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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 Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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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**

#### Tuesday 1st

Village Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Rec



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

Elizabethan Evening presents 'The Mikado', Manor Farm, Corsley

#### Sunday 6th

Croquet & Cream Teas – 2.30 pm to 6 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 7.30 pm, Corsley WI Flower, Produce and Handicraft Show

#### Saturday 12th

Fun Day at the Cross Keys, Lyes Green, Corsley – 12 noon to 6 pm

#### Thursday 17th

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

#### Monday 21st

Fish and Chips at the Cross Keys, Lyes Green, Corsley

#### Sunday 27th

Songs of Praise and lunch – starts at 11am followed by a 'bring and share' lunch at the Showground

Pub Quiz – 6pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

#### Bank Holiday Monday 28th **Corsley Show**

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#### September

#### Saturday 2nd

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

#### Monday 4th

Corsley Parish Council – quarterly meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Tuesday 5th

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

#### Thursday 7th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

# **Diary** Dates

#### Thursday 14th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'Crowns & Tiaras' by Daphne Atkinson

#### Thursday 21st

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

#### Sunday 24th

Pub Quiz – 6pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

#### Wednesday 27th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Thursday 28th

Cinema Corsley - 'Viceroy's House' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Friday 29th

Corsley & Chapmanslade joint Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon. More info in September edition of The Bridge

#### October

#### Saturday 7th

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

#### Thursday 12th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting 'What WILL We Be Eating?' by Professor Nigel Brown

Chapmanslade Parish Council. 7.30 pm Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Thursday 19th

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

#### Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Saturday 28th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – Corsley Harvest Supper

#### Sunday 29th

Pub Quiz - 6pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

#### November

#### Monday 4th

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

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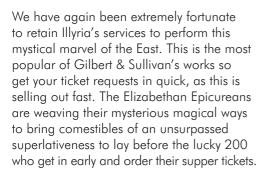
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# The Mikado

...who, with his gang of reprobates will be entertaining us via the goodly works of the Illyria Outdoor Theatre company at Manor Farm, Corsley on Saturday 5th August



Besides this gourmet scoff, parched throats and much else can be soothed at 'The Inn. of the Six Pleasures' which will be open to all, serving traditional English liquids and possibly some sake to boot.

So join the hosts in your fundoshi and kimonos on the tatamil

Messrs Parchment & Quill, fresh from entertaining the noble heads (their leas, arms and ears too) of England and the Corsley Concubine Chorus (aka the Foreplayers) will have undoubtedly compiled some excoriating piece of entertainment to start the proceedings.

The places for the Concubine Chorus are now filled and rehearsals are well under

way. Although getting our tongues around the more cunning linguistical challenges are vet to be attempted.

If our Chairman or man of chairs has succeed in his very recent travels - he might yet reveal his Brazilian surprise on the evening.

The mysterious mistress of the ticket line, Claire, is champing at the bit just waiting for your calls for ticket and supper sales, so if the BT cocoa tins and strings are working she can be contacted on 01373 832113.

The alternative means of communication via flags and heliographs has gone down a storm except for the wag who insists on communicating in the original Japanese tonque.

As your humble scribbler pens these notes the temperature is a modest 31°C. If this continues into August, Corsley may yet see its first naturist outdoor spectacular!

> Yours, Daiare Tsumi Kuiru

# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which creatures live in a formicary?
- 2 In which country does the River Rhine rise?
- 3 In US currency, how many dimes make up a dollar?
- 4 Which mythological character was sentenced to fall in love with his own reflection as a punishment for his pride?
- 5 What name is given to a baby whale?
- 6 Which fictional character had friends called Ginger and Algy?
- 7 In heraldry, how is the colour black known?
- 8 Archbishop Makarios served as President of which country in the 1960s/70s?
- 9 What can be complex, vulgar or mixed?
- 10 Blanket and honeycomb are the two main types of what?
- 11 Which American city is nicknamed 'the windy city'?
- 12 Which organisation has the motto 'Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity'?

Answers on page 44

## **Chapmanslade Barbecue**

The sun shone on Sunday, 2nd July for the annual Chapmanslade Barbecue. Lots of people enjoyed the afternoon and many villagers, as well as those on the committee (especially Adam), helped to make it a roaring success.

As usual, the Duck Race, organised and run by Pete Allsop and tickets sold by Caitlin Elkins, was a great attraction! Built a few years ago by the 'Friday Night Drinking Team' it has become a perennial attraction! The ever-popular skittles knockout, children's races and egg throwing were enjoyed with gusto: during the big clear up, rooks were spotted eating the remains of the eggs!

Tim, Roy and Frank slaved over the hot barbecue serving beef burgers and hot dogs to the never-ending queue of hungry people, who then descended on the kitchen to enjoy tea and delicious cakes, mainly made and served by the Loose Women of Chapmanslade. Ken, of course, was running the bar to quench the thirst of the punters of so many activities, including the Tug o' War.

Adam's goats and numerous children's activities including making bracelets, tattoos and Where's Adam? (run by the school PFSA) kept the children (and some adults!) entertained throughout the afternoon.

Lou Knight's beautiful singing lent some sophistication to the afternoon, and Stevie kept us entertained with his commentary and update of events.

One special mention must be given to Ben Brewer, who fell off his bike on the way to the hall and, with his knee heavily bandaged, did a 'Penalty Challenge' raising £30, which was all his own idea! Well done. Ben!

A lot of hard work by a lot of people made the 2017 barbecue enjoyable for all those who came.

Many thanks to all the workers and punters who between them have boosted the hall funds, enabling us to maintain and improve such a wonderful village asset.

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# Haemophilia, contaminated blood products, HIV and hepatitis

In July 2017 the Prime Minister announced a public inquiry into what Lord Robert Winston called the worst treatment disaster in the history of the NHS. Simply put, haemophiliacs, who require injections of blood-clotting factors, were put at risk because of contamination of the preparations they received.

Haemophilia is a genetic disease in which one of the clotting factors (either Factor VIII or Factor IX) is missing or at too low levels to cause the

blood to clot quickly. Haemophiliacs bleed profusely from a wound; so they receive the missing factor by injection on a regular basis. Because UK manufacturers could not safely cope with the amount of product required, many of the Factor VIII and Factor IX preparations were imported from the US during the 1970s and 1980s. There much of the blood is donated by prisoners, who receive payment for their donations.

The US prison population contains individuals infected by HIV (the causative agent of AIDS) or by hepatitis virus. If one blood donor suffered from HIV infection or hepatitis, the whole batch of blood product (maybe from 60,000 donations) would be contaminated. Until the mid-1980s the processed blood products were not heat-treated, so the HIV or hepatitis viruses remained viable. The net result was

that many thousands of individuals were infected with HIV, Hep B or Hep C, or with a combination of these.

The so-called "contaminated

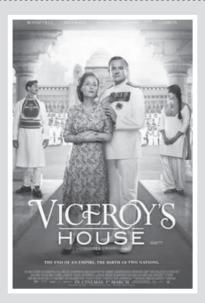
blood scandal" has been the subject of public activism for many years. Children as young as 5 are known to have been infected with HIV due to their haemophilia and about 2,400 people have died in the UK due to contaminated blood products, many from AIDS-related diseases. Was this avoidable? It appears so. Concerns raised in the early 1970s about the safety of blood products caused some patients to refuse treatment, but no official action was taken



The outcomes of this inquiry will be interesting. It appears that expert scientific and medical warnings - some from the mid-1970s and from the Director of the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre in 1983 - were ignored and potentially contaminated blood products were not withdrawn.

Fortunately, advances in HIV treatment mean that those individuals who were infected with HIV and survived are now able to lead relatively normal lives. Antiretroviral therapy has transformed this potentially terminal infection into a chronic but manageable condition. In addition, Factor VIII and Factor IX are now being made from genetically modified organisms. This completely removes any future risk of contamination by HIV, hepatitis virus or any other infectious material.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade, Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to nigelbrown48@gmail.com



# Cinema Corsley

We are pleased to announce that the next film showing at Corsley Reading Room is...

#### 'Viceroy's House' (Certificate 12A) **Thursday 28th September** Doors open 7 pm

Cinema Corsley is back for the new season of films and very excitingly, with our own equipment as well!

Our first film is Viceroy's House (12A). Viceroy's House in Delhi was the home of the British rulers of India where, in 1947, Lord Mountbatten is tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to independence. The film's story unfolds within that

great house with the Mountbattens living upstairs whilst downstairs lived their 500 Hindu, Muslim and Sikh servants. A great cast is led by Hugh Bonneville as Lord Mountbatten and Gillian Anderson as his extraordinary wife Edwina. Gurinder Chadha has directed a heartfelt and very personal drama about the partition of India, which shows both the stunning beauty of the country and the people as well as the tragedy when religion and politics collide.

We're also hoping to show a short film to start the evening - with a Corsley themel

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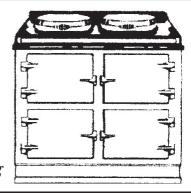
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#### **Corsley Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the activities of the PC during July.

There have been three meetings in the last month worthy of report; one occasional meeting held at short notice in July to consider three new planning applications, a postponed Community Area Transport Group (G) and a meeting of the Wiltshire Strategic Planning Committee to consider Longleat Enterprises Limited (LEL) outline planning application for development of the Tascroft Court site.

#### **Planning Applications**

17/03946/FUL – Erection of boundary fence panel, designed to mimic the appearance of a hedgerow.

This application was for retrospective approval of an artificial hedge, erected in breach of a planning restriction which limits development on the eastbound "splay" area at the north side of the Lane End/A362 junction. The original restriction, dating from to 1976, prohibited any development on the splay, for road safety reasons, but this was lifted in 2012 by Wiltshire planning authorities, in response to an application by the occupant of 83a Lane End, against the advice of the Highways Department and in the face of strong objections from the PC. The one metre high fence already erected at the time, in contravention of the restriction,

was allowed.

The current artificial hedge structure is under removal enforcement action from Wiltshire planners and Wiltshire Highways have responded to the current application recommending removal of the hedge.

A comprehensive technical note, commissioned by the applicant, accompanied the application and concluded that there were no safety implications arising from the structure and that the dimensions of the splay generally met current road junction dimensional regulations. It also concluded that the new structure would probably increase, rather than diminish, road safety.

Six written communications from Corsley residents had been registered on the planning website, one on behalf of several householders. All but one vehemently opposed the artificial hedge. The PC had also received several verbal protests and one member of the public presented a verbal statement at the PC meeting opposing to the application.

The PC moved to object strongly to the application on the grounds that it did restrict the already poor view eastwards, particularly from tractor cabs, and also recommended that the adjacent hedge on the east side of

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83a Lane End be removed and replaced by a fence no more than 1 metre high.

17/04387/VAR – Variation on a previous planning permission to allow an existing two storey garage and store-room to be used for residential use ancillary to the main property.

This application provoked significant discussion amongst PC members, mainly from concern that such a change of use was a step towards potential use of the building as a separate dwelling. However, it was eventually agreed that no objection should be registered, provided that suitable conditions were applied to ensure that the building remained ancillary to the main house. No public comments had been received. The proposal was carried with 3 abstentions.

#### 17/0441/FUL – Erection of a two storey extension at Willow Springs, 12a Longhedge

The PC registered no objection to this application. No public comments had been received.

#### Streetscene

Simon Jasper attended the 12th July CATG meeting with the following outcomes for Corslev:

Whitbourne Springs junction with A362. This is the work to improve the safety of the junction, particularly on the regular occasions it becomes an alternative Longleat access. A topographical survey was authorised by the meeting. After the topographical survey, full costs will be calculated, but no funding will be available before 2018 from CATG/Area Board.

Whitbourne Springs 20mph speed limit. This has been reviewed, but falls outside the ability of the Police to enforce it; they require

a minimum of 300m and ideally 600m of road to carry out enforcement. The Council Officer has confirmed the Police would not support the limit. The PC has received an assurance from the Council Traffic Officer that he would seek to improve signing at the junction as part of that project, in order to reduce the speed of vehicles entering Whitbourne Springs.

Longhedge blind summit - driver disorientation. It was agreed to put in a two-way sign and additional directional road markings. The road marking work will be absorbed by another project, but may take longer to deliver.

Longhedge 20mph speed limit. This had been missed, but the Traffic Officer will now carry out an assessment. There is a low expectation of success.

CATG New Issue: No Entry to Longleat sign at the A362 Fuzzy Hill junction. This was accepted by the meeting and the Traffic Officer will look at a combined Dertford and "no entry to Longleat" sign

It should be noted that the above works will require a financial contribution from the PC of about 25% of the total cost of the items, ie about £370

#### **Tascroft Court**

17/01124/OUT - Land South and East of Tascroft Courtand North of Cannimore track, Tascroft Court Warminster.

This is the outline application from Longleat Enterprises Ltd (LEL) for the combined 240bed hotel, conference centre, waterpark and animal experience at Tascroft Court. It has twice been debated by the Parish Council and was considered by the Wiltshire Strategic Planning Committee on 19th July for their sentencing. The PC Chair attended as an observer. The application was passed

by significant majority, with two abstentions and no objections.

It should be noted that this was an outline application, with all matters reserved except for access. On both occasions that the PC had considered the application, an objection was registered on the grounds that the planned development took insufficient note of an already unacceptable and potentially unsafe traffic situation on the A362, and sometimes the A36T Warminster bypass, caused by stationary Centre Parcs entry queues on entry days. These often prevent eastbound traffic along the A362 getting from the Cley Hill to Picket Post roundabouts and the PC have brought this matter to the attention of Wiltshire Highways and Planning Departments on a number if occasions when developments have been planned which would be likely to increase traffic on the A362.

In the Wiltshire Case Officer's report accompanying the application before the Strategic Planning Committee, some 65 pages long, the Corsley objections were noted and regarded by Highways as "proper" representations. However, the number of additional vehicle movements envisaged as a result of the Tascourt Court plans are relatively small and, whilst the Committee recognised Corsley's issues and the need to resolve them, the Committee did not believe that they should stand in the way of a well-planned proposal which had eminent economic benefit to West Wiltshire. Comments from Hlahways England had not yet been received by Wiltshire and there could be changes to the many conditions attached to the application approval.

LEL will now develop the details of the scheme and submit further applications to clear the reserved matters whilst the PC will consider its next moves on the Centre Parcs issue.

#### **Bay Tree Close**

The PC has received an email update from Andy Mead, the Commissioning Officer for the project, which reads: "I now know the results of the tender period and I am currently working on internal processes i.e. setting the project spend/internal signoff, etc for the project, prior to awarding contract to the winning tender. After 7th August, I can finalise this work and I can then enter into discussions with the winning contractor. I will update again when I have met with the winning contractor".

#### **Future Meetings 2017**

Quarterly Meeting

4 September, 7.30 pm

Quarterly Meeting

4 December, 7.30 pm

There may be occasional meetings at short notice; please watch the village noticeboards.

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

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Dear Friends,

A few week's ago I went away for four days to Swanwick in Derbyshire for Salisbury diocesan conference where all the clergy, including Archdeacons and Bishops, gathered together for a time of teaching, worship and let's be honest, sleeping! There were excellent speakers and workshops but it was very noticeable that quite a number of people were so tired that the minute they sat down they fell asleep, and I admit to being one of them. I did imbibe some wisdom I think, and to be honest it was lovely not to have to cook for a few days, but now it's back to real life with the reality of trying to visit where I can, write interesting sermons (that don't result in half the congregation asleep!), baptise babies, marry lovely couples, plan and take funerals and just do what a parish priest does as best I can.

The theme of the conference was 'Faith in an age of uncertainty'. My words in the July magazine about living in uncertain times and the difficulty of responding appropriately at the right moment were horrifically fulfilled in the shape of the fire at Grenfell Tower. Whist of course we are all still incredibly shocked and saddened by those events time marches on and the tragedy is no longer headline news, what with all the debates about Brexit and the prime minister's leadership. But those involved in the events of that night haven't got any choice in the matter, they can't decide to push what happened to one side to focus on happier things because they are living day by day, moment by moment, with pain, grief and terrible loss that will change them irrevocably, and which will haunt them for the rest of their lives.

I must admit to a personal connection to all this; as many of our church family know, my youngest son works at the Clement James Centre next to Grenfell Tower and has been and continues to work with the children and families who lived there. He has told me terrible stories of unimaginable suffering, but also stories of hope and generosity, of community and human kindness. How deeply sad that it has taken a tragedy like this to make us see our failings clearly and recognise the need for a better way, a more compassionate way.

Part of me wants to talk to you about holidays and such like, about happier things and yes, there is much to celebrate and give thanks for. But it seems important to keep articulating what has gone wrong; we cannot go back to where we were before, our eyes have been opened to injustices that must be addressed. Jesus said the poor would always be with us and they will, so it's up to us to make sure we speak for them and make sure they are not forgotten.

Do enjoy this lovely month of August, hopefully with family and friends. And if you are waiting for exam results, good luck! A new adventure awaits you.

Love and prayers, Pauline

#### **August Church Diary**

Sunday 6th August: Trinity 8

8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion 9.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist 10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

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#### Sunday 13th August: Trinity 9

9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Holy Communion 10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist 11 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Matins

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#### Thursday 17th August

10 am to 12 noon at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade Church & Community Coffee Morning

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#### Sunday 20th August: Trinity 10

10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist 10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship

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#### Sunday 27th August: Trinity 11

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist

1 am at Corsley Showground

Songs of Praise followed by a 'bring and share' lunch.

Please do come along, sing some favourite hymns and enjoy a buffet lunch.

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#### Monday 28th August

10 am to 5 pm at the Corsley Showground

The theme for our stall at the Corsley Show will be 'The Farmhouse Kitchen'. We shall be selling lots of local produce – cakes, tarts, flans, vegetables, jams, eggs and cheese. If you can donate some produce for the stall, please contact either Phil on 832230, Stella on 832230 or Judith on 832803.

We shall also run a raffle and will be pleased to receive any prizes for the raffle.

There will be no bric-a-brac stall this year.

#### Sunday 3rd September: Trinity 12

8 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion 9.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist 10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Family Worship

#### Education Sunday – 10th September

We shall celebrating the life of our school and church on Education Sunday. There is much to celebrate and we hope that the service will allow the school to showcase some of their extraordinary talent by helping us with the service which will be an informal Messy Church service with a Family Communion. As usual there will be refreshments after the service. Everyone welcome, especially families with children at Chapmanslade School, but if you have ever been involved with our school please do come along and help us celebrate Education Sunday.

#### Harvest

Our Harvest celebrations take place throughout October this year. The first Harvest service will be on Sunday 1st October at St Margaret's. On Saturday 7th October Chapmanslade will hold it's Harvest Supper at the Village Hall. On Sunday 8th October there will be a Harvest Messy Church Family Service at Chapmanslade and Harvest Matins at Temple. The Harvest celebrations will come to an end on Saturday 28th October when Corsley hold their Harvest supper at the Reading Rooms. We find it necessary to hold two Harvest Suppers as there is no location big enough in the Parish to seat everyone if we held just one supper.

#### Welcome, Congratulations & Farewell

We welcome to the church family Mary Rose Helliar who was baptised at Corsley on 1st July; Tia Daniels who was baptised at Corsley on 9th July; and Lia Woolcott who was baptised at Horningsham on 23rd July.

Congratulations to Benjamin Barrett and Holly Brown who were married at Corsley on 1st July; Rauri Fyffe and Louise Power who were married at Corsley on 8th July; and Liam Reid and Bryony Penn who were married at Horningsham on 15th July.

There was a Memorial Service for George Grimmett at Corsley on 15th July. The funeral of Rex Haskett took place at Horningsham on 27th July; and the funeral of Vivienne Weaver took place on 28th July at Longbridge Deverill. We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families.

Michael and Sue Taylor are leaving Corsley to move to Beckington and at the service at Temple on July 8th they were presented with a "Thank You" gift. They will be sorely missed from the congregation at St Mary's.

#### Parish Giving Scheme

For many years our churches have been wonderfully supported financially by people giving to the church on a regular basis by standing order. Technology moves on and we now have the ability of a new Parish Giving Scheme which is being provided through the Diocese and offers some advantages to both the giver and church over the existing scheme. Givers will be able to use direct debits, and amend these direct debits as required, and choose if so desired to increase their giving by the rate of inflation. For the church the advantage is a quicker payment of Gift Aid as well as full documentation of all gifts received. If you would like to join this new Parish Giving Scheme please contact either Judith Helliar (832803) or Keith Muston (832755) for more information. We will try to answer your questions! If you wish to remain on the existing standing order scheme you may do so!!

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# Grand Car Boot Sale

Sunday 27th August from 12 noon at the Showground Boots £6 Free entry

#### Help required!

Fancy manning the gate for an hour? Marshalling vehicles in the car park? Want to help put the Show up – or even take it down?

Putting on the Show involves an awful lot of people and there's always lots to do in the run-up, so don't be shy - get in contact, we'd love to hear from you!

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- One exhibitor per Entry Form.
- Entry forms will be accepted at The Reading Rooms, Corsley on Monday 14th and Monday 21st August from 7 - 8.30 pm.
- They may also be sent direct to the Processor: Vanessa Hyde, The Forge, 104A Corsley Heath, Warminster, BA12 7PP
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The first thing to ensure is that the crop should be kept out of standing water. Choose a dry spot in the plot and then dig a trench around the storage area. This will help drain any water and provides soil you will need later

Next place a layer of straw, bracken or even shredded paper on the ground and then place a layer of your crop down. With carrots, you could try a circular pattern, thick end to the outside, then place another layer of your packing material or sand to level up. Carry on adding layers to form a cone shape. On the outside of the clamp, place six to eight inches of straw and make a little straw spike at the top. This will allow excess moisture to escape. The soil you removed from your drainage trench can then be used to cover the clamp.

#### **Storing Potatoes**

When you first harvest your potatoes, you should leave them out in the sun for a few hours to dry off and allow the skin to harden a little. After this, brush off any excess soil and check for damage. Any forked, slugged or suspect potatoes should be put to one side and used as quickly as possible.

Unlike other root crops, potatoes should preferably be stored above 5°C as below that the starch turns into sugars, which can give them a sweet taste. The optimum temperature range is between 5 and 10°C.

The most important point when storing potatoes is to exclude light. Prolonged exposure to light will cause greening of the potato. Partially green potatoes are still edible – just cut off the affected parts.

You can store potatoes in paper sacks but leave the neck slightly open to allow excess moisture to escape. For this reason, do not use plastic bags under any circumstances. The best container is a hessian sack. You can buy these quite easily and many potato suppliers sell them as well.

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#### **Corsley WI**

# July news

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



At the July meeting of Corsley WI, members heard Richard Dean give a talk about Corsley's links with Juba in South Sudan. Richard first visited the area of South Sudan in 2005 through his connections with the Salisbury Diocese, who already had a link with a church in Sudan. At the time. the country was starting to recover from a 50-year civil war and Richard found that they were in desperate need of a secondary school. The enormous project, which was started with funds raised by the Salisbury Church, together with generous other gifts, still relies on donations for it to continue. Working in equal partnership with Sudan, volunteers gave their time and expertise to help the school to be built and it now has over 800 students, a library, science lab, computer room and boarding facilities for 40 girls. Di Dowling gave the vote of thanks.

Our speakers each month cover a wide variety of subjects, and in future meetings we shall soon be finding out how to wrap up beautiful presents, how to decorate celebration cakes and practice some Tai Chi. WI members also have the chance each year to win a bursary to attend Denman College with expert tuition for a weekend course. We hope you will come and visit us, as new members are always welcome.

The recent private visits by various members to Longleat and the American Museum

had been much enjoyed, also the outing to Weymouth by train. Future Wiltshire Federation events include a Bridge Lunch, a holiday to York and a workshop on Indian Block Printing and Kantha Stitching. Full details are available at our next meeting.

The competition for a bell was won by Amanda Bain, with Jean White second and Hilary Vallis third.

If you would like further details of our Bridge Club, Gardening Club or Lunch Club, please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215760, as the venues vary each month. These events are not just for WI members, but for everyone.

At the meeting at 7.30pm on **Thursday** 10th August 2017 in Corsley Reading Room, the trophies will be presented to the winners of our Flower, Handicraft & Produce Show and there will also be an auction of produce. Members should bring their entries to the Reading Room between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm on the day.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month in the Reading Room at Corsley. Summer meetings start at 7.30pm and from October to March they begin at 2.30pm. The exact times are mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report and also in The Bridge Diary Dates or ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 for information.

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# Corsley **Tennis Club News**

Corsley Tennis Club held their Ladies' and Men's Doubles tournaments on Sunday 25th June. After some hard fought sets Sue Newell and Ann Walker emerged as worthy winners of the Ladies. The runners up were Brenda Levitt and Emma Fox.

The Men's title went to Keith Glenn and Michael Clarke. This was an absorbing contest which resulted in a tie-break in which Jon Dilena and Peter Barker had two match points. Refusing to give in Keith and Michael managed to save these match points against them and go on to win. This final was watched by the ladies, who had finished their tournament, and was very much enjoyed. The tea which followed was, as usual, excellent.

On July 9th the Mixed Doubles Tournament was held. Ann Walker and Michael Clarke

won with 24 points. Joint second with 18 points each were Dianna Hale partnered with Jenny Bishop and Sue and Simon Bruce.

Thanks go to Sonia Glenn for her hard work in organising all our tournaments with superb efficiency.

Our Tennis coach Jon Dilena is continuing to coach our juniors and is capitalising on the enthusiasm for tennis generated by Wimbledon by organising events for the juniors. If you are interested in coaching for juniors ring Jon Dilena on 07986 370080. Corsley children can join the club FREE and other juniors are charged £10 per year for membership.

> Marlene Latchem Publicity Secreary



#### **Cross Keys News**

Corsley's very own community-owned free house

There are lots of exciting events planned at The Cross Kevs for the summer months – so I'm sure you will find something to enjoy. If you can't make it to one of our events, please support your community pub and call in for a drink or meal, you're sure of a friendly welcome.

A **Pub Fun Day** will be held on Saturday 12th August when we hope to raise plenty of money towards the purchase of a defibrillator. From 12 noon to 6 pm, there will be a selection of indoor and outdoor games to play such as boules, dominoes, table top skittles, backgammon and many more. You'll have the chance to move between games and there will be a small prize for the winner. There will be a charge of **50p per game** which will be suitable for adults and children to play. Food will be served as usual between 12 noon and 2.30 pm.

Sara and Jason began their **themed** evenings with a curry night in July. The theme for Monday 21st August will be Fish and Chips – we'll have a selection of battered fish to choose from, served with chips, at a very reasonable price of £12.50 to include a small glass or wine, pint of beer or alternative drink. The following month, the theme evening will be on 18th September, details to be confirmed.

Our **Quiz Nights**, held on the **last** Sunday of each month are a popular occasion. Why not make up a team with your friends or neighbours. Starting at 6.30 pm; a maximum of five people per team at a cost of £2 per person or £5 per person to include a light supper of chips and sandwiches. Book your place for **Sunday** 27th August by calling the pub on 01373 832406.

The garden is a lovely setting to enjoy a drink or meal in, dogs are welcome in the bar or garden and the pub is an ideal starting point for lovely local walks; ask in the bar for a leaflet with suggested routes. Smaller portions of our menu are available for children or those with smaller appetites. We also stock a comprehensive selection of gluten-free options.

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## News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from Corsley Cuckoo's PreSchool in Lyes Green, Corsley.

#### The last term has been a busy one down at the nest!

Children, parents and staff had a wonderful time on Wednesday 21st June for the annual summer trip. This year we all went to Charlie's Farm in Cholderton, near Stonehenge. It was the hottest day of the year thus far, so shady spots became popular play areas for children to enjoy woodland trails, climbing in the cool adventure area and settling down for a muchneeded picnic. The trip also included a tractor ride around the fields, "milking" a life-size play cow, bouncing on the huge trampoline, taking shelter from the sun in the soft play centre and, of course, eating a delicious ice cream!

#### **Sports Day**

The Cuckoos 2017 sports day held on Friday 7th July was a huge success with other 30 children enjoying egg and spoon, hat and bag and running races! The parents' race proved so popular that a really good race-style was required!!

#### **Ofsted** inspection

Little Cuckoos is delighted to announce that during a recent inspection on the 22nd May 2017, they were rated "Good" by Ofsted in all four categories – including the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare. We were delighted with the positive highlights in the report, which include comments like:

'The management team works hard to provide high-quality care and learning for children. It

uses the views of staff, children, parents and carers to implement ambitious plans that benefit all the children'

'Staff create a welcoming environment, where they get to know children and their families extremely well. They cherish children's individuality and tailor care and learning to meet each child's needs. Teaching is consistently good'.

'Children thoroughly enjoy the wide range of interesting and challenging experiences that staff provide. Children are confident and creative in their play'.

#### Could you be part of the nest?

Our Current Chairperson steps down in October. We urgently need someone to fulfil this role to help Little Cuckoos to stay open. Could you help? A very supportive and hard-working committee will help the applicant settle into the role: many of the regular systems and actions are firmly in place to allow a smooth transition to the new Chairperson.

As the 2016/2017 curriculum year draws to an end, we bid farewell and good luck to our Cuckoo fledglings who are leaving us to start the next part of their education in various local schools. We are also looking forward to greeting our next batch of fledglings in September!

The Cuckoos staff and committee would like to thank everyone for their support – parents and village residents alike.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10 am - 11.30 am For more information, please contact us on 01373 832298

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#### Gone away...

I've been away again, but the word 'holiday' doesn't describe the time I had! Dog-sitting my granddaughter's cockapoo while she and her little family took a break in Spain was hardly relaxing. Can you guess which week in June the family had their sun-soaked holiday near Barcelona? Yes, that's right; the same week Britain sweltered in temperatures around thirty degrees centigrade! They could have stayed home and saved money!

Jess's house at Colerne is at the edge of the Army base there, so Alby the dog and I walked the perimeter fence quite often. In the temperatures we had, exploring the wider countryside of north Wiltshire and south Gloucestershire wasn't possible; we kept to walks I could manage easily.

One sight within the Army base made me very sad. Not far from the main gates stands

a pretty little church. It has the look of a pre-fab building, possibly extended at some point and including a small metal-clad spire. All that is good – but the outside of the building is untidy, with brambles and bushes

windows broken, some obviously smashed with items like balls and stones.

The sight made me sad because we are a Christian nation with a much-respected Christian monarch. I kept wondering what that little church's plight was telling me about the Army of today. If there's no respect for the Church our Queen is head of, where is the respect for her, from the very institution meant to guard her – and us?

It could be the Army at Colerne uses the village church, which I haven't yet visited, but it's still sad to see such a building neglected to the extent it is, while Army personnel are using the camp it's in. I understand the base may be closing soon, but the sad state of that little church suggests the staff housed and working around it have already gone away – at least spiritually...

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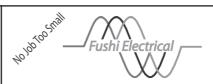
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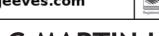
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## Tales from the passenger seat



It's a shame how some pupils with the right attitude towards learning can sometimes find learning to drive hard, and others, who find the whole thing very easy, have the wrong attitude.

I recall Simon, a very able driver; good car control skills, able to read the road ahead, good spatial awareness and judgement skills, all-in-all the type of pupil I can fasttrack towards getting a licence. He had a few bad habits, but they could easily be sorted out. He needed to have the knowledge of what the examiners expect to see on test and to understand what was or was not acceptable. A handful of lessons was my plan, with two or three spare ones put in to allow for my mock tests and just in case some mistakes crept in when he was put under pressure.

Unfortunately Simon's skills ended where the word 'patience' began. Simon decided to buy himself a car on HP, fair enough, but temptation got the better of him and he drove it uninsured, no licence, no licence-holding passenger beside him and no L plates. Mr Policeman felt his collar, and Simon had to sell his car to pay the fine, whilst continuing to repay his HP commitment. Simon restarted his lessons a year later when his finances had settled.

But the nasty ogre of temptation got hold of Simon again. Another car, on HP, another illegal drive one night. Another visit by the

men in blue. Another fine and another forced car sale whilst still continuing to pay off his HP loan. So, no more lessons for a bit. About a year later, Simon calls me to resume his lessons. He started, had three lessons then, sure enough, the ogre got him again and a repeat scenario... I was incredulous when he rang me to explain for the third time why he was having to stop his lessons for a while. This time, they banned him from even learning to drive - as well as fining him.

Another of my pupils could have passed his test four years earlier, easily, and in not many lessons yet, he was not prepared to wait a matter of weeks to get a full licence. He finally did pass – almost five years after he had initially started!

Talking of bad attitudes in drivers reminds me of when I have taught various police officers over the years:

Every day I see bad driving, and when teaching police officers, I have remarked a number of times that if the police really wanted to see examples of crass stupidity then, instead of driving around in marked police cars, if they disquised themselves as a learner-tuition vehicle they would definitely observe some very interesting driving...

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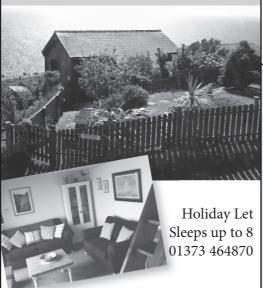
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A view from over the hedge...

# **Countryside Matters**

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The crops have suffered from the lack of rain, especially where we have light, sandy or green-sand type soil; fortunately the grazing grass has been helped by spraying water that was collected in large lagoons during the winter months straight onto the pastures – both irrigating and fertilising at the same time

We are fortunate to have very reliable contractors with all the different equipment to carry out so much of the specialist work for us, it just takes management, good weather conditions and a sprinkling of luck to bring it all together!

Harvesting the cereal crops is at least a few weeks early, so the combine harvesters, grain trailers and bailed straw is moving along our highways: do be patient as this could well be your loaf of bread or your pint of beer on its way to its first stage of manufacture.

they're growing in abundance in our hedgerows this year. If you get the opportunity to pick them, chose those growing along footpaths and bridle ways (away from the traffic fumes on the highways.)

Sadly these summer months show that the young elm trees that are around 15-20ft tall have been attacked by beetles. The trees often appear quite healthy in the spring but by mid-summer are dead or dying from Dutch Elm Disease. Horse Chestnuts are also suffering from disease which, thankfully, does not kill the tree but attacks its leaves causing them to change colour and fall early.

Nine months of patient waiting on the dairy farm comes to fruition this month with calves being born; hopefully, if the weather will be kind. The calves will be born in a paddock close to the house and farm buildings so that there is a 24/7 check on proceedings in the calving paddock. Busy days and nights now for the next few months for everyone involved on the farm – but it's very rewarding bringing new life into the world.



### **Corsley Reading Room**

# Your 'village hall'

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

The work detailed last month, to improve the storage facilities in the bar area and create a level run into the hall, has been completed, though some further finishing off remains to be done by the committee.

The work to the wall next to the A362 to repair the pointing and stop the damp coming into the building should be completed by early August.

After the notice/appeal last month about dog fouling, and the new signs we have put up, the initial impression is that it seems there has been a decrease. But can we point out that you should take the bagged "mess" home or dispose of it in a suitable bin and not just leave the bag on the grass or throw into a nearby field or someone's garden. We are grateful to the local resident(s) who have collected the bags and disposed of them showing true community spirit.

The first Cinema evening for the new season is 28th September, those involved in arranging Cinema Corsley hope these evenings will continue to be well supported.

The hall committee is always interested to hear ideas about uses for the hall and welcomes enquiries and constructive suggestions.

If you would be interested in joining the committee please let me or Jenny Rutty know, or talk to any member.

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Hugh Deed Chairman of Management Committee Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk or 01373 832897

### Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning:

First Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon

IT Classes/Club:

Autumn dates to be announced

Corslev Cinema

Our first film is 'Viceroy's House' on Thursday 28th September, 7 for 7.30 pm

### Regular events run by other organisations

Lite Bites Lunches: third Wednesday of the

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Committee members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Rutty, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers.

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