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August 2015

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade

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Monday 31st
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News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

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 whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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

Full page ads cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

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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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 1st

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak
'The Three Musketeers' (Elizabethan Evening) – Corsley Manor

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Chapmanslade Parish Council: Special Meeting to discuss Barbers Farm proposed development (Lochailort questionnaire results) – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 6th

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)
Fun in the Sun – 3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 9th

Family Treasure Hunt – 2 - 5pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show - 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room
Fun in the Sun – 3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 16th

Chapmanslade Croquet, Boules and Cream Tea

Thursday 20th

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)
Fun in the Sun – 3 - 4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 30th

Car Boot Sale – 12 noon at Corsley Showground (FREE entry, £6 per boot)

Monday 31st Corsley Show

September

Thursday 3rd

Warminster mobile library (see next page for times)

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 7th

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



Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI 95th Anniversary Dinner – 6.30 for 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 17th

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)

Saturday 19th

Children's Library launch – 10 am onwards, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

October

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Harvest Supper – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - 'The Journey of a Volunteer' – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 10th

Harvest Supper – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 17th

Chapmanslade Gentle Jazz

November

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Gardens and Flowers' – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 21st

Chapmanslade Quiz

Litter bugs

This afternoon (Wednesday 22nd July) a local walker picked up the remnants of a picnic from the footpath between Pool Farm, Corsley and Chapmanslade (by the little stream). Did you send your kids out with a can of Red Bull, orange juice, crackers, cheese, something chocolatey and wet wipes to name a few, all in a 'One Stop' carrier? If so, perhaps you could explain to them that littering the countryside is not only disgusting, but also stupid – that particular field is grazed by Aberdeen Angus cows and their calves.

Corsley Show Needs You!

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August Bank Holiday
Monday 31st August
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Paid-for green bin collections

Corsley and Chapmanslade

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Wednesday 9th September

Wednesday 23rd September

*Please note that green bin collections are now a CHARGEABLE service. If you have not signed up to and paid for this service, your green bin will **not** be emptied.*

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10 am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on **Saturday 1st August** – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

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

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It is with some regret and a little relief that I have to tell all you potential thespians in the village that I have decided not to produce and direct any more pantos.

I know I kept promising everyone who asked last year that I would get another script sorted for last year and then when I failed that I would definitely do one this year but the reality is that I do not have the time.

I visit my father in Christchurch every other weekend which would make rehearsals impossible anyway and with Stompers' gigs

filling in quite a lot of the free weekends in-between and the odd Village Hall event, I've finally realised that I just can't commit my time.

I'm announcing this now because if anyone else is interested they still have plenty of time to produce a panto for February 2016.

I'm quite happy to supply background knowledge on Chapmanslade Village Hall panto production.

Ken Davies

Hedge accounting

Please let me be clear, I am not usually one for moaning but I certainly do appreciate proper management of the countryside – having grown up on our family farm and spending my professional life, thus far, dealing with the rural community. As a son of an active Wiltshire-based farming family, I appreciate the need to maintain our countryside rather than let it go to 'rack and ruin'. Yet, disappointingly, I see just that happening in increasing pockets of our local parishes and, in particular, Corsley and Chapmanslade.

An example of poor management is demonstrated by the increasing number of poorly-kept hedges bordering our country lanes. I have heard some people with less common sense describe such a state of affairs as being "good for slowing down traffic". However, there is a legal and safety responsibility for landowners to maintain well-cut hedges where they adjoin highways. In particular, I refer to a couple of sections of hedges that adjoin Huntenhull Lane, where excess growth is not only interfering

with road use but is starting to create a real safety hazard.

As a Parish Councillor, I have raised the matter at several Corsley PC meetings, but since the issue is one falling within the Chapmanslade parish, our representations to the Chapmanslade PC seem to have failed to bring about a remedy to this matter.

Those who seek to buy land in the countryside should accept the responsibility that goes with it. Maybe they are trying to hide something behind those high hedges – over-development of stables? Or, dare say it, on occasion trying to cover up precursors to planning consents in what is otherwise Open Countryside.

Unless the matters are dealt with by the landowners, the only solution will be to ask the police to give their opinion as to the safety issues that are arising. I am sure no-one wants to shoulder the responsibility of accidents or have them on their conscience.

Mike Butler
Corsley

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which chemical formula represents ice?
- 2 What is the capital of Liechtenstein?
- 3 Which comic book character had a friend called Pie Face?
- 4 Which is the only US State which borders just one other US State?
- 5 In a calendar year, which is the second quarter day in England?
- 6 In which century was Chopin born?
- 7 What is a Scout rally called?
- 8 In which book by Dickens would you find Abel Magwitch?
- 9 Who was Queen Elizabeth I's first step mother?
- 10 How many sides does a rhombus have?
- 11 Which birds collect in a covey?
- 12 Which word can go after 'gall' and before 'hem' to make two new words?

Answers on page 44



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Biology: changing the world

Is organic food better for you and for the environment?

Professor Nigel Brown, President of the Royal Society for General Microbiology writes about the immense benefits of childhood vaccination

There is a considerable amount of concern about the use of pesticides and herbicides in the environment, and specifically their use on the food we eat. There is no doubt that we need to prevent insects and microbes from damaging our food crops and different forms of agriculture have different ways of dealing with these. Organic food producers have made a number of claims about its benefits and, in spite of it generally being more expensive, organic food consumption increased by 4% in 2014.

Do the arguments about the health benefits of organic food stand up to scientific scrutiny? In spite of studies in 2009 and 2012 showing little or no benefit, a 2014 study from Newcastle University claimed that organic food is more nutritious and therefore healthier. However, this study has been dismissed as flawed. To quote one scientist "there are nutritional differences between two peas in the same pod" so such studies have to be done very carefully. The majority scientific opinion is

that organic foods have no added nutritional benefit over other foods.

Do they have benefits in limiting exposure to pesticides and fertilisers? Certainly, the Soil Association, the body which accredits organic food production, limits the number and identity of pesticides and fertilisers that can be used in organic farming. However, the pesticide Bordeaux mixture, composed of copper sulphate and slaked lime, can cause copper toxicity to soil if used too frequently. Another permitted pesticide is the harmless bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which is a close relative of the anthrax bacillus - organic farmers rarely advertise that fact! The fatal outbreak of *E. coli* infection in Germany in 2011 may have arisen

from the use of manure in place of chemical fertilisers on organic bean sprouts.

So, is organic farming good for the environment? While there is a reduction in greenhouse gas production (GHG) per hectare due to the ban on chemical



fertilisers, more land is required and often more machinery is used, so GHG production is similar to intensive agriculture. As yields of major cereals are low compared with intensive farming, it is estimated that 25% more land is required for organic farming compared with conventional agriculture. Some studies suggest that organic farming increases biodiversity, but this appears to be small compared with the effects of other factors, such as how soil is tilled and weather effects. However, organic farming uses less water and causes lower pollution of rivers than intensive farming.

So should you eat organic foods? The decision is entirely personal, but some of the

justifications of health and environmental benefits do not stand up to detailed scrutiny. Costs, food miles and eating preferences are more important in that decision. Many people who eat organic foods are healthier eaters anyway – they eat more fruit and vegetables. Whether or not the food is organic is probably irrelevant.

Nigel Brown

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. If there is a biological topic that you would like him to write about, or if you have questions about this article, please contact him at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

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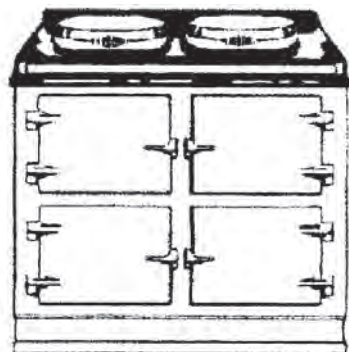


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Members are also invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on 26th November 2015 at the Reading Rooms.

We hope you will want to take advantage of the membership and tickets for 2015 for local residents. These are lower than the advanced ticket prices that will be offered on the website but are only available until **7th August 2015**.

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We have added a space on the form for offers of help, either on the day or just prior to it. Even if you could only spare an hour it would greatly assist in the smooth running of the show.

Yours sincerely

Marion Moldon
Membership Secretary

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Main member surname

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And now he's passed the baton on but he's still ringing in our band!
We'd miss his words of wisdom, his skill, encouragements;
It's thanks to Dick we've still a band to ring for those events!

'Thank you Dick', from all your bellringers.

Marion Moldon

Corsley Tennis Club News

The Ladies B Team entertained Chippenham C at home and lost by five sets to three. Emma Fox and Rebecca Benett displayed tactical awareness, whereas Isabel Lewis and Sue Newell provided some valiant defence. The squad is performing consistently and seems in good heart for the rest of the campaign.

The Ladies A Team played Chippenham B at the Memorial Playing Field and won by six sets to two. Alison Plummer and Sue Brewster showed athletic determination, while Jenny Bishop and Penny Plumb both hit some rasping forehand drives. The

squad goes from strength to strength and is become a formidable unit.

The Mens Doubles was held on an overcast afternoon at the Memorial Playing Field. A select band provided some good tennis, with Bryan Young and Andy Howson emerging as clear winners. Bryan's crisp volleying combined well with Andy's consistency. Runners-up were Alan Snedden and Michael Clarke. Sonia Glenn organised the event with her customary flair.

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Dear Friends,

The good thing about summer is that if you go for a walk you are bound to see other people around, either gardening, enjoying the sun, or walking their dogs. Anybody who knows me knows that I love dogs, particularly black Labradors which is fortuitous, since Longbridge Deverill is full of them. Summer also brings in its wake a plethora of village fetes or shows and if a fete has a dog show as far as I am concerned, that's the best bit; I met a gorgeous chocolate Labrador puppy at Horningsham's. I did enter Alfie, our black Lab, in a dog show one year, but he got a bit over excited to say the least, so I usually leave him at home in his basket on these occasions. But what marvellous assortment of dogs there are on display at a village show! So many sizes and breeds; puppies and older dogs, smooth haired ones, woolly ones, snappy ones and soppy ones, ones with long legs and fur, ones with wrinkled noses and sad baggy eyes, ones with silky ears and soft, shiny coats, ones exuding joyful friendliness with their waggy tails and others enduring their owner's determination to enter them in a show with pained resignation. Lots of dogs, all different, all wonderful and all so loved by their owners. And it got me thinking...

Dogs are who they are, each unique and special in their own way; mercifully those with baggy eyes haven't got the intelligence (or should it be stupidity) to request Botox injections, after all the bagginess is what defines their breed. Similarly we human beings are all different, all unique and special and loved by God for who we are. We don't have to be perfect – as the poet Mary Oliver writes: You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.

We live in a society that reveres the youthful, the successful, the beautiful, that hold up an airbrushed image of perfection as a model of what it means to be human. God doesn't ask for perfection, only love. Often, we suffer agonies of self-doubt because we compare ourselves to other people and find ourselves wanting; the journey to self acceptance can be a long and hard one. How liberating then to know that our creator God knows the secrets of our hearts and loves us still. How extraordinary to learn that however hateful we are, and we can all be hateful at times, I think you would agree, we are loved, we are loved, we are loved... and in the loving, we too, baggy eyes and all, are made lovely.

Love and prayers, Pauline

August Church Diary

Sunday 2nd August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship with Baptism



Sunday 9th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

11am at St Mary's, Temple: Matins



Sunday 16th August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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



Thursday 20th August

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



Sunday 23rd August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

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



Sunday 30th August: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist



Monday 31st August

Messy Church will be at Corsley Show



Sunday 6th September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

Church Pastoral Group

The Church Pastoral Group, which includes the Lay Pastoral Assistants, has recently been reformed. We would like to know if there is anyone in the Parish who would appreciate a friendly visit for whatever reason. For further details please contact Alan Hopkinson on 01373 832393.

Fundraising Matters

The theme of our stall at Corsley Show this year is “Upstairs Downstairs”. Our stand at the Show is very important as it presents the one opportunity annually to attract from a wider area than just our Parish.

We welcome donations of items to sell on the stall. For “Upstairs” we are seeking cakes, puddings, jams, vegetables, fruit and flowers. For “Downstairs” we are seeking pots and pans, crockery and other kitchenalia.

Please let Stella 832230, Judith 832803 or Phil 832845 have items that you can donate no later than the Thursday previous to the Show. If you can assist to man the stall or sell raffle tickets please contact Stella 832230

This year there will be two Harvest Suppers. On Saturday 3rd October the Supper will be at the Reading Rooms, Corsley at 7.30pm; and on Saturday 10th October the Supper will be at Chapmanslade School. Please see full details for tickets in next month's Bridge.

Our Christmas Fayre this year will be at Godswell Grove Farm, Chapmanslade on Saturday 12th December. We will have all the usual attractions plus hold the draw for the 50/50 Club.

Website Update

Ian Buick has been very busy revamping our website. We endeavour that the website is welcoming to all seeking details of our church activities, or people seeking information on the history of our Parish and its churches. Please do log on and explore the website, and please let Ian know of any areas that we have missed or require changes.

Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to two couples on their marriages; Sam Greenslade married Jessica Bishop at St Margaret's, Corsley on 4th July. Hugh Liddell married Rosie Blair at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill on 25th July.

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Children's Library

We are very pleased to announce that we will be launching our children's library at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 19th September from 10am onwards. The intention is that children come along and borrow and exchange books.

To help us build up the initial stock if you have any books in good condition suitable for children up to teen years we would be very grateful to receive them. Collection points will be all three churches when open for services, the Benefice office on Monday mornings, or contact the office by e-mail and we will make suitable arrangements to collect.

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Corsley WI July News



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

The President of Corsley WI, Carol Seward, welcomed members and visitors to the July open meeting at the Reading Room. A short silence was held in memory of Mary Beale, a past President and staunch supporter of our WI, who died recently.

The speaker for the evening was Robin Silman with a talk and visual presentation on the history and work of the RNLI, lifeboats and the sea. Back in the late 18th Century, there were about 1,800 shipwrecks around the coast every year but people couldn't reach the boats to save those on board.

After a competition to design a purpose-built craft to access shipwrecks, thirty Greathead Originals special rowing boats were made. By 1824 after a campaign to give assistance to vessels in distress, the National Institute for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck was formed. In 1854 after Queen Victoria became patron, the name was changed to the RNLI. Specialist training, hi-tech self-righting boats, modern equipment and kit has now revolutionised the service, which covers not just the sea, but inland waterways and lifeguards on beaches; they can even be called upon for help in flooded areas such as the Somerset Levels. By 2012,

140,000 lives had been saved and there are now over 330 lifeboats at stations around the country, plus four hovercraft. With over 4,700 volunteer crew and thousands of other helpers, the RNLI costs about £401,000 per day and is still funded by donations. Elisabeth Irving gave the vote of thanks for a fascinating insight into the dangerous work carried out by the RNLI.

The competition for a boat was won by Val Sandoe, with Jean White second and Hilary Vallis third.

The outing to Beaulieu on a lovely day was much enjoyed. The Wiltshire Federation has organized a ukulele workshop and a visit to Westbury Dairies. Please note that orders for our 95th Anniversary Dinner should be submitted by the August meeting.

On Thursday 13 August, Corsley WI will be holding its biennial Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show. Members should bring their entries to the Reading Room between 11.30am and 1.30pm, ready to be judged during the afternoon. The winners will be announced at the meeting which starts at 7.30pm where we will be auctioning some of the entries.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4 pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues to be announced
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30 pm, various venues

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760

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Now that summer's here many of you are enjoying the hot weather we are lucky to be experiencing; sat in your beautiful garden made up with flowers and the little things that make your garden your own and unique to you. So what can you do now to make sure that everything stays healthy and looking nice? Well, I've got a few ideas I can share – some old tricks that I've picked up whilst working at Acres Supply Garden Centre.

- If you have a bird bath, an issue you may face is the growth of algae. If you have a plethora of small change in your purse or wallet, turn two annoyances to some good to make a clean bird bath and a happy gardener. Copper coins! Placing your coppers in the water of your bird bath will help prevent the algae growth and keep your bird bath looking clean and tidy.
- Unwanted guests in your garden are also something that many want to wave goodbye to. Although lovely, a cat that's not your own isn't always something you want to welcome with loving arms. To stop cats coming into your garden, take an empty coca cola bottle with the wrapper taken off, or any bottle of a similar sort and half fill it with water. Place a few of these around your garden and the reflection of the water and the shine will keep them away.
- Pigeons are another unwanted guest. Like with the cats, take an empty bottle and instead of filling it with water, place it on a cane and then again place these around your garden
- Going down in size, but still unwanted none the less, are slugs and snails. Scatter used coffee grounds around your plants. Don't worry if you're not a fan of coffee, broken up eggshells work just as well.
- If you're going to the beach this summer, give your garden a treat – bring back some seaweed! Seaweed is a great organic and natural feed for pretty much anything in your garden. If you do find some of your own, grind it down and dilute it with some water. If not, we sell liquid seaweed at the garden centre that can be used straight away
- Lots of people grow herbs to use in cooking and enjoy the added bonus of the smell they exude. But have you ever considered what they smell like to those little bugs and flying pests? Unlike the majority of us, they cannot stand the smell! So instead of buying all the bug killers and sprays, simply plant or place your herbs near your vegetables. Just remember that the herbs must be scented.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in June and July

Barters Farm proposed development

We have had two meetings since my last report; 11th June and 9th July. Our discussions have been very much dominated by the proposal to build a housing development on the Barters Farm site.

At our June meeting we agreed that an Open Day should take place at the school on 4th July to give everyone who had not seen the proposals, including the traffic calming proposals, an opportunity to do so. The Open day was well attended and generated a considerable amount of discussion. We also agreed to distribute and collect a questionnaire provided by Lochailort, with the aim of enabling a higher response and a clear picture of public opinion on the proposals.

The response has, in fact, been in excess of 60% – which is excellent: so, many thanks to all of you who took the time to study the questionnaire and let the developers and the parish council know your views. Many thanks, too, to Dennis Barnard, Adam Oakley and John Lewis for their sterling effort in distributing and collecting the questionnaires. Such an excellent response should help the Lochailort and the parish council gain an accurate picture of the village view. As we have said many times recently, the parish council's responsibility

is to act in your best interests and we hope that the information we learn from the questionnaires will give us a clear mandate to do so.

At our 9th July meeting we agreed that Lochailort would analyse the questionnaires and prepare a report for consideration at our next meeting. The parish council would also keep a copy of all the responses to give members the opportunity to assess public opinion themselves. We will meet again at a special meeting, to be held at the school at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4th August to consider the results of the questionnaire and to decide on the next steps.

Other planning applications

At our June meeting we looked at planning applications concerning 65 High Street (listed building), 139 High Street, 20 Southcroft (listed building) and Copperfields, Southcroft. Each of these applications involved minor adaptations to the properties concerned. We raised no objection to any of them.

Siennas Valley

The application to locate a mobile home for use as a rural worker's dwelling at Siennas Valley in Huntenhull Lane was considered by the West Wiltshire Planning Committee at a meeting held at County Hall on 10th

June, after a long delay. You may recall that when the committee met back in December last year they deferred a decision. At the committee meeting, the parish council, and a number of local residents, put forward a strong case not to grant planning consent and in the event the committee resolved to refuse consent.

Thoulstone Park

The community event planned by the owners of Thoulstone Park planned to take place early in June was, in the end, cancelled.

At our September meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 8th September, we will be receiving a further update on plans for this site. I understand a planning application for some employment/work/office premises on the site is likely to be submitted fairly soon. Watch out for further information in next month's edition of The Bridge.

Highways matters

Wiltshire Council's contractors have at long last carried out the remedial repairs to the road surface at Clearwood View. The original repairs only lasted a few weeks so let's hope the surface doesn't break up this time! We have finally persuaded the council to repair the surface at Huntenhull Green where a section of road had collapsed. There is some doubt about whether or not the section of road is part of the adopted highway.

Parish Council Vacancy

Following Jill Willmot's resignation, Wiltshire Council has published a public notice announcing the vacancy on our parish council. If 10 or more electors request

this, by writing to the Returning Officer, an election may be held. Otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. It would be good to think that, because of recent interest in parish council activities, there might be sufficient interest to warrant filling the vacancy by an election, the first for many years in our parish. The closing date for requesting this is **13th August**. The Returning Officer is Dr Carlton Brand and his address is Electoral Services, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN

...and finally (1)

Giant hogweed has been getting considerable publicity in the media this summer. Contact with the plant, "the most dangerous plant in Britain" can cause serious burns and result in an emergency visit to hospital. Recently a little girl was badly burned on her hands and face and there was suspicion that she may have touched some hogweed or a similar plant whilst on a walk in Chapmanslade. Chris Page checked the route she had taken but could find no evidence of the plant but this serves as a warning that other plants in the hedgerow can also be dangerous. Don't be deterred from enjoying our extensive network of footpaths, however, but please do report any defects to Adam at adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk or 832437.

...and finally (2)

Can anyone solve the mystery of the dying trees on the village hall playing field? Two of the trees lining the track to the village hall recently died very suddenly and there is no apparent explanation for this. You may remember that the trees were planted as part of our celebrations to commemorate

the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. So they are rather special. The field, too, is very special as it is part of our memorial to our boys who lost their lives serving their country during the First World War. If you have any information which can help us solve this mystery please contact Adam or any member of the village hall committee.

Next meetings

A reminder that our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays rather than the usual Thursdays. So do join us on **August 4th** when we meet to consider the results of the Lochailort questionnaire. Warminster Area Board will be meeting at our village hall on **Thursday 10th September** so, to avoid a clash, we have brought our September meeting forward two days to **Tuesday the 8th**.

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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.

What a fantastic few final weeks we have had at Little Cuckoos! We kicked things off with a trip to Brokerswood - we did pond-dipping and examined all of the bugs and fish that we found, rode the train, played on all of the equipment and had a lovely picnic together. Thank you very much to Brokerswood for having us, and to all the parents that were able to come along and join in the fun.

Our next event was our Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July, held in the field next to the preschool. With a bouncy castle, face painting, pony rides and our usual fabulous mix of games and crafts we all had a great day. We also had a barbecue this year, along with some visiting military vehicles for the children to climb into and look around. Our raffle had some lovely donations from parents and local businesses including Barthers Farm, Waitrose and Lyons Seafood. Thank you to everyone that donated a prize. All in all we raised £561 on the day, a great amount for a rural preschool!

Our last event was Sports Day, and the children did us proud as always. We had running races, egg and spoon, obstacle course and a dressing-up race. Finally we had a tug of war for the grown ups!

Friday 17th July was our last day of term so we said goodbye and good luck to our older children who are off to big school in September. We also held the annual Graduation Ceremony on the last day - always a tear-jerker! We are so proud of our graduates and hope that you will stop by to say hello next year.

From everyone at Little Cuckoos we hope you have a fun and relaxing Summer break.

Don't forget - our next term begins on Wednesday 2nd September!

If you have any enquiries in the meantime please email Hayley our Preschool Manager at littlecuckoos@hotmail.com

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Whitbourne Chapel

Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

Enjoy your rest!

It's that time of the year when, traditionally, we have a holiday. This goes back, of course, to the times when factories shut down for a period in August and the workers and their families headed for the traditional seaside resorts – Blackpool, Scarborough and Brighton became famous. In the late nineteenth century Mr Thomas Cook started organised holidays overseas. These have really taken off, from those people who headed off to Spain and Portugal in the 1960s and 1970s, but nowadays travel much further afield, to Egypt, Goa and the Far East. Some of us are quite happy to stay here and explore more of this lovely country in which we live. Many of us are fortunate to be able to go away to enjoy a time of rest.

Rest is important, isn't it? The Lord Jesus spoke about rest. We are told, in the Bible, that Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest... for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11 v 28 & 30). He was talking about us putting our trust in God, who created us and who loves us. He wants to have a real and lasting relationship with us, and for us to find our place and take our rest in Him.

So if you're able to go away, even if it's just for a short break, enjoy it, relax and refresh.

Remember also God who wants to share His permanent rest with you.

Chris Andrews, visiting preacher

Corsley Show

It's that time of year again! It's our chance to enjoy everything that the Corsley Show Committee have worked so hard to provide for our entertainment. Did you come along last year? Yes, I know it rained, but so what? All the stalls, entertainers and others were there, and we (members of Whitbourne Chapel and visiting guests) were there, too.

Trevor Brain hopes to come along again this year; he works with Operation Mobilisation, furthering the work of Jesus around the world. Trevor's nephew, Jonathan Brain, also hopes to come. He's an evangelist preacher; if you've visited summer solstice sites in recent years, you've probably met him. Also this year, we hope to have Ron Stone with us, the Chapel's oldest preacher at 95; his war story has featured in the last two editions of Whitbourne Chapel News. Other visiting preachers to Whitbourne also hope to come along. Don't worry about the weather – we don't! God's love shines on us, so who needs the sun?

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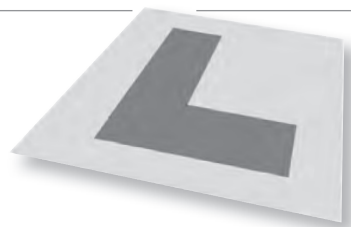
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Tales from the passenger seat



The current driving test requires a pupil to be able to (and indeed well-versed) in performing an emergency stop, a turn in the road (three point turn), a reverse left, a parallel park (pull alongside a car and reverse in behind it), and also to be able to reverse into a parking bay, either to the left, or to the right. On the test, the examiner will usually only ask the pupil to perform one of these manoeuvres plus, possibly, the emergency stop. So all the manoeuvres have to be learned, because there is no pattern or regularity that allows one to determine which manoeuvre a pupil is more likely to get.

Generally speaking, the emergency stop and turn in the road are often found to be the easiest, then the parallel park (I have a method that makes it particularly easy), then the bay parks, then lastly in most cases the reverse left. Once I have taught a manoeuvre, independent practice in a car at home certainly helps those pupils who find manoeuvres hard. There is a group of pupils who, when reversing, have absolutely no idea of which way to move the wheel, so I have strategies that overcome this obstacle, but practice is necessary since the manoeuvre not only needs to be achieved, but also with appropriate and realistic observation of other road users and pedestrians. This isn't easy if someone is still at the stage of working out how to do it – peering into the door mirror or perhaps the kerb and therefore unable to look out for traffic, etc.

There's one thing I've found that's interesting and puzzling concerning the bay park: the majority of pupils find reversing into a bay on their left easier than reversing into a bay on their right. You would think it would be the other way round, since reversing to the right allows the pupil to not only look in the door mirror, but also to look over their shoulder at the white line of the bay they are reversing into, however, this doesn't seem to be the case. I have noticed that of the smaller group of pupils who find reversing into a bay on their right noticeably easier, that they are most often always left-handed. Now this is interesting. What on earth does being left handed have to do with simply looking out of a window or into a mirror? The manoeuvre does not require any left-handed dexterity, yet I can ask a pupil who is finding reversing to the right easier than most "are you left handed?" and most of the time I'm right - they are!

I can understand that if a pupil is good at ball games and can ride a bike, then this hard-wired sense of balance, spatial awareness and hand-to-eye coordination helps with steering, especially when driving forwards, but I do confess to finding this left-handed ability to find reversing into a right-hand parking bay easier, an interesting puzzle.

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Countryside Matters

Here we are at the start of the school holiday's – I wonder if the rain will really fall? My Meteorologist friend here in the village tells me that so far, we have had only just over 13" of rain this year; well below our average rainfall. Thankfully the field grass has kept growing, hopefully we'll have a third cut by the end of August.

The maize is romping away; once the roots are down it just loves the sun – last week saw about 12" of growth! The winter barley is nearly ready to harvest. The colours in the countryside are wonderful – golden corn, greens of all shades, rapeseed and beans ripening, the freshly-cut grass shooting again and the silvery grey of the maize as it sways in the wind. Wheat will be harvested while it is still quite moist (milky) and then crimped/crushed and put into the silage pit to create a good energy feed for the cows this coming winter. The early lambs in our neighbours fields are now ready for market, so do support your local farmers by buying locally-produced lamb whenever you can.

After a wonderful crop of elderflowers to make cordial or champagne, the blackberries will soon be filling the hedgerows and, if you're really lucky, early in the morning after a good shower of rain the field mushrooms. Do remember to pick them only if they are really fresh and you recognise them as a mushroom that's safe to eat.

Sadly our barn owl boxes are still unoccupied. The good news is that two fledglings have recently safely flown the

nest just up the river from our boxes, so we congratulate Eve Tigwell on her success with the owls and also with her new book 'The Somerset Atlas of Breeding and Wintering birds 2007 -2012' which has had great reviews.

Hedgerows

This year saw the introduction of new rules for hedge-cutting under cross compliance. It means that farmers are not allowed to cut or trim hedgerows between 1 March and 31 August **unless**:

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- It is to carry out hedge-laying or coppicing during the period 1 March to 30 April (incl)
- It is to trim a newly-laid hedgerow by hand, within six months of it being laid

The change in cutting dates from 2014 was introduced under new EU Regulations requiring the protection of birds during both the breeding and rearing season.

Sorry folks the farmers would love to tidy up the road hedges but unless they fall into these categories we must abide by the rules

Judith Helliar



It wasn't THAT bad...

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

Hands up anyone who thinks of trauma as something dramatic and enormous – being caught up

in warfare, perhaps, or being the victim of a criminal act; seeing someone you love badly injured or thinking you were going to die in a horrible accident.

These experiences are obviously traumatic and will require patience and care in order to be successfully processed. But what about the quieter, subtler psychological and emotional injuries meted out to some children daily over the course of years? Often by well-intentioned parents or other authority figures whose goal isn't to damage but rather to teach, to help the child become socialised.

Many people have told me that what happened to them as children 'wasn't that bad' and that therefore they 'shouldn't need help'; that 'others had it much worse' and what are they 'making such a fuss about'? There is a sense of conflict within as these people feel partly that they shouldn't need or don't deserve help while simultaneously craving that help, support and empathy. Here's where the simple experience of being really heard and acknowledged can be deeply healing. Yes, to your child-self that experience or series of experiences was hurtful and discouraged you from trusting that the world is a safe place – even though to your adult-self it seems insignificant and easy to trivialise; especially when you are trying so hard to be fair and loyal to your parents or to another person who

made you feel bad. Many of us struggle to acknowledge the validity of the child part of ourselves – we tend to close our ears and dismiss it. But we know this doesn't work – if it did, we wouldn't feel pulled in different directions by our own competing needs.

So my strong feeling is that this stuff IS important, DOES deserve hearing and WON'T go away until it's better understood. Others may have had it bad but your experience is important; it had an impact on you then and that impact lingers. Surely that's enough of a fact to make it worthy of your attention? You can feel better if you give your attention to your own healing.

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Corsley Parish Council

There's no report from the Chairman, Neil Britten, as the PC hasn't had any meetings to report on in time for this edition.

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