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Please submit articles either by email to **paradisefound86@icloud.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 – and with the fee!

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Deadline

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

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

August

Tuesday 1st

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 2nd

Wellie Walk (Messy Church) – meeting at Heaven's Gate car park at 11.30 am

Tuesday 8th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Wednesday 9th

Crafternoon – 3.15 to 5.15 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI - Shared Picnic – 6.30 pm at the Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 17th

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

Friday 18th

Family Summer Social Evening & Rounders – from 6.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 23rd

Crafternoon – 3.15 to 5.15 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Tuesday 25th

Printing with Leaves workshop – 10 am to 3 pm, Mells Tithe Barn (see page 25 for full information and how to book your place)

September

Saturday 2nd

Corsley Fayre – 12 noon to 4 pm, Corsley showground, Deep Lane

Corsley Ceilidh – 7.30 pm to 11 pm, at the Corsley showground, Deep Lane

Sunday 3rd

Illyria Presents 'Pride and Prejudice' – 4 pm, Heywood House

Monday 4th

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7pm, Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 12th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN



Diary Dates

Saturday 16th

Big Avon Paddle – from 10 am at The Boathouse, Newbridge, Bath

Thursday 21st

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

October

Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 10th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Thursday 19th

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

November

Monday 6th

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7pm, Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 11th

Christmas Fayre – Corsley Reading Rooms

Tuesday 14th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Thursday 16th

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

December

Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 12th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Thursday 21st

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

Corsley Tennis Club News

The over 70's tournament was held on a lovely summer morning at the Memorial Playing Field. Eight intrepid athletes contested some hard fought sets, after which Maurice F and Sue K emerged as clear winners. Maurice's consistency proved the perfect foil to Sue's outrageous ingenuity.

All the other players rose to the occasion with quality tennis: the event was organised with panache by Diana H.

*Report from our roving reporter – the Cake Monster
(aka gateaux in the chateaux)*



Pony Express

Last month my 5-year-old niece, Leonora, helped me to deliver The Bridge magazine, on her 28-year-old pony Gem. She took it very seriously and couldn't wait to tell her parents all about that evening.

Lavinia Mitchell-Payne



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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Unless there are signs to the contrary, what is the speed limit on all roads with street lighting?
- 2 Which children's writer had the real name, Charles Dodgson?
- 3 According to Agatha Christie novel titles, if it's "Murder on the Orient Express" and "Death on the Nile," what is it "Under the Sun"?
- 4 Which bible character danced the dance of the seven veils?
- 5 Which is the largest of the Scandinavian countries?
- 6 In which country is the city of Strasbourg, the official seat of the European Parliament?
- 7 Which hymn traditionally closes the last night of the Proms?
- 8 What flag does a ship traditionally fly to indicate it is about to set sail?
9. In which material did art nouveau designer Louis Tiffany mostly work?
- 10 Who was captain of the HMS Bounty when Fletcher Christian led the mutiny against him in April 1789?
- 11 Which metallic element in the periodic table has the shortest name?
- 12 With which traditional activity would a squire or foreman, a bagman, a fool and a beast or hobby be associated?

Answers on page 48

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Three-village

HGV campaign

Progress report on the ongoing issue of heavy goods vehicles using roads through Corsley, Chapmanslade and Maiden Bradley

On Friday 23 June 2023, as part of our ongoing campaign, the three villages of Chapmanslade, Corsley and Maiden Bradley, met with Dr Andrew Murrison MP, Councillor Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, and Samantha Howell, Director of Highways and Transport – Wiltshire Council.

Members of the three-villages campaign felt that it was a productive and encouraging meeting.

The three villages set out their objective for Wiltshire Council to ensure use of the strategic freight routes by freight operators and thus protect vulnerable rural villages from HGV 'leakage' onto inappropriate roads. Each village explained how HGVs impact on their local communities, and identified practical solutions to allow for the implementation of the weight limits that were proposed and deferred by Wiltshire Council in 2011.

Councillor Thomas and Samantha Howell outlined their action plan to collect and analyse traffic data, in order to update and reinvigorate the study that informed the original weight limit decisions. They confirmed that the purpose of this exercise is to provide evidence required to support any future implementation of the weight limits. They explained that decisions will be evidence-led, and subject to funding availability. Road safety is a Business Plan

priority for Wiltshire Council, and in the context of the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership, resources are prioritised based on need across the County.

Next steps were discussed, including the need to secure funding for both data analysis and physical intervention for example, additional traffic management measures or junction improvement, timelines and efforts to engage relevant stakeholders, such as National Highways, Somerset Council, the Mendip quarry producers and local schools.

Dr Andrew Murrison, our MP, who has supported the three villages throughout our campaign, expressed his support for the action plan. Recognising the decision by Wiltshire Council in 2011 to defer further work was based on the need for National Highways to improve the A303/A350 junction, he also confirmed support for progressing local solutions whilst awaiting strategic solutions which could be some time away.

The three villages felt the meeting represented a significant change in approach from Wiltshire Council. Although the timeline ahead is still years rather than months, there is now at least a clear pathway forward. For the first time, there was both recognition of our common HGV problem, and an effort to focus on practical solutions. We are cautiously optimistic.

The next progress meeting is planned for autumn 2023.



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Horticulture & Crafts Schedule





Division A

Vegetables and Fruit

Judge – Mr Richard Cripps

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Runner Beans | 6 pods |
| 2 | Lettuce | 2 heads |
| 3 | Beetroots | 3, with stalk |
| 4 | Cabbage | 1, with stalk |
| 5 | Carrots | 3, with stalk |
| 6 | Leeks | 2, with roots |
| 7 | Container of mixed vegetables | a minimum of 4 kinds |
| 8 | Cucumber | 2 |
| 9 | Onions | 3 |
| 10 | Potatoes | 5 (white or coloured) |
| 11 | Shallots | 5 bulbs |
| 12 | Tomatoes | 5, with calyx (other than cherry type) |
| 13 | Cherry Tomatoes | 6, with calyx |
| 14 | Pak Choy | 2 |
| 15 | Courgettes | 3 |
| 16 | Chilli peppers | 3, with stalks |
| 17 | Apples | 5, culinary |
| 18 | Apples | 5, dessert |
| 19 | Blackberries | 6 |

Novelty Vegetables

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|----|---------------------------------------|
| 20 | Heaviest potato |
| 21 | Heaviest marrow |
| 22 | Longest stalk of rhubarb |
| 23 | Heaviest onion |
| 24 | Most grotesque vegetable/fruit |
| 25 | Longest runner bean |

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anywhere can enter all
the Horticulture and
Crafts competitions!*

Division B Flowers and Plants



Judge – Mr Richard Cripps

26	Roses	3 blooms
27	Grasses	a selection of any variety, maximum 10 stems
28	Orchid	in a pot
29	Garden flowers	3 of the same variety
30	Hydrangea	1
31	Sweet peas	6 stems
32	House plant	flowering or non-flowering
33	Fuchsia	plant in a pot, any variety
34	Cactus or succulent	1
35	Fresh cut herbs	any variety/varieties
36	Gladiolus	1 stem
37	Sunflower	1
38	Dahlia	3 blooms, any variety or varieties
39	Dahlias	3 pompon types
40	Dahlias	3 small or miniature

Division C Flower Arranging

Judged by the public

41	Enchantment	A miniature exhibit. Space allowed 4"/10cm in width and depth, 6"/15cm height. May be brought to the marquee already assembled
42	Floral Feast for the Senses	An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers (not silk or artificial. May be brought ready assembled.
43	Candlelit Dinner for Two	An arrangement using foliage, berries and seeds and candle(s)
44	Artistry in Bloom	A contemporary exhibit



Division D Children's Classes

Judged by the public

Aged under 5 on the day of the Fayre

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|----|----------------------------------|--|
| 45 | Under the sea | a picture/collage decorated with any material |
| 46 | A painting | any subject you like! |
| 47 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barthers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade |

Ages 5-10 on the day of the Fayre

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| 48 | A picture of your favourite person from history | in any medium, maximum size A3 (vikings, kings, queens, outlaws, horrible history...) |
| 49 | A miniature garden | in a seed tray or similar sized container (approx 15" x 10" x 2.5"/38cm x 25cm x 6cm) |
| 50 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barthers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade |

Class for all ages (up to age 16)

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| 51 | A decorated cake (only the decoration will be judged!). Please state the age of the exhibitor on a card to be placed beside the exhibit |
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Division E Homecraft

H&C
competitions
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to enter

Mrs Sharon Hanney

52	Chocolate cake	
53	Victoria sandwich	Made with 2 medium chicken's eggs and their weight in flour, sugar and fat. The cake should have a jam filling and be dusted with sugar
54	Chocolate brownies	5
55	Fruit scones	5
56	Cake made with vegetable(s)	(carrot cake, courgette cake, etc)
57	Meringues	5
58	Homemade drink	alcoholic
59	Homemade drink	non-alcoholic
60	Loaf of bread	any type (machine or hand made)
61	Flapjacks	5
62	Shortbread	5
63	Savoury Samosa	3
64	Ginger biscuits	5
65	Mince pies	5
66	Sausage rolls	5
67	Meat-free quiche	
68	Falafel	5
69	Marmalade	1 pot
70	Strawberry jam	1 pot
71	Fruit jelly	1 pot
72	Lemon curd	1 pot
73	Chutney	1 pot
74	Any homecraft item	anything not included in the classes above

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Division F Art - Open

Judged by the public

- | | | | |
|----|-------------|---|------------|
| 75 | Landscape | } | any medium |
| 76 | Portrait | | |
| 77 | Building(s) | | |
| 78 | Animal(s) | | |
| 79 | Still life | | |
| 80 | Abstract | | |
| 81 | Summer | | |

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Crafts competitions!*

Please ensure that signatures on artwork are covered

Division G Handicrafts

Judged by the public

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|----|-----------------------------|--|
| 82 | A 'work in progress' | |
| 83 | Item of crochet | |
| 84 | Hand or machine-sewn item | including clothing (human, dog, etc) |
| 85 | Something knitted | |
| 86 | Item made of felt | |
| 87 | An item for baby | toy, clothing, play mat, etc |
| 88 | Item of soft furnishing | |
| 89 | Door wreath | in any medium |
| 90 | A card | birthday, Xmas, anniversary, etc |
| 91 | Item of metalwork | |
| 92 | Item of woodwork | not wood turning (see next class!) |
| 93 | Item of wood turning | |
| 94 | Item of pottery | |
| 95 | Item of any other craftwork | anything not included in the classes above |

Division H Photography

Judged by David McGirr

H&C
competitions
are FREE
to enter

- 96 Wildlife or nature
- 97 Pets
- 98 People
- 99 Holiday
- 100 Weather
- 101 Sport
- 102 Landscape
- 103 Macro (close-up photo)
- 104 Abstract
- 105 Open class (anything not included in the classes above)

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Notes for exhibitors

- All entries must be entered online by **11 pm on Wednesday 30th August** at **www.corsleyfayre.org.uk**
- All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and in the case of vegetables, fruit and flowers in Divisions A and B must have been in his or her own cultivation prior to the day of the Fayre.
- All exhibits, where applicable, shall be displayed in or on containers supplied by the exhibitor.
- For Classes A, B, E and H the judges' decisions in all cases will be final. The public will vote for the winner in the remaining classes.
- Certificates will be awarded at 3pm. **No exhibits may be removed before 4pm.**
- The Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to exhibits.

Note

The Horticulture and Crafts marquee will be open to receive exhibits on Saturday 2nd September from **8am until 9am** when judging of Divisions A, B, E and H will commence. The public will vote for the best/their favourite exhibit in Divisions C, D, F, G using tokens.

The marquee will be closed at 9am on the day of the Fayre – please do not be late with your entries!! The marquee will be cleared of exhibitors at 9 am prompt for judging of Divisions A, B and E, H to commence.

PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE (PRINTED OR DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE) FOR FULL DETAILS/RULES – www.corsleyfayre.org.uk

Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

John Willcox rounds up the PC's activities

Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Meeting 15th May 2023

Disappointingly, only six villagers attended, although their input was well received and appreciated.

Meetings

The Parish Council (PC) are now meeting every two months. Previously it had been quarterly, but with the increase in the number of planning applications and the time pressures on making a response it was felt appropriate to increase the number and frequency of meetings.

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting the PC has met 10 times.

Planning

29 planning applications have been considered at these meetings, including one from Mendip District Council. These have ranged in complexity from the installation of electric vehicle charging points at Center Parcs to the development at Baytree.

Expenditure

The PC feel it one of our key roles to support groups in the village who bring people together and provide community services. Grants/Donations to the total value of £7,650 were made to village organisations in respect of the last two financial years ending 31st March 2023:

- Little Cuckoos
- Playing Field
- Reading Room

- Parochial Church Council

The PC supported the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and also made contributions amounting to £2,400 towards the various road safety initiatives undertaken.

We continue to support the development of the wild flower meadow.

We funded the replacement of the old bus stop at the Heath, which was dangerous and unlevel due to root damage from the adjacent tree, with a new one which has seating, windows and lighting.

The PC has been successful in applying for and getting grants from Wiltshire Council for the replacement of kissing gates/stiles, the village gates and the road safety initiatives.

Moving forward, we would welcome other groups who are bringing the village residents together to apply for support.

Streetscene

The PC is constantly engaging with the local authority on all matters to do with the roads and lanes throughout the Parish and is an active participant in the three villages initiative which is trying to resolve the issue of overweight and speeding traffic on the A362.

Rights of Way

'The aim of the PC is to have the best maintained and signed rights of way in Wiltshire so people know where to walk and ride (bikes and horses) and can enjoy the countryside (and have no excuse for trespassing).'

We would hope that you will have seen the

improvements over the last year with horse signage, and both bridle way and footpath signs being improved and increased in number. The PC has engaging with the local authority and other interested groups (Nigel Linge and his volunteers) in trying to achieve this aim. However, residents should be aware that resolving rights of way issues can be a lengthy process.

Longleat

The PC were party to the organisation of the concerts that took place at Longleat and were instrumental in ensuring that the disruption that had taken place with the Elton John concert and before that, the Red Bull debacle, was minimised. A number of discussions took place with the organisers and the highways authority to try and ensure that inconvenience to villagers was kept to a minimum. In general this aim was achieved.

Neil Britten

Sadly, Neil Britten, a long time parish Councillor and past chairman of the PC died in January. We all wanted to formally thank Neil for his service to the village.

Bill Parks

It is appropriate to register our thanks to our County Councillor, Bill Parks for the support and assistance he has provided to the PC.

*Neil Carpenter
Chairman*

Parish Council Briefings

For those of you who have missed the Corsley PC briefings in The Bridge I apologise for having missed the relevant Bridge deadlines. However, all residents will know that the meetings of the PC are open to the public and attendance and input are always welcome – like The Rolling Stones and Sir Elton we are much better live – and you will get all the information first hand!

Since the last report the PC have met four times; on the 9th January, 6th March, the 27th March and the 19th June.

Planning

At the meeting on the **9th January** the PC considered three planning applications:

PL/2022/08445

New porch, render and dormers to the farmhouse with a new detached garage at Cley Hill farm, Cley Hill lane, Corsley

PL/2022/08905

Conversion of Barn South to office use at barn to the south of Manor Farm Offices, Deep lane, Corsley

PL/2022/09066

Brick up rear facing first floor window in the 1980's extension and replace with pitched roof dormer directly above. To render over existing Bradstone faux Bath stone facing to blend the whole of the existing extension in with the original rendered 18thC cottage at 56 Dertford, Corsley

The PC had no objections to any of these applications

As reported previously, the PC had the opportunity to suggest a name for the Baytree site, following circulation in The Bridge three suggestions had been received and following discussion it was agreed that the name Maud Davies Close be suggested to the local authority.

Maud was a sociologist, whose early years were spent at Corsley House and who, in 1905, wrote 'Life in an English Country Village' an account of life in Corsley in the early 1900s. The book did not go down well in the village at the time as it was a warts-and-all study, and the villagers tried to have the book suppressed by the PC. She was a pioneer sociologist who studied at the London School of Economics, no mean feat for a woman at that time. The book has been recently

republished as she is now being recognised for the amazing work she did.

At the meeting on the 6th March, the PC considered two planning applications:

PL/2023/00735

Variation of conditions 2 of 19/09362/FUL and 20/00012/VAR – To allow for alterations to the design of the timber byre at Corsley House, Deep Lane, Corsley

PL/2023/00851

Change of use of land for up to five glamping units (partial retrospective) at Hidden Wood Glamping, Deep Lane, Corsley

Both of these applications were subsequently withdrawn and it was reported that they would be resubmitted at a later date.

At the meeting on the **27th March** the PC considered three planning applications, two of which were re-submissions of applications made previously:

PL/2023/00851

Change of use of land for up to three glamping pods and associated elements including solar panels, decking and hot tubs. (retrospective) at Hidden Wood Glamping, Deep Lane, Corsley

It was agreed that the PC would have no objection to the application subject to any approval be conditioned so that no unit is permanently occupied and that any external lighting approved takes cognizance of the relevant Dark Sky Policy.

PL/2023/00735

Variation of conditions 2 of 19/09362/FUL and 20/00012/VAR – To allow for alterations to the design of the timber byre at Corsley House, Deep Lane, Corsley

The PC agreed that they have no objection to this application providing that the Wiltshire Tree Officer is happy that the building will not adversely affect the root systems of the

adjacent trees.

PL/2023/01396

Replacement of existing PVC sun lounge with new flat roofed timber framed structure on existing foundation at Woodpeckers, Lane End, Corsley, BA12 7PG

It was unanimously agreed that the PC would have no objection to this application.

At the meeting on the 19th June, the PC considered two planning applications:

PL/2023/03458

Erection of stable block and change of use to equestrian to provide an all-weather arena at Malthouse Farm, Court Lane, Corsley, BA12 7PA

(Councillor O Hares left the meeting whilst this application was discussed.)

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the PC had no objection to this application subject to it being conditioned that it was to be for the private use of Malthouse Farm only, that it was not for commercial use and that there would be no external lighting.

PL/2023/04202

Creation of temporary winter festival and enabling works consisting of:

1. Themed illuminations and provision of temporary parking between 04/11/2023 and 14/01/2024;
2. Fabrication yard and storage area between 01/09/2023 and 30/01/2024;
3. Provision of temporary worker accommodation between 01/09/2023 and 30/01/2024 at Longleat safari and Adventure Park

It was unanimously agreed that the PC had no objection to this application. However, the PC would welcome more information about the traffic management plan and confirmation that every attempt would be made to minimise

any traffic issues around the village arising from these works.

Streetscene

The PC continues to try and engage with Wiltshire Council on the issue of road safety on the A362. The representatives of the Three Village Group (Corsley, Maiden Bradley and Chapmanslade) have drawn up an action plan which included pressing for a meeting with the new Head of Highways and the new councillor lead for Highways and circulating a petition from each of the villages. Readers will see elsewhere in this edition of *The Bridge* a report by David Ball, the PC Streetscene lead, on the meeting that took place on 23 June which offers at least a glimmer of hope that there might be some resolution of the problems faced. Villagers will also have seen the Speed Indicator Devices at either end of the village which despite some hiccups in their operation are providing some scary information on the number and speed of vehicles going through the village. This information is being shared with Wiltshire Council and the Police and adds weight to the case for speed restrictions and enforcement of the current limits. The village gates, recently installed at either end of the village, will hopefully focus the minds of through traffic (the name signs will be added soon).

An application is to be made to the local authority for a pedestrian crossing to be installed at the designated crossing place alongside the bus shelter.

Wiltshire Council have recently changed their road maintenance contractor and the PC have met with our County Councillor and representatives of the Council to ensure that the service provided by the Parish Steward will not suffer as a result.

Rights Of Way

Orders have been placed for replacement kissing gates/stiles at specified locations around the village. The PC continues to

engage with Wiltshire Council and like-minded groups locally on the improvement of the rights of way network and associated signage. This has included signage noting the large number of horse users in the village and the need for motor vehicles to drive carefully to protect horses and their riders.

On a related issue, the PC were notified by a villager of the decision made by the Longleat Estates to change the criteria under which Longleat Residents Ground passes were to be offered. This had the effect of rendering much of Corsley ineligible. The PC has contacted Longleat expressing their disappointment at the decision and asking for it to be reconsidered.

Finance

At the meeting on 9th January the PC agreed that a precept of £15,140 should be set.

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Dear Friends,

August is a funny month in the church's year. There are no major festivals, the schools have broken up and lots of people go away. Of course, there will always be weddings, baptisms and funeral but generally it feels like a bit of a lull. I refuse to hold planned meetings in August and use the time to do a bit of theological reading, reflect on the year so far and plan for the maelstrom of special services and that occur in the latter part of the year. If I'm honest, it's basically all go from September until the next Easter!

We do have a lovely service in August though when we gather to celebrate Lammas or Lughnasadh as it can be called.

The word Lammas derives from the Old English phrase hlaf-maesse, which translates to loaf mass. In early Christian times, the first loaves of the season were blessed by the Church. In Wessex, during the Anglo-Saxon period, bread made from the new crop would be brought to church and blessed and then the Lammas loaf was broken into four pieces and placed in the corners of a barn where it served as a symbol of protection over the garnered grain. Lammas was a ritual that recognized a community's dependency on what Thomas Hardy once called 'the ancient pulse of germ and birth.'"

In our modern world, it's often easy to forget the trials and tribulations our ancestors had to endure. For us, if we need a loaf of bread, we simply drive to the supermarket and buy some; if we run out, it's no big deal, we just go and get more. When our ancestors lived, hundreds and thousands of years ago, the harvesting and processing of grain was crucial. If crops were left in the fields too long, or the bread not baked in time, families could starve. Taking care of one's crops meant the difference between life and death.

I think it's really important that we hold church services like Lammas and Harvest, having a readily available abundance of food, or indeed over abundance, means we have forgotten our dependence upon the earth, and you don't need me to tell you the devastating consequences of that.

So, come to our Lammas Eucharist service at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade at 9.30am on Sunday August 13th; it really should be the first Sunday in August but it fits with the rota better on the second. We will be giving thanks for the first crops and the skills of the baker and brewer who turn the grain into something delicious.

See you there!

With love and prayers

Pauline

August Church Diary

August 6th: 9th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion Kingston
9.30 am Eucharist St Margaret's Corsley
10 am Morning Worship Longbridge



August 13th: 10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist Kingston



August 20th: 11th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist Brixton
11 am Matins Corsley



August 27th: 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Eucharist St Margaret's Corsley
10 am Eucharist Longbridge



September 3rd: 13th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion Kingston
9.30 am Eucharist St Margaret's Corsley
10 am Morning Worship Longbridge

Church and Community Events in August

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday 17th. August 10 am – 12 noon
Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Crafternoons

Wednesday 9th August & Wednesday 23rd August
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Parish Churches vacancy

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It also identifies sites for housing and employment development until 2038. There is good news in that following further work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced from its last iteration by almost 9000. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed.

Several important policies are included in the draft plan:

- 40% of all new housing on developments of 10 homes or more to be affordable.
- Greater flexibility for rural exception sites to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand.
- New developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels.
- 20% biodiversity net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement.
- All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

‘Large villages’ perform an important function of providing local services and facilities,

often serving a wider rural hinterland, more so than ‘small villages’ and other smaller settlements. Neighbourhood area housing requirements are therefore set at a scale of growth according to the local service centres and ‘large villages’ that lie within them, with an expectation that neighbourhood plan led growth will be focused on these more sustainable rural settlements, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This reflects the Local Plan settlement strategy, in a way which will help to maintain the vitality of rural communities. Site allocations will generally be carried out by neighbourhood plans. Where this is not the case, it may be necessary for the Council to allocate sites.

Chapmanslade and Corsley are considered to be ‘large villages’ in the housing plan and some development will ensure that these communities can continue to thrive and meet local housing needs.

This Local Plan is about providing for a choice of high-quality designed housing, including affordable homes, in the most sustainable locations; maximising development on brownfield sites; supporting town centres; and providing high quality new public open spaces.

A full consultation on the proposals is expected to take place in the autumn so please do have your say about the plans. To read the full Cabinet report, go to: <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=141&MIId=14748>

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Participants take to the water from 10am at The Boathouse, Newbridge, Bath and can choose to complete as many 4.5 mile loops as they like. Any form of 'paddle powered' craft is welcome to take part!

Dorothy House launches this event for a third year, with huge support from Channel Kayaks and The Boathouse pub. There will be live music throughout the day for attendees and their supports to enjoy, along with an outside bar serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, snacks and flatbreads. Breakfasts can also be ordered before the event.

Entry is £20 and all participants will receive refreshments along the route on the day as well as an oven baked flatbread at the end. Event T-shirts can also be purchased for £10.

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*Stephen Phillips
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Corsley WI

July news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the July meeting



Picture a beautiful, sunny July day fading into a warm summer evening; a perfect time to be in the garden. That was what the ladies of Corsley WI hoped for as they looked forward to a visit to Corsley House gardens. The weather had other ideas, days of heavy showers preceded the visit.

Undaunted, armed with waterproofs and umbrellas, members were joined by a large number of guests for an evening we had all been looking forward to. As it turned out the umbrellas were not needed, it stayed fine for our visit, and we were able to take our time to explore the gardens.

The evening began with a brief introduction by Jo, who became the Head Gardener in the spring of 2020. As we toured the gardens, Jo explained how they have evolved and developed in the short time since.

The wavy lawn provided a big talking point as members could see that it would be a great place for children to play but thought it must be difficult to mow! Jo told us it looks amazing when it is covered in snow. We moved on to the Cavalier garden where we could see how the topiary was being shaped to give a flowing boundary rather than rigid straight lines.

A little further on, large conifers have been moved to open up the view towards Cley Hill and appear well settled in another part of the garden. The area they once enclosed, near the house, is known as the Jubilee Garden and looks well established – it is hard to believe it

was planted just last year. With a water feature next to it, it's a lovely, peaceful area.

We also admired the wildflower meadow and Jo talked about the plants to be found there and explained how the area is maintained. Jo gave us more tips and ideas for planting as we gathered in the large walled garden. This garden is divided into eight

parts, separated by paths which look as though they have been there since the walls were built but which were, in fact, laid fairly recently. Different things are grown in each part of this garden: vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers for cutting. It looked beautiful

in the soft evening light.

At the end of the evening we were treated to coffee and delicious cake and had the opportunity to wander back to areas of the garden we especially liked. We were also able to see some 'before and after' pictures of the garden, taken as work has progressed. It was a most enjoyable evening and our sincere thanks to Corsley House for their hospitality.

The next meeting will be at the Memorial Playing Fields, Corsley on August 10th at 6.30pm. when we will meet for a shared picnic and summer games. Non-members are welcome to join us (£3).

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Devizes – a town walk



Kennet and Avon canal

This outing begins in Devizes Market Place, but if you arrive by car, park in New Park Street car park, which also has toilets. You can't miss the Shambles Market at the car park's end, a covered building designed in 1835. Walk through it, out into the Market Place and cross the road to where the Corn Exchange is, finished in 1857 and vitally important then; next door is the Bear Hotel.

Go left, along the front of the buildings and, ahead, should be the Old Town Hall from 1752. The arches on the ground floor were once open, as a market for eggs, butter and cheese. Walk ahead into St. John's Street and the private Castle entrance is on your right. Ahead of you is the Town Hall, with its apsidal frontage. Walk along the side of the building, into St. John's Street, and you'll

find an 'open' area, with buildings on all sides. The huge white building with black-painted window frames was once the 'Scribbling Herse', named after a weaving frame where cloth was 'scribbled', or cleared of knots.

Turn right into St. John's Churchyard, walk to the back and you'll see steps and a footbridge. Go that far, for a view of the Victorian castle (not clear with trees in leaf) and for the location of the town's long-gone railway line. Retrace your steps to the Sexton's Cottage on your left, pass it and walk round to the Church front, then left, into Long Street. Away on the right is the Wiltshire Museum – I was very impressed with the fossils there, older than me! Now back-track to Long Street and, where this road joins the High Street, you'll find Greystone House, built in 1731 by



James Sutton, as a wedding present for his son Prince. In the middle of the road is the Wiltshire Friendly Society building, founded by Southeron Estcourt in 1828. When High Street curves left, go ahead instead, through the alley and into the Market Place. Pass cafes and shops and turn right, near the Estcourt fountain, into Snuff Street; there was a tobacco and snuff factory here from 1785 to 1960.

Snuff Street leads to New Park Road. Use the crossing and head into Couch Lane, via the decorative metal arch for The Wharf Centre. On your right will be the Black Dog café, if you need

facilities and refreshments; I can vouch for their muffins – yummy! However, I now walk to the canal wharf nearby, because it’s part of the Kennet and Avon canal and needs custom to ensure the future of this wonderful waterway. They don’t have cakes here, just biscuits and tea or coffee, plus facilities if you ask, but less calories suit me fine!

Afterwards, retrace your steps back onto Couch Lane and turn left, over the canal bridge, then turn left again onto the canal

towpath. Enjoy the stroll to the next road and you’ll see a toll house ahead on your left. Divert here, crossing the road and heading down to the next towpath, on





The Wharf Centre

the left side of the canal. If you have plenty of parking time and energy, this towpath leads to Caen Hill Locks and the café there. But for this walk, at the start of this towpath is a tunnel, and a notice nearby, about a ‘tramway’ once operating here. That isn’t a bus-type tram, but a horse or mule version, pulling goods for the canal barges from nearby factories and so on, to the nearest wharf.

Return to the road when you’re ready, cross back over and go right, towards Devizes on Northgate Street. This area brightens up as you get nearer the red-brick buildings of Northgate Brewery. Go into New Park Street and turn to look back, at the façade of Wadsworth Brewery, built in 1885. In town only, the brewery still delivers its wares by dray. Walk along New Park Street now, past the Wharf Centre arch on your left and Couch Lane on the right, just to study the massive building on the right side of the road. This is Long’s Building, with an amazing frontage and a tympanum above the factory door. Cross the road and read the metal plaque, stating that this edifice was built in 1785 for manufacturing woollen cloth, one

of the first cloth factories in the West of England. Walk left and New Park Street car park is on your right. If you need facilities and sustenance, why not try a cafe in the covered market..?



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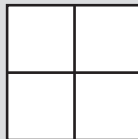
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As the offer now runs all summer, there is plenty of time for you to take advantage and explore #WiltshireByBus and save money at the same time.



Let us remove your unwanted guests this summer!

The warmer weather means barbecues, picnics, and time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful area we live in. It also means more flying pests, which can really spoil our fun.

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large number of wasps at home, our friendly pest controllers are on hand to treat these for you. Please email pestcontrol@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 0300 456 0107 to make a booking.

Just a reminder - we love bees and we don't destroy them. If you have a bee swarm at home, the 'Bumblebee Conservation Trust' or 'Save bees and pollinators | The Wildlife Trusts' can help.

A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

After a dry month of June, we have had a mixture of weather all through July, including one real downpour when over 1.5 inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

Our total rainfall for the first six months of the year until the end of June was 448.4mm, in 2022 it was 318.4mm

Sadly, the recent storms have not done the ripening crops of wheat and barley any good, some local fields locally like golden waves on the ground. When these crops are harvested, it will mean that a high percentage of the crop will have been lost as it has fallen out of its protective sheath and wasted on the floor. The straw will need to be spread out and turned a number of times to get it to dry.

Thankfully the rainfall has kept the grass growing for grazing and, hopefully, another two cuts of silage.

Maize has enjoyed the hot weather after a slow start and was well past being knee high on the 5th of July. I have already seen one crop with tassels, which means the cob is now forming!

The growth of hedgerows can cause a few problems for motorists, cyclists and walkers, but most of the hedges will be left until the winter when berries have been eaten or collected (there should be plenty of blackberries this year for those lovely pies).

Some birds are having their second hatching, especially owls, as a lot of young died from lack of insects and small mammals in the very dry months.

Already, the male cuckoos are winding their way south but have the hazard of extreme

heat in Spain and North Africa to contend with. The females will be here for another few weeks; their young birds still being fed by their adopted parents and flying around learning to be independent.

I have been told of the return of some spotted fly-catchers locally and enjoying seeing house martins and quite a few swallows.

Take a walk in the evening to hear the barn owls and little owls and enjoy seeing them swooping down for that unsuspecting vole or field mouse.

This is also the time when deer, foxes and badgers are out and about looking for food.

Many of the cows will be appreciating their rest months. They are out grazing and resting 24 hours a day and are not producing milk as they prepare to give birth to their calves in early autumn.

Early-born British male lambs are now being checked regularly and are grazing on fresh grass so that they are in good condition for weighing on the farm. Then they'll be off to market or direct to a local slaughterhouse. Female lambs will usually stay on the farm for the rest of their lives, and will have lambs next year.

I do hope the weather becomes more settled for the next month or so for families to enjoy school holidays, but let's think how fortunate we are not to have the excessive temperatures of 40°C+ and wildfires in so many other countries.

Enjoy your countryside.

Judith Helliar

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- 1 30mph
- 2 Lewis Carroll
- 3 Evil
- 4 Salome
- 5 Sweden
- 6 France
- 7 Jerusalem
- 8 The Blue Peter (All persons should report on board as the vessel is about to proceed to sea)
- 9 Glass
- 10 William Bligh
- 11 Tin
- 12 Morris dancing (the earliest known and surviving English written mention of Morris dance is dated to 1448)

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