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August 2019



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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.

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

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

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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

Thursday 1st

Fun in the Sun – free activity programme for
5 to 11-year-olds, 3 to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Saturday 3rd

Chapmanslade Zero Waste – 3 to 5 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

The Elizabethan Evening presents 'Pride and Prejudice' performed by the Chapterhouse Theatre Company – gardens open 5.30 pm, pre-booked supper 6-7 pm, performance 7.30 pm

Sunday 4th

Chapmanslade Cream Tea & Croquet, Pimms(ish) & Boules – 2 to 5pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Fun in the Sun – free activity programme for 5 to 11-year-olds, 3 to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 15th

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

Fun in the Sun – free activity programme for 5 to 11-year-olds, 3 to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 18th

Corsley Wildflower Meadow - summer jobs – 10 am to 12 noon, at the Old School Playing Field

Thursday 22nd

Fun in the Sun – free activity programme for 5 to 11-year-olds, 3 to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Bank Holiday Monday 26th
Corsley Show

Thursday 29th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall
(to be confirmed)



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Diary Dates

September

Monday 2nd

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

Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th

Corsley Wildflower Meadow – at the Old School Playing Field (more info next month)

Saturday 7th

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers – 10am, the Three Horseshoes car park, Chapmanslade

Sunday 8th

The Tempest – 2.30pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Monday 9th

Corsley Festival Choir Open Evening – 7 - 9.30pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Thursday 19th

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

Cinema Corsley - 'Fisherman's Friend' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm - 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 27th

Macmillan Coffee Morning - venue to be confirmed

October

Tuesday 1st

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

Saturday 5th

Murder Mystery Evening – Corsley Reading Room (time TBC)

Harvest Supper – 7 pm for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 12th

Harvest Supper – 7 pm for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 17th

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

Cinema Corsley - 'Stan and Ollie' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

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Tuesday 22nd

Light Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm - 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

November

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 21st

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

Tuesday 26th

Christmas shopping trip to West Quay Shopping Mall, Southampton

Wednesday 27th

Light Bites Soup Lunch – 2.30 pm - 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 30th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Christmas Coffee Morning

Let's put the Corsley back into Corsley Festival Choir

www.corsleyfestivalchoir.co.uk

Corsley Festival Choir re-starts on Monday 9th September with an Open Evening. Do come along and check us out. We warmly welcome singers – both new voices and those who have sung with us before. Lots of people have recently moved into Corsley and Chapmanslade and this is your chance to find out more about a group that has built up a strong reputation since its inception over 40 years ago.

Monday 9th September, 7pm - 9.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Corsley - our first rehearsal since our joyful concert in May. This term we welcome new Choral Director, the renowned Edward-Rhys Harry and new Chorus Master, rising star, Daniel Cushing.

Corsley and Chapmanslade are under-represented in the singers' ranks at the moment. You may have lived in the villages for a while, unaware of this gem in your midst! Why not come along and see if you are ready to sing out?

No auditions, just give us a try on Monday 9th September. You could bring along a friend. There will be scores, glasses of wine, nibbles and a chance to chat to existing singers. Then at 7.30pm we will sit down and get on with the joyous business of making music.

Future Monday evening sessions at St Margaret's will run from 7.30pm - 9.30pm - no wine, no nibbles!

We are rehearsing for our concert on Sunday 8th December when we will sing Haydn's Te Deum, Pergolesi's Magnificat and Vivaldi's Gloria at St Margaret's.

For more information, please check out our website, contact me on 01373 832418 or seek us out at our stall at the Corsley Show on August Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August.

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which is Britain's longest road?
- 2 What numeric term describes perfect eyesight and a form of cricket?
- 3 In heraldry, what colour is gules?
- 4 The name of which Italian cheese means 're-cooked'?
- 5 How old is a quadragenarian?
- 6 Duffle coats are named after a town in which country?
- 7 Which company makes the chocolate biscuit KitKat?
- 8 What song replaced 'Bohemian Rhapsody' at No 1 in the singles charts in 1976 in the UK, the title of which is contained in the lyrics of 'Bohemian Rhapsody'?
- 9 What are 'angels on horseback'?
- 10 Which South American capital city has a name that means 'city of peace'?
- 11 What does the word 'pop' refer to in 'Pop goes the weasel'?
- 12 What is the only anagram of 'english'?

Answers on page 48

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers

Following a walk on a hot summers afternoon in June and an evening amble in July, the Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers have been busy enjoying our glorious countryside.

If you'd like to join us for our next walk we'd love to see you!

Departing from The Three Horseshoes car park at **10am** on **Saturday 7th September** we'll be heading on a circular route of around three miles along our footpaths, bridleways and lanes. The walks are interspersed with stops to rest and admire the views.

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Theatre at Corsley
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Corsley Show

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If you'd like to help out, and get free entry to the Show, please contact
Treeve Moss on 07867 523870 or email him at gatemanager@corsleyshow.org.uk

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

www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk

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

Community Coffee Mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our rector, and Debbie or Candy, our PCSOs, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Save the date!

Early notice for the
Chapmanslade and Corsley

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September
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Biology: changing the world

Do you wear contact lenses?

Great care is needed to avoid eye infection if you wear reusable contact lenses.

A study last year showed an increase in a potentially dangerous eye infection, which could cause blindness.

The culprit is a microorganism called *Acanthamoeba*, which is commonly found in soil and water, and can also be found in air-conditioning and heating systems. It is normally killed by the solution used to sterilise reusable contact lenses, but if the solution is old or if the wearer doesn't use good contact lens hygiene, an infection can occur.

The results of an extensive infection are devastating. *Acanthamoeba* can attack the surface of the eyeball – the cornea – and severely affect vision. This is known as *Acanthamoeba* keratitis, or AK. In the worst cases, the cornea is so badly damaged that blindness results. Severely-affected patients have less than 25% vision and are likely to need a corneal transplant to treat the disease and to restore vision.

In 2000-2003 there were about 25-30 AK cases a year of varying severity in the UK. Over the last few years this has risen to between 100 and 200 cases. There is no central register, so it is difficult to be precise. It is thought that the higher incidence of AK in the UK than in other countries is due to *Acanthamoeba* contamination of domestic, not



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mains, water supplies. Consult a plumber if you wish to disinfect your household plumbing.

Although AK has been largely associated with poor hygiene practice in wearers of reusable contact lenses, it has also been seen in users of disposable lenses, and extremely rarely in people who do not wear lenses at all. The major risk factors include people not washing and drying their hands before handling their lenses, whether reusable or disposable, and use of an inadequate disinfectant on reusable lenses. However, recent data has suggested that swimming, using a hot tub, or even taking a shower while wearing contact lenses are risk factors.

Very recently a 29-year-old man from Shrewsbury became blind in one eye due to AK. It is thought that his practice of putting in his lenses before taking his morning shower, rather than afterwards, was the cause.

However, the disease is rare, so the chances of infection are remote. They could be further

reduced if people who wear contact lenses wash and dry their hands before handling their lenses, ensure that their contact lens solution is frequently replaced, and don't wear their lenses while swimming, bathing or face-washing.

In one lecture I gave annually to microbiology students, I used to ask how many wore contact lenses. I would then show a photograph of an *Acanthamoeba*-infected eye. There were always sounds of revulsion, but the students were subsequently very careful about their contact lens hygiene!

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, in particular, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

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Corsley Tennis Club News

Tournaments

Corsley Tennis Club held their Men's Doubles Tournament on Sunday 24th June. A lively and entertaining event took place with plenty of skill on show. The winners were Maurice Flanagan and Keith Glenn who played consistently and with devilishly difficult spin. The runners up were Jon Heston and George Donkin. The afternoon was rounded off with tea in the pavilion.

Club sessions

Sunday morning Club Sessions from 10 am are continuing with free tennis coaching on the second Sunday of each month. Tuesday morning from 10 am and Thursday

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Club Sessions are also continuing.

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in August

A brief was prepared for the July issue but, through the author's incompetence (too much holiday!) it was not submitted in time. This brief is essentially the one that should have been published in July, updated to include some details of Wiltshire's Corsley Parish Housing Survey Report, published in draft at the beginning of July.

There has been just one PC meeting since the last brief, a quarterly, with the main formal business being the approval of the annual accounts and statutory reports that all PC's have to make. These are not detailed in this brief, but can be viewed on The Bridge website. We also considered two planning applications and discussed updates on regular items. One additional planning application was dealt with 'out of Committee' in July.

The PC is now in summer recess and with no meetings scheduled until September unless there is a need for an occasional meeting before then, the next brief in The Bridge will be October.

Planning applications

19/03721/FUL

Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn into three residential dwellings, including demolition of remaining barns to form gardens and paddocks at Sturford Mead Farm, Corsley.

This was considered at the previous PC meeting, but there was concern that the comments offered to Wiltshire had not correctly represented the consensus of views

of the 13 May meeting. It was thus agreed to clarify the comments made previously to the Planning Authority in respect of this application, making clear that :

'The PC would prefer light industrial development for the site but that if it were determined that residential development was appropriate then the PC would reaffirm its concerns about the road safety dangers due to the lack of footway access.'

Post meeting, this planning application has been withdrawn to allow the applicant a further six month period to test further the market for commercial/light industrial use.

19/04189/FUL

Alterations to existing garage forming additional accommodation, re-build of existing outbuilding as ancillary annexe and erection of summerhouse at Jessimine, 13 Longhedge, Corsley, BA12 7QZ

The PC agreed that no objection be raised to this application but felt that comment should be offered on presentation of the application, the lack of detail and the poor documentation, particularly obscurity of the intended use of the "ancillary" annex proposed. These aspects were unhelpful in considering the case. The usual conditions regarding the use of the altered property should apply, ie it shall not be disposed of or converted into a separate dwelling.

19/05725/FUL

Erection of stable building in an existing stud field at Corsley House

This was an application to build a wooden “American barn style” stable block in a location behind the main house, well out of public view, in a location on which there had previously (circa 1925) been two long stable blocks. To meet comment deadlines the PC considered this application out of committee and agreed no objection, with comment concerning inconsistency in the documents of whether the stables were for six or eight horses.

Streetscene

Corsley Heath Road Safety (CATG).

Drawings have been completed, and the project is now awaiting a response from the bus operators before they are released to the PC (the pavement extension affects access to the bus pull in). As a result of survey it has been identified the road is too narrow to move the Reading Room junction “give way line” forward to improve line of sight. The alternative is signing and road markings to slow traffic, which are in the programme. The Hollow junction can be adjusted. In conjunction with work already completed as part of the Bay Tree development this will increase driver awareness and reduce speed. For pedestrians it will increase the level of safety when crossing this busy road.

Metro Test

The results were nearer the threshold for a speed watch (85th percentile over 46.1 mph) than last time, but not close enough. The Red Cottage section was 85% at 45.5mph, Lane End 42.9 mph. The PC will continue to pursue Wiltshire Police to try and get their support for a speedwatch and will consider repeating the count in 12 months’ time.

Sturford Lane

The last dead tree was removed a week ago, completing the Longleat and Sturford Mead work to reduce the risk of trees coming down across the lane. Both are committed to regular surveys to keep this work up to date. Mud

clearance has been booked for the lane and Sturford Mead have agreed to take the spoil.

Deep Lane Speed Limit

The case for re-consideration of a speed 30mph limit for Deep Lane was debated. On checking the 2014 speed limit survey it was clear that Deep Lane had been surveyed at that time, with no change to the speed limit recommended on the grounds that “environmental conditions were seen to limit speeds to below 30mph”. If a new survey were to go ahead now, the PC would be required to pay in the region of £4000 against evidence of the reported change to the traffic conditions which is anecdotal. This level of expenditure was far in excess of any budgetary or reasonable precept provision and unjustified. The PC agreed not to go any further with this issue.

Fly Tipping

A recent incident in Deep lane had been reported. The Chair also reported correspondence with Chapmanslade PC about reported recent fly tipping at Water Farm on the public byway, just on the Chapmanslade/Corsley boundary, including a burnt-out car. There has also been an incident of a caravan being dumped and burnt out on a bridleway in Lane End, since removed by Wiltshire after reporting. Chapmanslade are keen to try and put pressure on Wiltshire to find a way to reduce the incidences of such behaviour. It was suggested to Chapmanslade that a log be kept of details on both sides of the boundary so that a joint approach could be made to Wiltshire if the problems persisted.

It should be noted that there is a comprehensive fly tipping reporting system on Wiltshire’s web site and any individual discovering an occurrence of fly tipping should make a report by this means. If individuals use this system, it would also be helpful if the report number is passed to

Simon Jasper (corsleycroads@mail.com) to allow follow up with the Parish Steward and contractor, and help to get a fuller picture of the problem and to aid Chpmanslade’s initiative.

Lorrywatch

The Parish has been offered the Official Scheme. This has followed on from the excellent work put in by Gill Shepherd and her volunteers on the pilot scheme. The official scheme requires a coordinator and volunteers, with the police take the lead and issuing warning letters. Subsequent offences are then passed to Council Licencing for prosecution, of which there have been a number from official schemes across the county. The warning letter from this full scheme has more impact as it is issued by the police and the volunteers are effectively operating in support of the police. The aim is deterrence. Gill Shepherd is taking on the coordination role and will be looking for volunteers. Let her know if you can help or know of anyone wishing to join in: sheppardpxt@gmail.com.

Parish Council accounts

The following reports were tabled and agreed:

- Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/2019
- Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019
- Accounting Statements 2018/2019
- Audited Accounts for 2018/2019

Copies may be viewed on The Bridge website.

Housing Surveys

The first draft of the Wiltshire Parish Housing Needs Survey has been received, as have the returns of the supplementary PC questionnaire, the latter intended to elicit views on open market housing need in Corsley, circulated with the Housing Needs survey.

Supplementary PC Questionnaire

64 responses had been received representing 20% of those distributed.

The responses were:

1. Is this your main home?

100% of responses related to main homes.

2. Are you the house-owner?

94% were home-owners, 6% (four were not)

3. How many people live permanently in the house?

No of occupants	Percentage of responses	Numbers of each
One	23%	15
Two	42%	27
Three	17%	11
Four	16%	10
Five	2%	1

4. How many bedrooms are there in the house?

No of bedrooms	Percentage of responses	Numbers of each
One	2%	1
Two	14%	9
Three	31%	20
Four	31%	20
Five	20%	13
Six	2%	1

5. Are you looking to downsize?

16% Yes and 84% No

Of the yes category (ten), three were ‘possibly’ in the near future.

6. Would you move to a smaller house (two bedrooms or less) or a bungalow if one were available to buy in Corsley?

22% Yes, 78% No

From the other answers, notably Q8, the reason for the high number of ‘No’ answers was a combination of perceived expense of houses in Corsley, plus lack of availability and services.

7. Do you have any family members in need who have been unable to purchase houses in Corsley?

11% had family members likely to need accommodation, 89% had not
Of the 11% (four responses), two were likely future need, the others unspecified.

8. Do you know of other reasons associated with the availability of appropriate housing that prevent people from living in Corsley? If so please state.

64% responded Yes, 36% No
Of the 64% who responded yes, the reasons included lack of a school, no shops or post office, poor bus service, A362 traffic and the cost of housing in Corsley.

9. Whatever your needs, would you be in favour of more small (two/three bed) houses, or bungalows, being built in Corsley to enable young families to live in the village? Please state preference for two/three bed, house or bungalow.

89% responded Yes, 20% No
The general preference was very much two/three bed starter type and bungalows, with a small number, just three, mentioning bungalows for the elderly.

10. If you support development, would you rather see:

a. A large development at one site

23% Yes and 77% No
There were two references to Sturford and one to the OSPF as potential sites.

b. Smaller developments across the village

66% Yes and 34% No
Of the Yes responses, several were site dependent, without any specific location preference.

Although 80% of the electors canvassed did not respond, which suggests that a large majority are uninterested in Corsley open

market housing, Wiltshire regard a return of 20% sufficient for valid conclusions to be drawn. Of the returns, three responses stand out, question 6 which suggests that there is little interest in downsizing to smaller accommodation in Corsley, and questions 9 and 10 which showed support for further development in Corsley of small dwellings spread around the village. The results will be held as basis for judgement of any future housing proposals for Corsley.

Wiltshire Parish Housing Needs Survey

This exists as a first draft, out for comment from the PC, and will be published in full on The Bridge website when the final agreed version is available. Wiltshire have drawn preliminary conclusions on Corsley's needs for Council sponsored houses on the Bay Tree site and the appropriate number and type of house and these are the subject of discussion within the PC.

Overall, the survey was intended to "...investigate the affordable housing needs of local people (or those who need to live) in Corsley parish". 344 surveys were distributed and 133 responses received, i.e. 39%, which is regarded by Wiltshire as 'very good'. Thank you to all who responded.

The survey is in two distinct parts, the first to establish the profile of housing in Corsley and views on housing need and the second to investigate and establish a baseline for consideration of the nature and number of Council sponsored houses. As presented the draft needs some further attention before the results are full comprehensible, but in broad terms they suggest, in the first part:

Over 80% of the respondents were in favour of some new housing in Corsley, most popular between 4 and 10 houses

18% were opposed to any new development
62% were in favour of affordable starter homes, 54% for older people's accommodation

Nine respondents completed the second

part of the survey, indicating their needs for housing in Corsley; the most frequent reasons given being desire for cheaper accommodation and a desire to switch from renting to ownership. These responses have been further categorised and assessments made in conjunction with the Wiltshire Housing Register allocation staff and a local strategic housing market assessment. Recommendations have been offered to the PC in terms of the number of houses, their size and the mix of houses for rent and shared ownership/discounted market and these are under consideration.

Final conclusions will be published as soon as they are finalised.

Footpaths

Gill Parkinson advised that she had applied to the Corsley Show for grant money to provide additional steps for specific styles where the current arrangement was difficult for less able walkers. She would be grateful if parishioners who do come across styles that are in need of repair, or similar modification, could contact her on corsleyfootpaths@btinternet.com.

Dates of next meetings

Please note that these are corrected dates

Quarterly Meeting 7.30pm, 2nd September
Quarterly Meeting 7.30pm, 2nd December

Neil Britten
Chairman

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Campanology News

Now that we have the bells back and are practicing hard to learn to ring them the time has come to arrange to get them rededicated so that they may truly be rung for the purpose for which they were originally installed.

A service of rededication will take place on Sunday 15th September at 10.30 and we would love as many of the village as possible to attend to join us in this celebration and, of course, hear the bells ring out. There will be light refreshments after the service to make this happy time complete.

In the meantime you will hear the bells being rung at unusual times and for longer periods as, given the lovely sound of them and the wonderful way they now handle, our bells are in much demand by many bands.

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Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,

With a the balance of things to do significantly outweighing the time I have available today I set the alarm for 5.30am so that I could get this letter written in time for the looming editorial deadline. Actually, it's a wonderful time to be awake; I've let the hens out and had a chat with them about egg laying and the importance of not eating your egg once you've laid it, a horrible habit very difficult to stop once it starts. Out of my study window the world is still and quiet for the moment although I know that soon that stillness will be filled with the sound of the cows being brought in for milking. I notice the fruit growing on our apple trees and the ancient downs rising up beyond the garden with the promise of another beautiful day; I know I am very blessed to live in such a place.

Tomorrow I am going to do something lovely at Crockerton School; I'm going to bless their wonderful new entrance and office, a great improvement on their previous arrangement where their lovely and ever helpful secretary had to sit in what was essentially a small box with no windows. Now she has an efficient space in which to work that is light and welcoming. I plan to make it a fun occasion with singing, a liberal showering of holy water and the inclusion of jelly babies somewhere along the line.

But what does the business of blessing actually mean? A quick Google search will reveal that the most common understanding of blessing is that it an acknowledgement of and prayer for, God's continual care and protection, so there is an element of thankfulness there as well. So far so good, but does that mean we can only experience God's blessing when things are going well and everything is hunky dory? I don't think blessing is exclusive to positive circumstances. In Collective Worship recently I told the children about my understanding that in times of difficulty and pain, which is part and parcel of what it means to be human, I imagine God holding me and all my problems in his hands. Agreed, this doesn't actually change anything, but it does help me to widen my perspective a little and when I am feeling totally overwhelmed it gives me a sense of being supported and held in love.

One further thought on blessing. What does mean to be a blessing to others? What does that look like in practical terms? Yesterday I was having a conversation with someone about the 'the state of the world' and the appalling lack of common decency and compassion in some of our world leaders. In the course of this conversation some words from the prayer attributed to St Francis popped into my head, 'Where there is hatred, let me sow love'. What a blessing it would be to our broken world if we could each make an effort to live out those words! It's a challenge I know but one we desperately need to respond to.

So I leave you with that challenge; 'where there is hatred let me sow love'
What does that look like in your life?

Every blessing, Pauline

August Church Diary

Sunday 4th August: Trinity 7

8 am at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

4 pm at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Lammas Celebration followed by tea



Sunday 11th August: Trinity 8

9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Communion

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

11 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: 1662 BCP Matins



Thursday 15th August

Community Coffee Morning

10 am at The Three Horseshoes



Sunday 18th August: Trinity 9

10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship

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



Sunday 25th August: Trinity 10

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

4 pm at Corsley Showfield: Hymns and Pimms



Saturday 31st August

Wedding of Benjamin Good and Chloe McIvor

1 pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham



Sunday 1st September: Trinity 11

8 am at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

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

Corsley Show: Hymns and Pimms

We will be holding our annual Songs of Praise service in the Tea Tent at the Corsley Showground at 4 pm on Sunday 25th August. This is always one of our most popular services, so we extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us and then enjoy a refreshing glass of Pimms afterwards.

Fundraising

50/50 Club

Each month we hold a monthly draw with a single prize of £100, with a £200 single prize in December. Why not join the 50/50 Club? It costs £24 per year per membership and you can have as many memberships as you wish. As we return 50% of the membership fee as prizes the more that join the bigger the prize pot. Please contact either Neil Britten, Clare Merritt or Keith Muston for a standing order form.

The winners of the 50/50 Club Draw in June and July were Pat Ryan and Michael Taylor. The August draw will be made at our coffee morning in The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade on 15th August.

Corsley Show

We are proud to announce that this year we will be combining forces with Corsley WI and running the tea tent. There will also be a tombola stall and we will be selling jams and preserves. Please do tell us, either by signing the list in one of the churches, or by phoning Judith on 832803, if you can help for an hour or so on the day by serving teas and coffees or perhaps running the tombola stall. Also, if you can help by baking cakes or tray bakes (all unsliced, please) or cheese scones, making jams or preserves, or by donating prizes for the tombola stall, that will be much appreciated. Please take your donations to Judith at Highfield a day or two before the show.

All the proceeds from the tent will be shared 50/50 between the WI and the church.

Dates for your diary

5th September, 7.30 pm

Gay Maynard will be licensed as Associate Priest in our benefice at a service at St Margaret's

9th September, 10.30 am

Time to Think home group meets

10th September, 7.30 pm

After Alpha home group meets

25th September, 12.30 pm

Lite Bites lunches resume at Corsley Reading Room

5th October, 7.30 pm

Chapmanslade Harvest Supper

12th October, 7.30 pm

Corsley Harvest Supper

Community Craft Cake and Chat

Building on the success of our “Lunch with Friends” back in Lent, we are planning two events for the autumn. Look out for further details in our weekly newsletters and in next month’s edition of The Bridge.

Welcome, Congratulations and Farewell

We congratulate Samuel Lock and Emily Short who were married on 6th July at Horningsham. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Susan Wood, whose funeral service was held at Horningsham on 9th July.

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Copy for Seven Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com subject 7ODs or phone 01373 832755.

If you would like to receive weekly news of Church events and activities, please send your email address to the above, with subject ‘Through the Open Doors’ or download a pdf from the ‘churches’ pages at www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk

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Corsley WI

July news

Alice Helliard rounds up the July meeting and announces some forthcoming events



Brushed, Oiled and Barbequed!

Well, the ladies (and a few gentlemen) of Corsley and the surrounding area have had a fun packed month of eating and drinking this month with 2 visits and a supper evening.

First there was the trip to 'Visit Hillbrush' the brush factory down in Mere (other makes of brush are available!). It was a rather grey day that day so perfect for a look around the museum learning all about the history and complexity of making the largest number of different types of brushes I have ever seen from hairbrushes, to yard brushes via a mushroom brush and other specialist products! Following the museum we all decided to sample the tasty wares of the lovely restaurant and partake in a spot of retail therapy in the shop. A thoroughly enjoyable trip.

Secondly, the fascinating, and at sometimes hilarious, trip to 'Fussels Fine Foods' (other makes of fine food are available!) to see how a farming business had diversified to deliver a luxury product to the farm shops locally and select supermarkets nationally. We were guided on our tour by the Fussel brothers themselves, who, if they ever wanted to stop growing, pressing and bottling rapeseed oil products, would probably make a good comedy act on the stage or screen! We walked out into the fields to see the state of the crop, heard about the commissioning of the press, watched the press at work, moved into the bottling and labelling areas and then... the best bit.... Into the kitchen for sampling the produce and more stories. Then another

opportunity for retail therapy in the shop. Again, a thoroughly enjoyable evening that was attended by 26 WI members and friends.

Thirdly there was the Presidents Summer BBQ hosted by our very own Judith Helliard. This produced a array of tasty meat, salads and puddings galore. We sat up in the sun and chatted, ate and drank until the weather looked slightly threatening so we made a hasty retreat home. Another thoroughly enjoyable evening attended by at least 20 members and potential new members (I always have my eyes open for new members if anyone would like to join in on the fun?).

The next meeting is the Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th August. However, for those exhibiting your winning items need to be in the Reading Rooms between 11.30 and 1.30 for judging.

The Corsley WI also have skittles, scrabble, bridge and lunch clubs which are also open to non- members. There are also a large number of County and National trips, workshops and other activities that members can join in with.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Judith Helliard on 01373 832803.

Corsley Show Tea and Cake Tent

The Corsley WI and Churches have agreed to jointly run a 'Tea and Cake' tent at the Corsley Show this year. If anyone would like to either bake a cake or help on the stall for an hour during the day it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Judith Helliard.

Cinema Corsley

The new season will soon be upon us and we're pleased to announce our first two films

Thursday 19th September

Fisherman's Friend

Certificate 12A

Running time 1 hour 52 mins



Described as being in the same genre as The Full Monty and Calendar Girls, we open our 2019/2020 season with Fisherman's Friends. Based on a true story, Fisherman's Friends follows a part-time Cornish sea shanty group as they move from being a group of local fishermen singing in local pubs, raising money for charity during the 1990s, to hitting the big time with a £1 million recording contract. Set in the Cornish village of Port Isaac, we've chosen this uplifting comedy for September to help continue the happiness of summer through into autumn.

During the evening we're also giving you the chance to help us choose our future films. Keen to ensure we show what you'd like to see, come along and be part of the 'selection panel'.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets £6 from Acres Supply (cash only) or on the door. Refreshments and a licensed bar.

Thursday 17th October

Stan & Ollie

Certificate PG

Running time 1 hr 38 mins

Looking ahead to October, we'll be showing Stan & Ollie. Also based on a true story, this film follows one of the most famous comedy duos, Laurel and Hardy, on their farewell tour of post-war Britain. Described as 'heart-warming and touching', the outstanding performances of Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly secure the film's success in what is more of a drama than the comedy you might expect.

Future film night:

Thursday, 21st November



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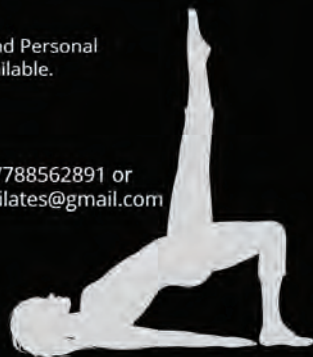
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on recent meetings of the Parish Council

The Parish Council has met twice since our last report, on 26th June and 4th July. John Lewis, Vice-Chairman, chaired both meetings.

June 26th meeting

This was a single item meeting to consider planning application 19/04504/FUL. Five members of the public were present. The owner of Siennas Valley Farm in Huntenhull Lane had applied to build an extension to the existing barn.

Whilst recognising the applicant's need to be able to move the business on to demonstrate its viability, councillors were not convinced that there was in fact an agricultural need for an extension. They also felt that the proposed building would be too large and would be too near adjacent residential properties. They resolved to object to the application. The planning authority (Wiltshire Council) has subsequently turned down the application.

4th July meeting

Seven members of the public attended the meeting. It began with a presentation by Gemma Humphries, one of our young village residents, who is shortly due to carry out volunteering work in Tanzania. Gemma is raising awareness of her intentions and as part of her commitment she is expected to raise funds prior to her visit. She told us about future fundraising events. Councillors

congratulated her on her presentation and wished her well for her future endeavours. You can read more about Gemmas's project on the village website.

In the part of the meeting where members of the public are invited to raise issues the recent decision to approve the housing development at Barter's Farm was discussed (see below). It was stressed that the plant centre will remain open for business once the development takes place. Adam reported that his presentation on connecting Chapmanslade with local towns had been well received by the Westbury Area Board and the cycling charity Sustrans has shown interest in the proposals.

Traffic and Highways

A number of issues were raised in the public and closed sessions of the meeting.

Speeding

Concern about speeding in the High Street was raised by a member of the public.

Parking on Pavements

Our Police Community Support Officers will continue to offer support in the community's determination to persuade motorists not to park on village pavements.

Parking on the bend opposite Green Farm

This was considered to be a road safety hazard.

Grass Cutting

The parish council will continue to

monitor the situation. It is hoped to effect a compromise at the lay-by whereby the grass will continue to be cut on road safety grounds – and to ensure that the speedwatch team’s work is not impeded – but to leave much of the grass uncut to encourage a bee friendly environment.

Extending the 30 mph limit down Huntenhull Lane

The pros and cons were discussed. There would be advantages but such an extension might encourage further housing development down the lane. As a first step we will ask Wiltshire Council to undertake a metro count, which would provide information on the volume and speed of traffic.

7.5 tonne weight limit

We resolved to continue our efforts to persuade Wiltshire Council to lower the weight limit through the village. Representatives from the parish council will shortly meet representatives from other local parishes in an attempt to move the matter forward.

Telephone Box

The suggestion has been raised that the telephone box might be repositioned to improve visibility at the junction of Huntenhull Lane and the High Street. The Highways Officer from Wiltshire Council has agreed to relook at the visibility issues on the exit from Huntenhull Lane to A3098 from both junctions.

In summary, the Parish Council will continue to work with the appropriate agencies in our attempts to resolve these issues. It is expected that the Parish Plan’s traffic group will also be able to offer valuable assistance.

Warminster Area Board Meeting

The Parish Council gave a presentation on the Parish Plan at a recent meeting of the Area Board, held in our village hall. We were

disappointed by the response from the Board’s members. Similarly, their reaction to Adam’s Connecting Chapmanslade’s presentation had not been as positive as we all had hoped.

Planning

Wiltshire has now given approval for 43 houses to be constructed at Barthers Farm. We discussed a number of points. Whilst welcoming the development we were disappointed to note that it seems that the £76,000 we had expected for traffic calming, cycle routes, etc., will, in the end, not come our way. Accordingly, we agreed to invite a representative of Lochailort, the company developing the site, to our September meeting. We felt a number of important issues needed to be raised, as well as the finance issue, such as the timing of the building project, and the route that construction lorries will take to the site.

Siennas Valley

Whilst noting that Wiltshire has turned down the application for the barn extension (see above), we considered a recent application from the owner concerning the discharge of three of the conditions relating to the construction of the temporary worker’s home on the site (19/05838/DOC). We expressed concern about two of the issues, one relating to the proposed septic tank and drainage and the second relating to the turning circle for vehicles within the farm complex. In both cases we felt that the applicant had not provided enough information for the conditions to be discharged. We also noted that the application form stated that the development had not started whereas clearly the construction of the residential property is already above slab level. Our comments have been passed to Wiltshire Council.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for 29th August, subject to there being sufficient business.

Corsley's

Wildflower meadow

Chris Johnson rattles off some news about the newly-created (work-in-progress!) meadow

It has been a successful first year so far with a splendid display of cornfield annuals on the banks around the meadow, a good variety of grasses within the meadow and lots and lots of yellow rattle. We would like to see more perennials coming up, but these take time to establish and may not be evident until the second or third year, so we have to be patient. Meanwhile, it has been very satisfying to see so many bees, butterflies and other insects taking advantage of the new habitat. We have identified at least three bee species, nine butterfly species and noted various hoverflies, beetles and grasshoppers. The challenge now is to carry forward our success into next year.

As the yellow rattle flowers die off, we are collecting the seed heads to scatter over areas where it didn't show this year. We also need to get the meadow mown and may be sowing some additional seed in the autumn.

Activity Programme

Sunday 18th August from 10 am (morning only)

Weekend 7th-8th September

Activities may include:

- strimming/mowing
- raking off mowings
- removing undesirable plants
- collecting yellow rattle seeds
- sowing fresh seed
- planting on the banks

Even if you don't feel up to helping with these tasks, why not come along to see what we are doing? Your support would be very much appreciated!

Thank you!

*For more information, contact
Chris Johnson at chrismajo@btinternet.com*

It has been great to have the interest and support of the Bee-Friendly Chapmanslade Group. Our goals are very similar, so it will be good to share ideas and help each other out when we can.

We are also very grateful to our wonderful Dean, Reverend Pauline Reid, for bringing along some excellent cake for the workers at our recent Activity Morning. Thank you so much!





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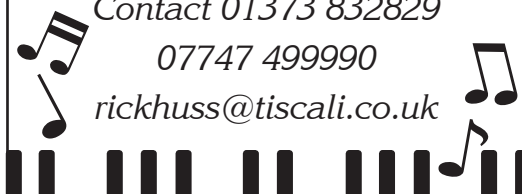
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- 18th John Hobson, also from Clink Evangelical Church
- 25th Andrew Coxhead, also from Clink Evangelical Church

Corsley Show!

Chapel preparations for the Show are well underway, as is the collection of materials for people to take with them and read at their ease. We have Bibles and bookmarks, New Testaments and material for younger readers, too.

Richard Wilson, Trevor Brain and I will probably be on site by 8.30am on Bank Holiday Monday. You may know Richard, who delivers Christian materials locally. Trevor comes from Chippenham, but is usually at the Showfield as early as Richard and I.

The men sort out the gazebo, as I don't have the height (or muscle!) for that! Last Show Day, when Richard and Trevor unpacked the gazebo, they found I'd packed a long box with a projector screen instead, by mistake. How embarrassing! Richard had to rush back to Chapel, find the gazebo and return with it.

We can't do anything about the weather we get on the day. I'd rather not have wind and rain (no chance of snow, I suppose?!) on Show Day, but I don't want it to be too hot, either.

I'm struggling with the heat this year – and being told it's my age doesn't help!

On a recent hot day, I explored a Shepton Mallet wood with friends, searching for a 'lost' railway viaduct (yes, we found it!). Walking back to the car much later, I was overcome by the heat – and crawled into the field's hedge for shade, lying down on a bed of nettles. That worried my friends! One stayed with me, fiddling with his mobile phone and finding our position with GPS. He said to me, "The air ambulance will be able to find us now!" My other friend walked half a mile to a local farmhouse, hoping to get me a cup of water – no-one was home...

The fault was my own, of course; I didn't have bottled water with me. I don't know what properties stinging nettles have, but after twenty minutes lying among them, I crawled out of my 'hiding place' and was able to walk the rest of the way back to the car. When God made our world, even natural remedies for ailments were included – how wonderful is that?!

I'll make sure I have my water supply on Corsley Show Day. It may be exciting to see the air ambulance land on the field, to cart me off to hospital, but I'd rather it didn't happen! Whatever the weather on the day, if you need a sit-down and a rest, please call at the gazebo; we've always got bottled water and a spare seat or two handy!

See you on the day!

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Bank Holiday Monday 26th August

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From gardeners to farmers there will be a a rousing call of 'thanks!' as crops and gardens were beginning to suffer. Our thoughts go out to holidaymakers, organisers of summer events and those who rely on good sunny weather for their income.

So, after a short period of good rainfall, next week is forecast to be dry and sunny, so everyone will be happy!!!

I hear mixed reports of poor germination of seeds this year for gardeners and farmers but, at the moment, the fruit trees are laden with fruit as are the hedgerows, with blackberries and nuts forming in abundance.

August is the month when harvesting of home-produced fruit and vegetables can keep all age groups busy with picking and podding, walking the footpaths picking berries and for the fungus lovers the hope of finding that ring of edible mushrooms that just appear after a shower when the soil is warm.

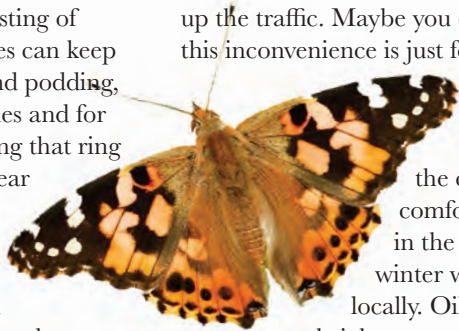
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This year has been predicted as one of the once-in-a-decade spectacular mass migration of Painted Lady butterflies, these beautiful creatures undertake an extraordinary 7,500-mile round trip from tropical Africa to the Arctic Circle every year. In 2009 it was estimated that approximately 11 million arrived in the UK and Ireland and it is thought that 2019 might exceed this number! They feed on nettles and other wild flowers but may well be seen in your gardens.

Arable crops such as barley wheat and rape seed will be harvested this month with the inevitable tractors on the roads holding up the traffic. Maybe you can accept that this inconvenience is just for a few weeks – bakeries will soon be using the flour from the farms and the cattle will be more comfortable as they lie in the barns this coming winter with straw produced locally. Oil seed rape that brightens up our countryside with it's bright yellow flowers will be made into oils and dressings which certainly equal those that are brought in from around the Mediterranean which a much reduced carbon footprint too.

Enjoy our British summer!

Judith Helliar



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

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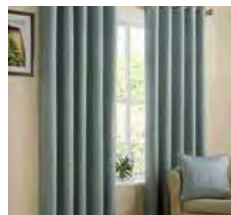
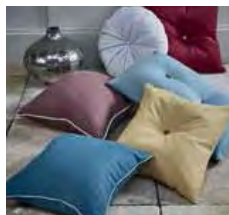
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