children can confidently use the equipment.

Please come and support us by stopping to see us on our stall at the Corsley Show - we'll be by the Kidzone and are providing storytelling during the day. We will also be helping at the Grand Car Boot Sale on Sunday 24th August from 2pm.

We would like to thank the staff and committee for all their dedication and hard work over the past year and thank our children's parents and families for their continued support and hope they all enjoy the summer break.

Little Cuckoos re-opens on Wednesday 3rd September at 9am. We do still have some sessions available for September. Please phone Denise (Committee Chair) on 01985300853 for more details.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm

Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10am - 11.30am

For more information, please contact Hayley on 01373 832298

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Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be taking a break in August, returning on 13th September – meeting at our usual place opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 2nd August – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

Corsley: recycling, garden waste and household waste collection calendar

July – September

Remember to put them out by 7am on collection day. Ensure the lid is closed and do not leave any household waste next to the bin for collection.

Black bin

July

Friday 11th
Friday 25th

August

Friday 8th
Friday 22nd

September

Friday 5th
Friday 19th

Green bin

July

Friday 11th
Friday 25th

August

Friday 8th
Friday 22nd

September

Friday 5th
Friday 19th

Blue bin

July

Friday 4th
Friday 18th

August

Friday 1st
Friday 15th
Friday 29th

September

Friday 12th
Friday 26th

Black box

July

Thursday 10th
Thursday 24th

August

Thursday 7th
Thursday 21st

September

Thursday 4th
Thursday 18th

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Wednesday 9th
Wednesday 23rd

August

Wednesday 6th
Wednesday 20th

September

Wednesday 3rd
Wednesday 17th

Green bin

July

Wednesday 9th
Wednesday 23rd

August

Wednesday 6th
Wednesday 20th

September

Wednesday 3rd
Wednesday 17th

Blue bin

July

Wednesday 2nd
Wednesday 16th
Wednesday 30th

August

Wednesday 13th
Wednesday 27th

September

Wednesday 10th
Wednesday 24th

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*When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them,
because they were... like sheep without a shepherd*

We hope to see you at Corsley Show!

We are looking forward to meeting many of our readers at our Chapel stall at the Corsley Show. Tell us what you think and how to improve! We are hoping that a couple of our occasional preachers will be there too – Trevor Brain who represents Operation Mobilisation which in many countries is doing Christian, educational and medical work, including a mercy ship, and Jonathan Brain who is a Christian evangelist based in Chippenham. For several years, in the course of his ministry, he has visited Stonehenge at the summer solstice festivities. This year he went to Avebury Circle instead. Come and talk to them to find out more. Jonathan also organised a vintage car rally in Chippenham recently. Unfortunately, on the day, it poured with rain which limited entries for mostly open-top vehicles.

Please visit our stall, meet Trevor and Jonathan and ask them any questions you may have about their work for the Lord.

Seaside Specials

I've had quite a nostalgic summer so far. Having spent much of my childhood visiting the Bristol Channel beaches, I've been back to Burnham, Berrow and Brean recently. I've also visited the seaside at West Bay near Weymouth and at Paignton already this summer; each time I've enjoyed removing

the sandals and socks, rolling up the trouser legs and paddling in the water. As yet, I haven't fallen into the sea – which is just as well, as I can't swim!



Have you paddled, elsewhere? In the Mediterranean, maybe? Or further afield, perhaps? I keep looking at the holiday brochures and wondering about a trip to Jerusalem, Galilee and the Dead Sea. How would it be to visit the lakes Jesus knew? I'd be safe in the Dead Sea, I think, as it's so salty one should be able to float in it, regardless. How would it feel, though, to stand on the shore of Galilee and recall some of the Bible stories I've read? What an experience!

Description of Jesus – speaking of His impending death

Bridegroom

And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." *Mark 2:19-20*

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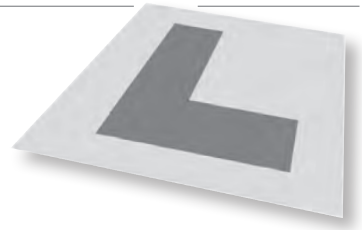
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Tales from the passenger seat



The other day I met Mrs P in town who had been a pupil some little while ago. Although now driving, our meeting reminded me of how much she had struggled to learn.

Her memory was but one of her problems – thirty seven times we went to Trowbridge before she knew the way... which from where we started should not have been too difficult. First roundabout take the first exit, second roundabout take the second exit, third roundabout take the third exit...

She also had an interesting habit of charging down the Beckington dual carriageway in 5th at around 65mph, fine, until she would decide to change gear at random, perhaps trying to select second or even first, for no apparent reason whilst still doing 65mph!

“Why did you try to change gear Mrs P ? ”

“Because I hadn’t changed gear for a bit and thought the examiner would like to see me change gear”

Driving the wrong side of ‘keep left’ bollards was a pastime she would regularly attempt, as was her habit from time to time of trying to stop on a main road, regardless of traffic behind, in order to let a car waiting at a side road on the right come out.

Giving way to traffic on the left at roundabouts was an accepted norm, as was pulling out in front of traffic from the right at roundabouts.

This was the lady I wrote about briefly in an earlier edition, who had been learning for 23 years before I met her, and who I finally managed to persuade to learn in an automatic.

She worked in a home for adults with severe learning difficulties, and there was a point when I genuinely wondered whether she was in fact a patient, and that learning to drive was considered good therapy by her doctor and I was the fall guy. Actually she was one of the nurses and in charge of the drugs cabinet. A lovely lady and certainly determined. We had some interesting conversations, but as always, I had to be razor alert for the totally random highly dangerous stunts she would perform without even the slightest warning.

When teaching pupils, even the most naturally gifted pupil can, without warning do something highly irrational. Fine, that’s my job to be ready and to deal with it. Perhaps 98% of the time I can predict a mistake or major error going to happen before it has happened, and/or before the pupil has even realised they are starting to do it. Body language, a sense of balance, a ‘feel’ of the car, incorrect prior hand positioning on the wheel, etc., are just a few of the many predictors I can employ, but one still has to be keenly alert and ready for that random act!

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Countryside Matters

What on earth is happening to our weather?

July saw some of the hottest temperatures ever recorded in England, followed by tremendous thunderstorms, torrential rain and flash floods. Local people recorded over 50mm of rain in one 24 hours period. We must wait to see what August, traditionally the thunderstorm month, will bring.

Farm life is hectic with calving; they are born outside in a field in front of the farmhouse, so that we can keep an eye on what is happening and help the cow with any problems. Normally, they give birth easily and within minutes of being born each calf feeds on the rich colostrum – their mother's first milk. We quickly check that the calf is healthy and has had some milk, then they have a herd number clip in one ear and a larger plastic clip in the other: this latter is their registration and passport number for the rest of their life. We have to enter this information into the computer, along with the calf's gender. Between 24 – 48 hours of birth the calves are moved to a calf pen with five others: here they are fed on cows' milk for next few months. They have a bed of straw and plenty of room to move around.

The first signs of harvest started in mid-July, with the first winter barley coming off Salisbury Plain. However, the recent storms will have a big effect on the total amounts harvested. Heavy rain batters the crops to the ground and soaks them, making

harvesting difficult, seriously reducing the yield. A great shame in what was beginning to look like a good harvest year. After the harvesting of the early crops is finished the soil will be ploughed quickly and raked down for new leys of grass for next year – weather permitting!

Earlier in July two families and a whole host of friends joined together to witness and celebrate David and Alice's wedding. It was a proper countryside wedding with lots of outdoor festivities: We all had a lovely time and wished the new couple a long and happy life together. In addition to Alice and Oscar the dog, the farm is now to house two large bird-boxes to help accommodate the growing family of our famous Barn Owls.

Don't forget the lovely blackberries in the hedges during this month. Choose a quiet lane or footpath to pick them away from the dust and fumes from cars.

Judith Helliar

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Masks – do you wear one (or more)?

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

Who have you been today? Caring parent? Cheery joker? Strict disciplinarian? Dedicated helper? Fashionista? Provider? Rebel? We all have to play a role sometimes and often this will mean stepping away from our own feelings for a while until that role is fulfilled. This can be helpful if we are experiencing difficulties – it gives us a break from our worries and distracts us from uncomfortable feelings. But what happens if we get stuck in a role, when we can't take off the mask and reveal ourselves as we really are? And how does this happen?

Sometimes we choose a role or a way of being – a mask, because it's easier than experiencing the full force of our feelings – it gives us a break. "I'm fine", we say cheerily in order to avoid having to dwell on a painful situation. Sometimes, we are assigned a role by others – often by family members: "She's the sporty one", "He's bookish", "She's the peacemaker" and so on. True, there's probably a strong element of each characteristic present in the person given that role but I've never come across anyone genuinely that one-dimensional. If we are given a label like this, it easily becomes part of our identity, not only for those around us but, crucially, for us, too – especially when young. We accept that that's who we are, that it serves a purpose – perhaps it helps us to fit in and become

accepted. Perhaps it helps us feel more clearly defined at a time when we aren't sure of ourselves.

The problem with a mask or a role like this is that it's not very flexible. It's hard to grow, to experiment with new ideas when we're stuck playing a part. It's also difficult to get in touch with what we really feel – about anything, when we're busy playing out what's expected of us. A prolonged or deep-seated mismatch between what's on the inside and what's on the outside spells trouble. At the least, we find ourselves unfulfilled and increasingly uncertain of anything except for that mask which no longer fits properly. More seriously, we can end up in a real crisis and unable to function.

So, just for a little while, try taking off the mask; try shedding the role. Give yourself room to breathe and to feel what you feel. It might be scary, yes. But you might be pleasantly surprised. And if you need help, you know where I am.

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Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

21st August, 4th and 18th September

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Currently, the name Swiss Guard generally refers to the Pontifical Swiss Guard of the Holy See stationed at the Vatican in Rome
- 2 42
- 3 William
- 4 AD 1
- 5 Boxing (a training demo)
- 6 Cracker
- 7 14
- 8 Winnie the Pooh
- 9 Sumo wrestling
- 10 Women (Australian PM Julia Gillard actually challenged the definition and it is now recorded in Australian dictionaries as 'entrenched prejudice against women')
- 11 It's the groove between the nose and the lip
- 12 Margaret Thatcher (hands up all those who said Edward Heath!)

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