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August 2021

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of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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

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

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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th August**

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

Diary Dates



August

Sunday 1st

Elizabethan Evening 'HMS Pinafore' – performances at 2.30 pm and 7 pm, Corsley Manor

Tuesday 3rd August

FREE Coffee Morning – 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 5th

Tennis Camps 12 noon to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

Tennis Fun 4 You – 3 pm to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

Friday 6th

Carriageway repairs at Geys Hill - Stalls Lane, Corsley

Tuesday 10th

Chapmanslade Village Hall Annual General Meeting – 8 pm, at the hall (complimentary light refreshments)

Wednesday 11th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 12th

Tennis Camps 12 noon to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

Tennis Fun 4 You – 3 pm to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

Corsley WI - Bring Your Own Picnic – 6 pm, Corsley War Memorial Playing Field

Chapmanslade Parish Council Meeting – unless there are pressing issues, this meeting has been cancelled and re-scheduled for September

Sunday 15th

Cancer Research Sale – 1-5pm, Garden Cottage, 17 Longhedge, Corsley

Thursday 19th

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

Tennis Camps 12 noon to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

Tennis Fun 4 You – 3 pm to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

Wednesday 25th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

September

Sunday 5th

Much Ado About Nothing – 3pm, Heywood House

Little Cuckoos

End of an era!

Wisdom, wit, knowledge and love sees Vi sailing off into her retirement

It was a sad but celebratory occasion when we bade farewell to Vi Churchill the founder of Little Cuckoos Pre-School on 16th July.

Vi started Cuckoos with her sister, Jen, 26 years ago. It all began at the Corsley Reading Rooms in 1995. Then, in 2002, they won a National Lottery bid to set it up at Lyes Green, where it remains today.

Vi continued to run the Pre-School as Manager until she stepped down to Deputy in 2009. She continued in this position until July 2020 when she decided she would take it a little easier, until fully retiring on 21st July, at the end of this academic year, to spend more quality time with her husband, Colin ,who will also be retiring this summer.

Many will know Vi as a life-long Corsley villager; many will know her from Little Cuckoos because they sent their children there or even went there themselves!

It is a truly magnificent achievement; Vi will have nurtured and progressed hundreds of children through their early years and onto primary school, many of which will touch her heart forever as she will theirs.

Little Cuckoos will feel a very different place without her, but her knowledge and wisdom will remain through the people she leaves

behind. As well as her endless knowledge and wisdom, we will miss her wit, unique phrases and love for nature.

Vi, we wish you all the very best in your retirement. See you around!

From Hayley and the Little Cuckoos team.



Notes from the Tower

At last we are back in the tower at St Margaret's ringing a full complement of six bells. The last time ringing was forbidden was the Defence Regulations: Control of Noise (Defence) Order 1939 as issued by the Minister of Home Security which had (being an Order) the same force of law as an Act of Parliament but not needing parliamentary approval.

We're enjoying ringing for services and weddings again and restoring the camaraderie of the band by meeting for practice on a Wednesday evening in the tower and the Cross Keys afterwards (purely for medicinal rehydration purposes with this hot weather you understand!).

However, our numbers have reduced and we have also suffered the sad loss of our past tower captain Maz during the lockdown. So I am hoping to encourage new ringers or people who would like to try their hand at ringing to see if they would enjoy this centuries-old tradition which really became serious with Richard Duckworth's book 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668.

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*Mike Attenborough
Tower Captain, St Margaret's*

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Thank you

I recently had the misfortune of finding myself being carted off to RUH by ambulance after a sudden and painful illness. This required a period in intensive care and I was in hospital for just over three weeks. I arrived home a week ago to find a positive mound of cards and goodwill messages waiting for me, from all corners, from family, from friends and from village organisations.

Recovery seems to be coming slowly and, right now, my stamina is still pretty low and my mental acuity somewhat disjointed. It will take me an age to get anywhere near generation of deserving replies to you all. I hope, therefore, that you will accept this little message instead as sincere thanks to all who wished me well and particularly those who offered help to Di while I was out of action.

Many thanks to one and all

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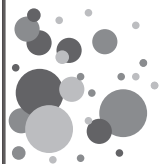
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Bob's bafflers

- 1 In which film did the wind blow up the skirt of Marilyn Monroe?
- 2 Who is the current Archbishop of Canterbury?
- 3 What do aardvarks eat?
- 4 Which of the major supermarket chains is owned by American giant Walmart?
- 5 Who composed Boléro, a cut-down version of which was the music used by Torvill and Dean in their winning 1984 Olympic ice dance?
- 6 Which Belgian gypsy guitarist often played with violinist Stephane Grappelli?
- 7 In which story by Arthur Conan Doyle did Sherlock Holmes first appear?
- 8 From which country does Emmental cheese originate?
- 9 What is the county town on the Isle of Wight?
- 10 In which city was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born?
11. Which four-letter word can precede bow, check and coat?
- 12 Nancy Crampton Brophy, aged 68, is an American author of romance fiction, best known for her blogpost "How to murder your husband". She was arrested in 2018 and charged with what crime?

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Memories of Corsley School

Chicken chasers 2

David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...

After Becky fell in the pond chasing the chickens and couldn't get out unaided, the decision was taken to remove the old pond and build a new one. The depth and semi-spherical design of the old pond were considered too dangerous with young children around and so another Parents Working Party was held one Saturday morning. The old pond was drained, broken up and filled in by two or three dads whilst another two or three – advised

and supervised by John White – dug a new pond close to the garden hedge. The new pond was larger and it was also shallower and stepped, meaning that anybody who fell in could simply stand up and climb up

the two steps. The technical work – laying the concrete and then coating it with a waterproof render, was carried out by the expert, John White, and this time it was he who was supervised and advised by the two or three dads (two of them being builders) that he had overseen in the digging stage and they certainly gave him plenty of advice! All in all a great time was had by all.



Two weeks later the pond was re-filled and some pond plants were added just in time for a batch of tadpoles to be introduced to their new home. Many children spent their playtime on a sunny morning watching them transform into young frogs during the summer term and nobody fell in – at least as far as we know!

That summer the chickens caused another problem involving some little visitors the

chickens had to stay. One morning two children in my class complained that their legs were itching and on examination some little red spots could be seen, they were otherwise perfectly OK. Nonetheless I rang their parents just to

check there were no infectious diseases eg chicken pox, measles, etc., around and to let them know the children were otherwise happy and healthy. At lunchtime a couple of other children, who were also 'chicken monitors', complained that they too had itchy red spots on their legs. The only common link between all four children were the chickens, so I popped outside to investigate. The five

chickens all seemed perfectly happy and content scratching around on the grass so I took a look inside their quarters – there I found that the whitewashed walls were black for a foot or so above the floor and closer inspection showed that the ‘black wall’ was actually a covering of thousands of fleas! A letter was typed by Mave in the school office to the four sets of parents explaining what had happened and after school I drove into Warminster and bought two large tins of flea spray and some flea powder for the chickens. Fortunately this had happened on a Friday, so on Saturday morning I drove into school and let the chickens out and then emptied both cans of flea spray on the walls and straw on

the floor and rapidly retreated shutting the door behind me. I then powdered the chickens - which took far longer than spraying their house – and made myself a cup of coffee. After about an hour I found the chicken house walls back to their normal whiter colour, so gave the place a thorough sweep out, putting all the straw and mess into the large waste collection bin. After laying some fresh straw I left the chickens to their own company and went home for a hot bath.

Despite the few problems having animals in the school could create, they were far outweighed by the educational opportunities, responsibility and pleasure they gave to both children and staff!

Chapmanslade Village Hall

Hello everyone. It is a while since we put anything in The Bridge, but we’re here now! We were very fortunate that various grants were available over the last 18 months, ensuring we didn’t have any great loss of income whilst the hall wasn’t able to be used. Certain expenses still had to be met, including having the cleaner in each week.

During the latter part of the year, the hall had a full electrical inspection and some remedial work was carried out; as a result, our insurers were kept happy!

Several of our regular users are back at the hall, albeit with certain restriction including reduced numbers (the Zumba group were so keen to resume they have been exercising in the carpark!). As I write, it looks as though restrictions are being lifted on 19th July which will enable more activities to go ahead – the ever-popular children’s party bookings are increasing! The QR code will remain in place, along with hand sanitiser for users – we are indebted to ACRE and the Village Hall Association for keeping us up-to-date with the

regulations, assisting us in keeping the hall safe and updating our hire agreements and risk assessments accordingly.

Playground and Field

Users will be aware that the swing was replaced; apologies for the delay which due to water logged/frozen ground! The slide has also now been repaired. A sub-committee of the Voice of the Village is looking at other improvements – a trim track is being implemented and some fitness equipment will be installed in due course. Thanks to Charlene Ridler and Helen Brill there will also be a bench – a welcome rest for walkers.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the hall at 8pm on Tuesday 10th August, to which you are all invited – complimentary light refreshments will be available! It would be lovely to see you there.

The committee would also welcome new members – just one meeting a month (at the pub!).

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Parish Clerk, John Willcox, rounds up the PC's activity in July

Co-option to the Parish Council

Following receipt of a number of applications for co-option onto the Parish Council, the Council were pleased to invite Mrs Ruth Massey and Mrs Lavinia Mitchell to join the council.

Streetscene

David Ball, the PC rep for streetscene, reported on research he had undertaken regarding the costs for the purchase and installation of speed detector devices and also for the purchase and installation of village 'gates'. There was some discussion as to where such gates could/should be sited and it was agreed that Wiltshire Council be contacted for any comments they may have. Decisions on the acquisition of either or both of these items will be contingent on whether any funding is available from the Council and further consideration of other calls on the PC budget.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

As reported in last month's briefing, the planned proposal to hold the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on June 28 was cancelled following the retention of Government guidelines re COVID-19. It was agreed that the APM would now be held in September

Planning

The council considered a number of related applications relating to the erection of high welfare cattle housing at High House Farm, Dertford. No objection was raised to these applications albeit there were some concerns relating to:

- the additional 'waste' that will be generated and how this is to be dealt with;
- the additional movement of heavy agricultural traffic on a narrow road which already suffers from this type of traffic and which at certain times of the year is also subject to significant caravan traffic
- the visual impact.

With the increased emphasis on 'carbon neutrality' it was surprising that there was no carbon impact statement or solar panels on the roof.

Dates of next scheduled meetings

Quarterly Meeting	6th September
Quarterly Meeting	6th December

Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7.30pm)

*John Willcox
Parish Clerk*

Roadworks Delay

Carriageway repair works programmed on Geys Hill - Stalls Lane, Dertfords, Corsley.

Due to the inclement weather conditions programme delays have occurred and the works have now been pushed back to **Friday 6th August 2021.**

Advanced signing boards will be amended on site.

Corsley Tennis Club News



We don't have a roof on the Corsley tennis club court so rain can stop play! Fortunately we have only had to delay the Mixed Doubles this month, although the American Tournament was on and off a few times over the hour before we did eventually play. So, in the main, the matches have been fought and now we just have to hope it will be possible to hold our prize giving evening later in the year and hand over the well-earned cups and trophies.

Jon has extended the children and young people's group sessions to replace a cancelled Saturday and he and Di Britten have now booked children from Corsley and Chapmanslade on the Tennis Fun 4 You session on three afternoons through August.

It has been good to welcome some more new members. If you want to give it a go, you can make contact with the membership secretary through our website and arrange to come along to a club session before taking the plunge.

Out in the wider world, Wimbledon was a highlight of the month for those of us who enjoy watching tennis. Is there any mystery greater than the source of the tennis scoring

system? There's a series of numbers which apparently have reference to the clock face (15, 30, 40), a lot of talk about Love, a tradition of apologising when a point is won by a fluke ball which didn't look like it was going to be a winner, and the scoring system for tie breaks is so complex it ranks with the rules of croquet and cricket!

No wonder umpires need to sit on a high seat and rely not only on people stationed around the court studying its lines, but also a technological whizz called Hawk-Eye. In our own sessions we rely on eyesight and argument!

See you on court!

Liz Garrett
Club secretary

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Dementia UK Tennis-athon 17th July

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter sitting in the kitchen surrounded by the detritus of a massive on-going cooking session. Our daughter Emily and baby Flora are coming for ten days and will be joined for a week by our youngest son Leo and his partner; our eldest son and his little family will join us for the day at the weekend. Sadly, our youngest daughter in the US cannot be here. So I think you can see why I am racing round making beds up, stocking up on food and generally tidying up with one eye on my emails and other work related issues.

Earlier this week, thinking over what I needed to do, I was struck by how different my life is to those vicars who have gone before me. The benefice where I was a curate had a very elderly churchwarden whose father used to be head gardener at the original Georgian rectory, now occupied by the other churchwarden. She told me wonderful stories of garden parties and other social events that were held in the rectory gardens. Of course the ecclesiastical occupant of this vast house and garden with its flowerbeds, kitchen garden and green houses would not have troubled himself with the provision of refreshments, nor with the task of titivating the flower beds; he had an army of servants and under gardeners to undertake the menial work which he would have considered beneath him, and a cook and a housekeeper to ensure that everything was organised. And even relatively recently, when all clergy were men, there was an expectation that their long suffering wives would act as hostess to visitors, administrative assistant and general dogsbody.

Well, what can I say? Things have changed somewhat! But reflecting on all of this made me think about our perceptions around the secular and the sacred; how do we make a distinction between those two scenarios? Over the years my understanding around this has shifted; why is it more likely that God will be present when we gather in an ancient stone building (which in my experience is usually freezing cold) and not in a warm kitchen where food is being prepared with love, where people gather around a table and are nourished and fed, where babies and children learn what it means to break bread together and precious memories are made? Of course this is exactly what we do in church when we gather together around the table to share bread and wine; why is one more holy than the other?

By the time you read this letter the school summer holidays will be upon us, which is marvellous for children but often jolly hard work for parents. Having had four children I well remember feeling somewhat daunted by the thought of that seemingly endless six weeks in which they were at home, of course I enjoyed it too, but it was difficult at times.

So I think what I'm trying to say is that God's presence is not limited in any way shape or form; there are no boundaries or demarcation lines around love. If God is love, and love and care are given and shared by parents and caregivers, grandparents and friends, in feeding, playing and nurturing, there is God.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

With love and prayers,
Pauline

August Church Diary

Although the legal restrictions in respect of Covid have been lifted, we will still be taking sensible steps to ensure the continued safety of our clergy and congregations. These measures may vary from church to church, so please do follow any local advice when you arrive at an event or service.



Sunday 1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion at Kingston Deverill

9.30 am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley

10.30 am Morning Worship at Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 8th August 10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Family Communion at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Kingston Deverill



Sunday 15th August 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Eucharist at Brixton Deverill

11 am BCP Matins service at St Margaret's Corsley



Thursday 19th August

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



Sunday 22nd August 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Eucharist at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 29th August 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Benefice Eucharist at Horningsham

Dates for your diary

Church and Community Coffee Mornings are continuing, and will take place every third Thursday in the month at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade from 10 am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome, so please use this chance to meet old and new friends

Can you help?

We still have vacancies for a Churchwarden at St Margaret's Corsley and a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish. Rev Gay Maynard is currently the person to contact for anything related to St Margaret's.

Join the 50/50 Club!

For only £24 a year or £2 per month, you can join the Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 50/50 Club. Half of the payment is returned as prizes, with the other half supporting church funds. There is a £100 prize to be won each month! You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order. If you would like to take part, you can sign up with Neil Britten on 01373 832515.

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Glen, Keith and the Corsley House team welcomed us all to the wonderful surroundings of their garden on Sunday 18th July for an amazing day blessed with unbroken sunshine. Almost 600 people with timed tickets arrived during the day, and were met with immaculate lawns, restored gardens, beautiful wild flower fields, historic outbuildings and the chance to enjoy delicious pizzas, ice creams, cream teas and cakes, as well as essential drinks to combat the heat. A plant stall, tombola and a special family Messy Church area completed the picture.

At the time of writing the funds raised were still to be counted, however this incredibly generous offer of the grounds and all the associated donated supplies and time involved have resulted in what we hope will be the beginnings of development funds for the churches in both villages, as we work to bring the buildings towards being community spaces for everyone.

At the end of the event Church

Warden Ian Buick asked everyone to give a huge thank you to Glen and Keith for their amazing generosity, and all who had worked to make the day so successful. It really had helped to bring everyone back together once more, in such a great way, following such a difficult 16 months.



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Walking through lockdown

A transport history walk



Midford near Bath seems a long way to go for a walk, but here's one I do when I visit family at Odd Down. I park my car at the Hope and Anchor Inn at Midford, where the railway station was, walk down to the main road, turn left and call in the pub (opens at 11am), telling them the car's there and I'll be back for lunch. Please, don't park here at weekends unless you're eating, as spaces are at a premium.

Walk past the pub and turn left between the next two dwellings. There's a five-bar gate ahead, turn right beside it and walk on the muddy path between two lots of fencing. Follow the steps left, uphill, and enter a wooded area. Underfoot, now, are stones, mud

and tree roots; watch your step!

A coal canal (built circa 1798) ran through here; it's the wide dip in the ground at your left, filled with rubbish and rubble since it closed. You may see sections of masonry in the canal cut and on the far slope, the remains of Midford Station buildings. Below you to your right is the river.

After about half-a-mile, the woodland track you're on veers left over a canal bridge (I think), because the dip crosses under the track and appears in the field to your right. Five minutes more and you're on a gated tarmac road leading right to a stone building and more gates; that's a Wessex Water site. The



for the canal, though its metal plate has long gone. Look really closely and you'll find evidence of an 'accommodation bridge' near the marker, where the dip almost disappears and the crossing is level with the field. Across the same field, see if you can spot the embankment, where the second Midford railway line ran.

A mile on from the walk's start you'll be at the lane's edge in Tucking Mill, so named because that's what

footpath crosses the tarmac and goes through a kissing gate ahead, while at your left is the narrow lane to Monkton Combe. Try tracing the canal route across the field at your right now, with your eyes, and notice the stumpy marker-stone at the dip's edge in one place. This is one of the last remaining mile-markers

once stood here. The narrow track you're on continues, after the entrance to a building on your right, and peters out a bit later. Opposite now is a big house, probably Georgian and looking neglected. Turn left on the lane here, but if you're used to walks of 4-5 miles, cross the lane and join the public footpath beside



the house. Use your instinct for directions, or a map or GPS, and follow the muddy trail alongside the house and past the Wessex Water Reservoir for Disabled Anglers, climbing uphill and looking for a viaduct and the Sustrans 24 walking and cycling track (the old railway line to Bath from Bournemouth). Once you're on that, a left turn will take you back to Midford.

For this walk, though, turn left on the lane fronting the Georgian house and pass the Disabled Anglers' site entrance. On your right, next, is a pretty cottage with stone plaques, stating that William Smith, the 'Father of English



Geology' lived here. He didn't; he lived in the Georgian house.

Beside the cottage is a footpath, with an anti-cycling tall metal gate. Go through that and follow the track. It leads to the viaduct, and the Sustrans 24 path is on there. To your right is Tucking Mill Pond, but turn left here and climb the bank's steep slope of 90 steps (so I was told!) to the top. Go through the second anti-cycling kissing gate and you're at the start of the viaduct. There's a seat here if you need a rest, and further walking if you cross the viaduct and keep going!

Head left, though, to return to your car, keeping in so cyclists can whizz past you! Eventually, Midford Castle and its private church are on your right and, later on, gates that show where a crossing was to the castle. Next on your left should be an exit onto Monkton Combe Lane. Keep going, pass under a bridge and the railway platform comes into view. This station starred in 'The Titfield Thunderbolt' and the platform information board will tell you more.

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Corsley WI

July news

Our first in-person meeting for a very long time!!



Palette and Pasture

The majority of members, and a few guests, met at Palette and Pasture, a gelato ice-cream parlour based at Pyle Farm. We were greeted by Paul and Rachel Candy, supported by Tuppence the miniature dachshund as guard-dog. Paul quickly divided us into two groups to make our tour more enjoyable.

One group headed off on a trailer tour to learn about how the farm was run; we looked at fields of sweet corn, pumpkins and sunflowers, met some of the cows, checked out the milking parlour, and had super views of the surrounding Cley Hill and Cranborne Chase AONB (Selwood Forest).



The second group were taken to the ice-cream 'factory' by Rachel where she explained how the farm's milk was turned into gelato; we admired the efficient machinery and her huge freezers before discussing ingredients and the super range of flavours.

Each group then visited the ice cream parlour for a tasting session and a little shopping (who had brought the largest cool-bag?). Yes, they also sell doggy-gelato! Salted



caramel seemed most popular in my group, but orange with poppy seeds and ginger ripple won in my shopping bag.

The next meeting of WI is a 'bring your own' picnic on the Memorial Playing Field at 6pm on Thursday 12th August.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the PCs latest activities

The Parish Council met at the village hall on 8 July 2021. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- The PC website is fully functional. Thanks were expressed to Terry Rose and Councillor Adam Oakley for their work in setting up and running the village website and hosting the Parish Council information over a number of years.
- The request for road markings to protect a property in Cleyhill Gardens had been investigated by the PC with the assistance of Councillor Bill Parks. It was felt that a bollard on the corner by the house would be most appropriate and afford the greatest protection to the property. The PC had approached Newland Homes to see if they could include this as part of their re-shaping work in the approach to the Barthers Farm site. Discussions are ongoing. If Newlands cannot do the work, the issue will be taken to the CATG for formal approval and funding.

Planning Applications:

There were two planning applications for the Thoulstone Farm site:

- PL/2021/06598 – Prior notification of proposed conversion of an agricultural building to three dwellings. The PC objected on the grounds of the suitability of the agricultural building for conversion and raised concerns regarding the number of

dwellings being incrementally added to the site which was remote from the village and lacked the infrastructure to be sustainable if it grew too large.

- PL/2021/05002 – Erection of a temporary fence and privet hedge to the walled garden. The PC had no objections.
- A further application for the conversion of a pool games room was deferred until the August meeting, and this allowed the PC to reiterate its policy for the decision, subject to no objections from councillors, to be delegated to the Parish Clerk to inform Wiltshire Council.

Planning decisions:

- Feedback was given on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting which approved the Westbury Energy from Waste incinerator. Having previously objected to Wiltshire Council and made strong representations to the Environment Agency regarding the incinerator planning application the PC decided to write to the Secretary of State for Housing to request that he call in the application under Caborn Principles as the application was contrary to local and national waste and environmental policies.
- The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council to inform them that work had commenced at the Barthers Farm

site; doing this should start the process for claiming community infrastructure levy money.

Neighbourhood Plan update

- The PC was briefed on the progress of the consideration of whether we needed to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. Feedback from enquiries were pointing towards the effort required to complete such a plan outweighing any potential benefits for Chapmanslade at this time. The matter will be discussed by the Voice of the Village Steering Committee and a final recommendation will be made.

Footpaths

- Concerns had been raised about crops blocking the Rights of Way numbers 13 and 14 at the eastern end of the village. This was now resolved.

Traffic

- A briefing on the formation of a Village Traffic Group was given emphasising that currently this was only looking at traffic issues on the High Street. Four Working Groups had been formed and were tasked with investigating the background to traffic issues, legislation and policies affecting traffic, and gathering data to make coherent arguments for change in the future. Work is ongoing.
- An on-site meeting was held on 22 July 2021 with the Wiltshire Highways Engineer and the contractor to discuss the proposed resurfacing of the A3098 from the Somerset border to the A36 junction later this year. Considerations such as disruption to building work at Barters Farm and the likelihood of further highway work being required to provide services to the site will be taken into consideration.
- The defective manhole cover on the High Street adjacent to Huntenhull Lane has been repaired by Wessex Water.

Emergency Planning

- Councillor Oakley commented on the Wiltshire County template that had been produced to support the creation of a plan and noted that a plan once in place must be reviewed annually by the Parish Council. It was commented that the amount of effort needed may be lessened by ensuring that the document produced is simple but equally effective. The PC will review all documents and decide on the way ahead.

Climate Strategy Engagement

- The PC discussed a variety of options of how it might support the Climate Strategy and agreed that small practical steps could gain greater rewards.
- A comprehensive briefing, much of which was based upon villager feedback to a survey conducted through The Bridge and contact with the Wiltshire Bus Network Manager, was given by Councillor Oakley on potential options for improving the public transport network, including adding bus stops at the village extremities.
- In all the PC felt it had a central role to identify ideas and promote them within the village. Ideas requiring funding would be taken to the various finance boards within Wiltshire Council.
- This is a work in progress and will be discussed at forthcoming meetings.

The next PC meeting was scheduled for 7.30pm on 12 August 2021; should there be no immediate issues that cannot be carried forward to the September meeting, this meeting will be cancelled.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website:

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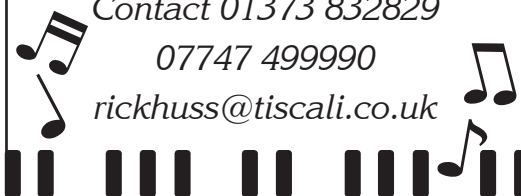
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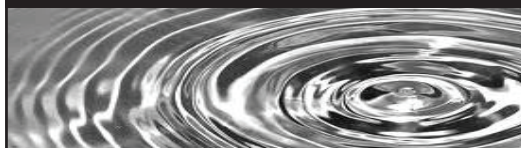
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Whitbourne Chapel

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1 John, 16

God is Love

July 10th we had our second wedding of the year. The bride entered to the sound of a guitarist singing, preceded by a little girl dropping rose petals. It reminds us of the coming of the Lord for His Bride, The Church of true believers.

The Registrar sits at a table to write in the names. If we've trusted the Lord Jesus as our saviour, our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The vows were said, the Register signed. The reading was 1 John 4 v 16-19. The Pastor spoke on true love. A reading by a niece and prayers by two of the groom's sisters ended the service.

The pastor carefully chooses a present for the couple, so best wishes for the Lover's Leap – a 160 feet gungee jump, James and Becca!

*Ray Mead
Chapel Secretary*



Built on the foundations of the Apostles

Have you had a holiday yet; or are you planning one? We've finally been away and had a relaxing and warm week in Lincoln, a place we hadn't visited before.

The house we rented was just below the walls of Lincoln Castle. The castle walls were originally built by the Romans. Then, in 1068 after William the Conqueror arrived, more

permanent walls were built over the top of the original Roman wall. You can climb up and walk all around the walls; with spectacular views over the Lincolnshire countryside. The walls were further fortified during the Civil War and the Victorians added a jail and Governor's residence.

This reminded me that over those hundreds of years, each generation built upon the work of their predecessors. As Christians we're called to share the good news of the

Lord Jesus coming, dying on the cross for us enabling us to come and ask for His forgiveness and know Him working in us and through us. We have the hope of eternal life.

Just as those who laboured on the walls at Lincoln cannot see what they look like today, we may not see the results of our labours. But this shouldn't stop us seeking to share, by both our lips and our lives, with others. Have you let someone know you'd like to share the good news with them?

The Apostle Paul wrote, in his letter to the Ephesians (Chapter 2, verses 19-20): "Consequently you are no longer foreigners but fellow citizens with God's people... built on the foundation of the apostles... with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."

*Chris Andrews
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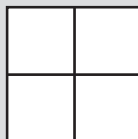
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Probate is the term often used for the process of administering a person's estate after they have died. Grant of Probate (also called Letters of Administration) is an order from the court, required when a person has died and leaves significant assets and/or a property.

Before you apply for a Grant of Probate, you must submit an account to HMRC to declare the assets in the estate. If there is tax to pay, you usually need to pay it at the time you submit your probate application.

Following the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic, many have found it difficult to administer an estate because of the obvious constraints and delays in getting information from organisations. For that reason, it is possible that many Executors have put-off administering estates, believing that it is not urgent and can wait.

However, it is very important if you are an Executor of an estate that you do not delay. Inheritance Tax must be paid by the end of the 6th month following the death or interest will begin to accrue on the debt. But perhaps more crucially, certain Inheritance Tax exemptions must be claimed within two years of death or you stand to lose the exemption. The following example explains how detrimental a delay could be:

Mr & Mrs Smith have a joint estate worth £1 million. This includes their family home which is worth £600,000. The rest is made up of investments and savings. Mr Smith dies and leaves everything to Mrs Smith.

Two years later, Mrs Smith dies and leaves everything to their three children.

Scenario 1 – The Executors deal with Probate in the first year

Mrs Smith's executors can claim her own

individual Nil Rate Band (NRB) of £325,000 which is Inheritance Tax free. As she owns a property and is giving this to her children, the Executors can also claim £175,000 Residence Nil Rate Band (RNRB). Furthermore, as her Husband has died and left everything to her, her Executors are now permitted to claim the same allowances from his estate and apply it to Mrs Smith's estate

This means Mrs Smith's Executors have allowances of £1 million to use and provided they declare this to HMRC and claim Mr Smith's allowances within 2 years of Mrs Smith's death, there will be no Inheritance Tax to pay.

Scenario 2 – The Executors wait until 24 months have passed to deal with Probate

In this case, the Executors are still allowed to claim Mrs Smith's NRB of £325,000 and her RNRB of £175,000. However, they are out of time to claim Mr Smith's allowances. This gives them a total of £500,000 tax free.

The remaining £500,000 is taxable at 40% and this will result in a tax bill of £200,000.

If the Executors are also the Smith children, then they will need to share the liability, but if the Executor is another person (a friend or family member who is not inheriting the estate) they could also be liable for the loss for not dealing with the estate in a timely manner.

We would always recommend that you take advice if the estate is taxable, and you are not familiar with tax law. It is better to spend a little getting timely legal and tax advice in an estate, rather than risk losing a lot. The costs of such advice will usually be met by the estate and could save you a lot of worry.

Visit fmsolicitors.co.uk for more information.

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Re-opening

By the time you get this edition of *The Bridge* we should be back to normal (or close to it) in terms of hiring out the hall. As reported previously, to support regular users in returning and encourage local residents to book, we are pleased to be able to reduce our hire fees to 50% until 1st January 2022.

Individual hirers are responsible for deciding the rules to be applied at their event to protect their users as they see fit. The NHS QR codes, hand sanitisers and general COVID-19 notices will remain for the present as guidance. But please check our website for any updates as guidance continue to change.

Our Wi-Fi is now operational again and the internet is at higher connection speed than prior to the pandemic. Router speed is 35Mbps guarantee with up to 50Mbps. Your connections speed will depend on device and whether 2.4 or 5Ghz connection, and whether you're in the main hall or lower room. Notices giving details are in both rooms.

Corsley Cinema Needs you!

Last month we appealed for someone to take on the running of the Corsley Cinema evenings. We have not been inundated with applicants to get involved in running this for the village. If you are interested, please read the feature in last month's edition of *The Bridge* for more information or contact Jackie Jasper.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details on all the above and more. To hire see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

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Hugh Deed

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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
www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk
Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 The Seven Year Itch
- 2 Justin Welby (as at May 2021)
- 3 Termites or ants
- 4 Asda
- 5 Maurice Ravel
- 6 Django Reinhardt
- 7 A Study in Scarlet (published November 1887 in Beeton's Christmas Annual)
- 8 Switzerland
- 9 Newport
- 10 Salzburg
- 11 Rain
- 12 Yes you've guessed it – murdering her husband!

Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Bartons Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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