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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

Diary *Dates*



August

Wednesday 5th
Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 9th
Croquet and Cream Tea – 1 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 11th
Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

Wednesday 12th
Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 13th
Corsley WI meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 14th
Rounders Night – 6 pm onwards, Chapmanslade Playing Field

Wednesday 19th
Corsley Woodworking Day – 10.30 am to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 20th
Community Church Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 26th
Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Friday 28th
Friday Night Club – 6 to 8 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Saturday 29th
Corsley Fayre – 11 am to 5 pm, Deep Lane, Corsley

Sunday 30th
Sunday Brunch – Vintage – 10 am to 2 p m, Soisy Gardens, Westbury

September

Wednesday 2nd
Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 5th
Frome Bridge Club 'All About Bridge' day – 10 am to 2 pm, Frome Library

Tuesday 8th
Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

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We have a number of events on during the summer holidays including the Friday night BBQ on 31st July and an amazing day learning how to make things out of hazel.

This is a very old English craft that came from coppicing of hazel, which has been practiced since the Middle Ages. Hazel was coppiced every seven or so years to use as firewood, to make charcoal and also to make everyday implements such as walking sticks, tools such as mallets and kitchen implements such as spoons.

We are very fortunate to have skilled craft folks in the village who are going to show us how to make these amazing and beautiful items using the hazel which we coppiced out of the orchard when we laid the hedge.

These events normally costs £100's to attend but, thanks to a grant from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, we can run it for free.

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2 What is the name of the headdress traditionally worn by nuns?

3 What name is given to a line on a map joining places of equal temperature?

4 The name of which dance literally means "double step"?

5 What is the name of the aging spymaster created by John Le Carre?

6 What is the name of the chalk stacks off the west coast of the Isle of Wight?

7 In Japanese cookery, what is Nori?

8 Jomo Kenyatta was the first president of which African country?

9 Which organ in a bird's body grinds its food?

10 The lyric 'Always sunny in a rich man's world', is from which ABBA song?

11 In which TV programme can you choose between a "twisted flax" and a "horned viper"?

12 Which daily newspaper printed the comic strip Rupert Bear in 1920 and still features it to this day?

Answers on page 48



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Chapmanslade

Village Hall

Adam Oakley reports on a busy summer season at the hall



It has been a busy summer at the hall this year and there is much more to come! We had a good attendance for the celebration party for our integrated energy project. The exceptionally hot weather has generated plenty of electricity whilst the air conditioning has been welcomed by all the users of the hall. We look forward to learning how to use the solar panels, batteries, air conditioning and heat recovery to best effect for the community over the coming year.

The Family Fun Summer BBQ was a great success and well attended. We worked hard to get as much shade for everyone and again the air conditioned hall was a fantastic refuge for those who got too hot with the races and games. Huge thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle – we had lots of winners and it helped so much with funds to. This event was also a chance to show off our new boules pitch. Thanks to Adrian and Pete for their work getting it ready in time! It was great to see so many people of all ages and skill levels using it.

We get a chance again to show off the boules pitch at the Croquet and Cream Tea event on **Sunday 9th August** starting at 1pm. This is an afternoon not to be missed; everyone is welcome for a game of croquet or boules. We'll be serving delicious home-made scones with clotted cream from Ivy House Farm in Beckington and our bar will be open. At this event we are officially opening the boules pitch and will be unveiling a bench in memory of Frank Lake who did so much for the hall over the years. Please join us if you can.

Just a few days later on **Friday 14th August** at 6pm, the Rounders Night is a great active social evening with bar, BBQ and a game of rounders. This time we will be officially opening the completed Trim Track and hopefully some timed circuits can be completed, so bring your running shoes! Entry to these events is FREE and everyone is welcome.

If you would like to join the team who run your hall or help out in any way please get in touch. chapmansladevillagehall@gmail.com

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Your 'village hall'

Jackie Jasper reports on the latest happenings at the hall



By the time you read this edition of The Bridge, the front lobby, men's and disabled loos will have been decorated. We will now be planning the next stages of improvements and applying for grants.

Events

We have two events planned for later this year.

The first is a Wine Tasting Evening on **Saturday 17th October.** Alongside an excellent selection of red, wine and rose, you will also get the opportunity to taste some non-alcoholic wines.

Tickets will be on sale from early August. We will not be selling any tickets on the door so please book your tickets early.

We are also planning a **Quiz Night** on **Friday 13th November,** more details to follow.

More information about our events can be found on our website **www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk** where you will also find the information you need to book the hall.

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Corsley WI

July news

Alice Helliar rounds up the July meeting when we heard about a fascinating journey into the world of millinery

Members were treated to a truly inspiring evening at our July meeting when we welcomed Debs Marrison of Marrison Millinery to share her remarkable journey into the art of hat making.

Debs explained how, after discovering a desire to learn a new skill in 2011, she began creating hats after her first training course in a caravan workshop – and has never looked back! Today she creates stunning bespoke hats and headpieces for weddings, Royal Ascot and special occasions, proving that it's never too late to discover a new passion.

The evening was full of fascinating stories and behind-the-scenes secrets from the world of millinery. Members learnt how Debs has studied with renowned milliners who have created hats for royalty, including the late Queen Elizabeth II and the Queen Mother, and discovered just how much craftsmanship goes into every piece.

Debs brought along a wonderful selection of hats and fascinators, giving everyone the chance to admire and wear her beautiful work. We learnt about traditional materials such as sinamay, the painstaking process of building a hat over wooden hat blocks, hand stitching, dyeing fabrics to perfectly match an outfit (who knew 'highlighter yellow' is a mix of yellow and green?!) and even shaping delicate organza flowers over a candle flame. It was incredible to discover how much skill, patience and attention to detail is involved in creating the perfect hat.

There were plenty of practical tips too – from how to wear a hat correctly, to choosing styles that flatter different hairstyles. Debs even shared her prediction that big hats are making a comeback, so lets see what Royal Ascot brings next year!

As always, the evening was filled with laughter, friendship and plenty of conversation over refreshments, making it





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another memorable Corsley WI meeting.

Anyone wishing to see more of Debs' beautiful creations or commission a bespoke hat can visit Marrison Millinery, where they can browse her collections and find out more about her work.

If you've ever wondered what happens at the WI, our meetings are always varied, welcoming and full of interesting speakers, demonstrations and opportunities to learn something new.

Whether you're looking to make friends, develop a new hobby or simply enjoy an entertaining evening out, we'd love to welcome you.

Corsley WI meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. New members and visitors are always warmly invited to come along and see what we're all about.

Frome Bridge Club

Bridge lessons this autumn

Would you like to learn to play Bridge, or improve your skills at the game?

If so, Frome Bridge Club's forthcoming teaching year beginning in October provides the ideal opportunity. Taught by experienced bridge players, in relaxed and friendly surroundings, lessons are available for complete beginners, improvers – including those returning to the game and intermediate level bridge players.

Bridge is a fun and social game, which appeals to all ages, providing a perfect balance of entertainment and logic. It's great for the brain and is not difficult to learn, just requiring practice to become familiar with the basic rules.

The weekly teaching sessions at Frome Bridge Club's HQ – Wesley Methodist Church Hall, BA11 1HA – will take place on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, depending on the level of interest. Teaching will provide a comprehensive introduction to the game for those who've never played it before, as well as top-up lessons for those with some previous knowledge. No card game experience is required and the sessions – including play practice – are an opportunity to meet new people whilst acquiring a skill that provides an excellent mental workout. Ten weeks of teaching up until Christmas costs just £50 and lessons will continue in the New Year at £3 per lesson. Coffee, tea and biscuits provided!

Frome Bridge Club is affiliated to the English Bridge Union. We are holding an 'All About Bridge' day in Frome Library on Saturday 5th September between 10 am and 2 pm. Do come along if you'd like to find out more.

For more information, either call John Perry on 01373 467508, email frome@bridgewebsmail.com or visit www.bridgewebs.com/frome

Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

John Wilcox, Clerk, rounds up the PC's activity in May, June and July

Since the last briefing, the Parish Council (PC) has met three times – 11th May, 8th June and 20th July

The meeting on the 11th May was the occasion of the PC Annual General Meeting at which the PC elected Chris Brown as Chair and John Phillips as Vice Chair.

Planning application
PL/2026/02121 – second storey extension at Applecroft, 69 Lane End.
The PC agreed it had no objection to the application (the planning authority subsequently approved the application).

The PC agreed that they would exempt themselves from a full audit for 2025/2026.

The PC had previously discussed how to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of a councillor. Advertising the vacancy and seeking expressions of interest had resulted in no applications. It was confirmed that the PC could co-opt by invitation.

With another Councillor tendering their resignation it was agreed that the PC should defer a decision pending Wiltshire's advice on whether an election was required.

The meeting on 8th June was held primarily to receive and approve the various documents required by the external auditor.

Following discussion it was agreed that the PC should continue its practice of making grants available to eligible village bodies (see opposite page for the procedure and timetable.)

Streetscene
The Chair reported that he had been advised that getting the 30mph speed limit at Lyes Green extended to the Church was a non-starter but that additional signage and getting the verges cut back, allowing for better visibility was possible. It was agreed that an LFHIG application be put in to effect this. It was agreed that an additional 12 horse warning signs be purchased and installed at agreed points around the village.

Emergency planning
A report had been circulated. Councillor Travers spoke about the report and gave an update. A joint application to SSEN, with Horningsham, Chapmanslade and Upton Scudamore has been made for a variety of emergency equipment.

At the most recent meeting, held on 20th July it was confirmed that it would not be necessary to hold an election to fill the vacancy that had arisen and that therefore the PC could go ahead and co-opt by invitation as previously agreed. Two parisioners had expressed an interest in joining the PC, Mike Butler and Steve Williams, and it was agreed that they should be invited to join the PC as co-opted members.

Planning application
PL/2026/03549 – proposed works at Harromint House, Whitbourne Moor. Following discussion and subsequent investigation it was agreed that the PC would have no objection to the application.

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Notification had been received that the application for Planning In Principal at land at Lane End which had been refused by Wiltshire Council had, following an appeal, been allowed.

The Chair reported on discussions he'd had with the volunteers from the Wild Flower Meadow and the Orchard.

The design of the PC logo was approved. The domain name of the PC website was approved and further discussion took place on its content.

The next meeting is on Monday 14th September, at 7.30 pm at Corsley Reading Room. All are welcome.

Corsley Parish Council

BIDS FOR DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR 2026/2027

It has been the practice of the Parish Council for many years to provide donations or grants to a variety of community and village organisations. It has been agreed that this practice should be continued for the financial year 2026/2027

In recent years these have included:

Corsley Reading Room
War Memorial Playing Field
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Corsley Tennis Club
Corsley and Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council

The Parish Council budgets on spending a total of around £4,000 from your taxes, in areas such as community groups, sports and recreation, open spaces, entertainment and local issues

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Bids for defined projects are preferred, but this is not to the exclusion of others. The Parish Council is conscious that some organisations may be seeking grants from both local and national bodies and it may be that match funding or seed funding is required if these are to be successful. The Parish Council would be happy to discuss how they could help in these instances, even if the arrangements have to be spread over a number of financial years

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Dear Friends,
There's just one month to go until we welcome Rev Mark Windsor as our new Rector, after a period one month short of three years with a vacancy.

August is a month where we typically take a break and prepare for September, which restarts many activities and important milestones in the lives of younger people at schools, colleges and universities. It is also time to say a huge number of thanks to everyone who keep the churches and parish alive. There is simply not enough space to fit everyone into this page. No matter how small your contribution is, you will continue to be hugely appreciated.

'Thank you' to everyone in the parish who has continued to do all the routine work as well as taken on extra roles and tasks while we have been without a Rector. Many sacrifices of personal time have been made and despite an expectation that we might just keep things going, big improvements are underway, which are already benefitting relationships with our whole community.

'Thank you' to the wonderful team of retired clergy, who have responded amazingly to the need for continued services in our two churches, as well as working with the village school and pre-schools, to further the task of 'Making Jesus Known' which is a common theme in all parishes across the Salisbury Diocese.

'Thank you' to our Parish Councils who support us in many ways, including helping us maintain our churchyards as well as the amazing grant of funds, which are playing a major part in allowing work to begin this month in Chapmanslade Church, involving the movement of the font and the installation of a kitchenette. Further development will include replacing the temporary toilet with a permanent one.

'Thank you' to everyone who donates funds towards the running costs of the church on a continual basis by regular giving. If you have had a chance to read the annual parish accounts which we publish publicly each year, you will be familiar with our shortfall in payments to the Diocese since 2020, with reductions in our congregation amongst other factors. As a result of positive help from the Diocesan Board of Finance in 2025 and 2026 to reduce the amount, we achieved a 100% contribution of just over £30,000 last year and are aiming to fully achieve the £26,000 being requested this year. We will be reaching out to grow the numbers of donors this autumn.

'Thank you' to our Archdeacon, Louise, who, despite having taken on one of busiest roles ever in a significantly reduced team, strived, together with Bishop Andrew, just departed to become Bishop of St Albans, to allow us to recruit a full time Rector, rather than a part time vicar. This is on the understanding we will strive to return to paying their full costs over the next three to six years. Our work to strengthen our community links and expand attendance and other uses for the churches, is already happening.

'Thank you' to the Head, staff, parents and students at Chapmanslade School, who have all been fully involved with the parish team and Community Engagement Lead, Toni Bush from the Diocese, in efforts towards further developing the already close links resulting in additional uses for Chapmanslade Church.

And last, but absolutely not least, 'Thank you' to the parish fundraising team, village organisations and everyone in our two villages who unfailingly back all our events, by providing their lovely gardens, items, practical help, taking part in our ongoing 50/50 club and simply being there in support. September will allow us to open a new chapter as we strive to serve everyone and keep you all at the heart of everything we do.

With very best wishes
Ian Buick (Churchwarden)

August Church Diary

Sunday 2nd August: Trinity 9
10 am Eucharist, St Margaret's, Corsley
8 am BCP, Kingston Deverill
10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill

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Sunday 9th August Trinity: 10
10 am Praise and Worship, St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist, Kingston Deverill

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Sunday 16th August Trinity: 11
10 am Eucharist, Brixton Deverill

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Sunday 23rd August Trinity: 12
10 am Eucharist, St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist, Longbridge Deverill

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Sunday 30th August Trinity: 13
10 am Benefice Eucharist, St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

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Church and Community Events in August

Corsley Coffee Morning

Wednesday 5th August – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Rooms

Crafternoon

Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 26th August – 3 to 5 pm, The Three Horseshoes

Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th August – 10 am to 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes

Pastoral Visiting

If anyone would like to receive a visit or Home Communion, please contact Rev Gay Maynard 01373 832490, or Rev Marian Curtis 07761 853000



Parish Contacts for Corsley and Chapmanslade

First contact for anything related to Corsley and Chapmanslade please contact Sue Fear at suefearpcc@gmail.com

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Corsley Fayre

Horticulture & Crafts Schedule









Saturday 29th August
11 am to 5 pm
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Division A
Vegetables and Fruit

H&C competitions are FREE to enter

Judged by Mr Richard Cripps

1	**Runner beans**	6 pods	
2	**French beans**	6 pods	
3	**Beetroots**	3, with stalk	
4	**Lettuce**	1, any variety	*New for 2026*
5	**Carrots**	3, with stalk	
6	**Container of mixed vegetables**	a minimum of 4 kinds	
7	**Cucumber**	2	
8	**Onions**	3	
9	**Potatoes**	5 (white)	
10	**Potatoes**	5 (coloured)	
11	**Squash/gourd/pumpkin**	1, any variety	*New for 2026*
12	**Tomatoes**	5, with calyx (other than cherry type)	
13	**Cherry tomatoes**	6, with calyx	
14	**Courgettes**	3	
15	**Plums**	3 , any variety	*New for 2026*
16	**Apples**	5, culinary	
17	**Apples**	5, dessert	
18	**Raspberries**	6	
19	**Rhubarb**	3 stalks, leaves trimmed to about 4"/10cm	*New for 2026*

Novelty Vegetables

20	**Heaviest potato**	
21	**Heaviest marrow**	
22	**Longest stalk of rhubarb**	
23	**Most grotesque vegetable/fruit**	
24	**Longest runner bean**	

Anyone, from anywhere can enter all the Horticulture and Crafts competitions!

H&C competitions are FREE to enter

Division B
Flowers and Plants

Judged by Mr Richard Cripps

25	**Roses**	3 blooms	
26	**Mixed foliage**	in a vase/container	*New for 2026*
27	**Clematis**	3 blooms	*New for 2026*
28	**Mixed cut flowers**	5 of any variety	*New for 2026*
29	**Hydrangea**	3 flower heads	
30	**Sweet peas**	6 stems	
31	**House plant**	flowering or non-flowering	
32	**Fuchsia**	plant in a pot, any variety	
33	**Cactus or succulent**	1	
34	**Fresh cut herbs**	any variety/varieties	
35	**Lavender**	5 stems	*New for 2026*
36	**Sunflower**	1 head	
37	**Dahlia**	3 blooms, any variety or varieties	
38	**Dahlias**	3 pompon types	
39	**Dahlias**	3 small or miniature	

Division C
Flower Arranging

Judged by the public

40	**For My Best Friend**	An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers (not silk or artificial), any size	***New for 2026***
41	**My Garden**	Express your garden in an arrangement using fresh or dried flowers (not silk or artificial)	***New for 2026***
42	**Hot Summer**	A contemporary exhibit, any size	***New for 2026***
43	**Floating flowers**	An arrangement in a container/bowl of water, any variety/varieties	***New for 2026***

All arrangements in this class may be brought to the marquee ready assembled.

Division D
Children's Classes

H&C competitions are FREE to enter

Judged by the public

Aged under 5 on the day of the Fayre

44	**Tropical fish painting or collage**	decorated with any material - pasta, seeds, finger painting, etc. You can download a pdf of a fish from our website www.corsleyfayre.org.uk or you can do your own ***New for 2026***
45	**A painting**	any subject you like!
46	**A single decorated pebble**	any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade

Ages 5-11 on the day of the Fayre

47	**A sea creature**	real or imaginary, made from vegetables
48	**A miniature garden for an elf or goblin**	in a seed tray or similar sized container (approx 15" x 10" x 2.5"/38cm x 25cm x 6cm) ***New for 2026***
49	**A single decorated pebble**	a bug/bugs. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade
50	**Handwriting**	hand write a poem or short story (or write your own) and decorate it if you want to, on an A4 piece of paper or card
51	An **animal based on a pine cone**	real or imaginary, use any medium to create your creature ***New for 2026***
52	**A model castle or fort**	made from any material you like – cardboard, Lego, clay, wood, etc

Class for all ages (up to age 16)

53	**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

Children can enter any of the other classes in the schedule if they would like to!

H&C competitions are FREE to enter

Division E Homecraft

Judged by Mrs Melanie Lee

54	**Dorset apple cake**		*New for 2026*
55	**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	
56	**Gingerbread family**	4 - mum, dad and 2 children! *New for 2026*	
57	**Plain scones**	5 (sweet or savoury)	
58	**Rock cakes**	5	*New for 2026*
59	**Homemade drink**	alcoholic	
60	**Homemade drink**	non-alcoholic	
61	**Loaf of bread**	any type (machine or hand made)	
62	**Flapjacks**	5	
63	**Shortbread**	5	*New for 2026*
64	**Cheese straws**	5	*New for 2026*
65	**Biscuits**	5 any flavour	
66	**Mince pies**	5	
67	**Sausage rolls**	5	
68	**Meat-free quiche**		
69	**Marmalade**	1 pot	
70	**Fruit jam**	1 pot, any fruit	
71	**Fruit jelly**	1 pot, any fruit	
72	**Lemon curd**	1 pot	
73	**Chutney**	1 pot	
74	**Pickled onions**	1 jar	
75	**Honey**	1 pot	
76	**Any homecraft item**	anything not included in the classes above	

Anyone, from anywhere can enter all the Horticulture and Crafts competitions!

Division F - Art

H&C competitions are FREE to enter

Judged by the public

77	**Landscape**	any medium	
78	**Portrait**		
79	**Building(s)**		
80	**Animal(s)**		
81	**Still life**		
82	**Abstract**		
83	**Plants/flowers**		*New for 2026*

Please ensure that signatures on artwork are covered

Division G - Handicrafts

Judged by the public

84	**A 'work in progress'**		
85	**Flower(s)**	made from any medium	*New for 2026*
86	**Item of crochet**		
87	**Hand or machine-sewn item**		
88	**Knitted item**		
89	**Item of macramé**		*New for 2026*
90	**Item made of felt**		
91	**An item for baby**	toy, clothing, play mat, etc	
92	**Item of soft furnishing**		
93	**An item made from recycled material**	any size	*New for 2026*
94	**Upcycle a tin can/jam jar**	show us your creativity by upcycling any sized tin/jar into something useful or beautiful!	
95	**Item of woodwork**		
96	**Item of pottery**		
97	**Item of any other craftwork**	anything not included in the classes above	

Division H Photography

H&C competitions are FREE to enter

Judged by Mr David McGirr

98 **Wildlife or nature**

99 **Pets**

100 **People**

101 **Holiday**

102 **Weather**

103 **Sport**

104 **Landscape**

105 **Macro** (close-up photo)

106 **Abstract**

107 **Open class** (anything not included in the classes above)



Horticulture and Crafts Show Rules

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 /her own cultivation prior to the day of the Fayre.

To comply with Health & Safety rules, all food items should be covered.

All exhibits, where applicable, shall be displayed in or on containers supplied by the exhibitor except for the Photography and Art classes where boards will be supplied.

The judges' decisions in Divisions A, B, E and H will be final. **Judging begins at 9am prompt**.

Certificates will be awarded at 3pm. **No exhibits may be removed before 5pm**.

The Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to exhibits. Artwork and photographs are only covered by our insurance for reproduction costs.

The Horticulture and Crafts marquee will be open to receive exhibits on Saturday 29th August 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.

Exhibitor cards will be available from a central point in the H&C marquee from 8am to until 9am on the day of the Fayre. Please place your exhibitor card face down next to your exhibit.

Preserves (marmalade, jam, jelly, curd, etc) should fill, to no more than 1cm from the brim, a 1lb/454g plain glass jam jar and should be sealed with either a new twist-top lid or a waxed disc and a cellophane cover, secured with an elastic band and be labelled with the name of the preserve and dated. **Jars not filled correctly will be disqualified**.

Horticulture & Crafts Show Entry Form

- Online entries must be made by **11pm** on **Wednesday 26th August**.
- Paper entries must be made by **4pm** on **Wednesday 26th August**.
- Paper entry forms can be dropped off at the till areas at either Acres Supply (Corsley) or Barters Plant Centre (Chapmanslade).

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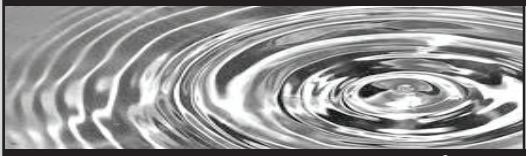
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Corsley Tennis Club News

Wimbledon is over but it reminds us why we love the game – the drama, the determination and the moments that inspire players of every age and ability to pick up a racquet. This year's Championships gave British tennis fans plenty to celebrate, in particular the impressive performances of Arthur Fery; home players always generate a special atmosphere at Wimbledon, and seeing a young British talent rise to the occasion gave us all something to celebrate!

Lots of activity has been going on at our club this month, not least the Over 70s and Men's Doubles tournaments which both took place in July. Luckily, a cooler sun (but a slightly challenging wind!) greeted the Over 70s players in early July. Five agile pairs played in four rounds consisting of five games with 'quick deuce'. A relaxed, friendly morning of fun competitive tennis ensued. Congratulations to the winners Sue Newell and Maurice Flanagan!

Not quite so fortunate, the Men's Doubles tournament took place on a very hot day, however, the four players showed resilience and determination with a very tight match of one set all. Congratulations to Jon Heaton and Maurice Flanagan who just clinched it in the championship tie break (11-9)!

Tournaments to still be played are; Ladies Doubles (Sun 19th July 2pm), Singles (Thurs 6th Aug), 60s v 70s (Sun 16th Aug) and American Switch charity tournament (Sun 6th Sept) £5 fee to go to Alzheimer's Society.

Results to follow…

As we look ahead to the rest to the season and beyond, we hope the excitement of Wimbledon continues to inspire us all. Whether you're competing, coaching, volunteering or simply enjoying a hit with friends, every moment on court helps make our club the welcoming and thriving community it is. Here's to many more enjoyable matches and shared successes in the months ahead.

Kate Jackson
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In looking through my Chapmanslade History Group photos, I came across this copy of an article written by Harold Dyer published almost exactly 90 years ago in the 25th edition of The Chapmanslade Arrow on July 4th 1936 – quite some time even before The Bridge was conceived.

Terence Rose

No. 25. July 4th 1936.

The Chapmanslade Arrow.

A Leaflet of VILLAGE Notes & News



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I suppose that amongst the many activities which occupy our leisure hours at this season, the most important is the cultivation of our gardens. The pleasure we derive from pride of possession is not ours alone, for a beautiful garden is an attraction to every lover of beauty, and if it is so situated as to be visible from the roadside, then untold pleasure delights the eye of the passer-by. What a pity it is that so many beautiful gardens remain hidden behind drab and unprepossessing buildings where their glorious radiance can only be shared by a privileged few.

That same thought no doubt prompted a resident one recent morning to invite me to spare a moment of two to look at the garden at the back of the house, but it needs greater ability than mine to adequately describe the thrill of pleasure experience by such a magnificent display of beauty in so small a space. The first casual glance was a pleasure in itself, for the profusion of colour was truly a wonderful and inspiring sight, but which on close inspection revealed the aptitude and characteristic patience given to the scheme to produce such a riot of contrasting colour.

A neatly kept lawn was surrounded by low growing flowering plants, a bird shelter had strings of pea-nuts to tempt the birds, whilst a bird bath situated near some trees besides other ornaments added dignity and contrast to the taller flowering subjects in the background. Yes, this may be typical of many other local gardens but what a different village it would look if only they faced the roadside!

Harold Dyer purchased Chapmanslade Post Office and Stores (directly opposite the Three Horseshoes) in 1922. He put a flagpole in the alcove over the shop door to fly the Union Jack and started a successful printing business operating from a glasshouse for the printing machines at the west end of the shop (now a garage). This is where he published and printed The Chapmanslade Arrow. In 1937 he sold the shop to Arthur Barnard.

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"Lay up treasure in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
Matt 6:21

What really brings satisfaction in life?
A recent preacher chose Ecclesiastes chapter 2 for his sermon. It reflects the life of King Solomon – a ruler known for his wisdom, wealth and achievements. Solomon begins with pleasure, laughter, enjoyment and indulgence, but these things do not last.



The speaker recalled his time at university and the nights partying with fellow students and how, the next day, the conclusion was drawn that it was not really very satisfying.

Next comes Solomon's achievements. He built houses, planted vineyards and created gardens and parks. Yet success does not bring lasting fulfilment.

The speaker spoke of his life in the world of banking and the striving to get up the next rung of the ladder. On the day their successes were announced, they met afterwards and all agreed how empty it seemed; now they'd need to get up to the next rung!

Solomon spoke about wealth. 'I amassed silver and gold for myself.' By any measure he had more than enough and it still wasn't enough. It doesn't matter how much we have; we could still do with some more! Henry Ford was once asked how much more money he wanted, 'Just one more dollar', came the reply!

Solomon experienced entertainment, comfort and status, becoming greater than all who came before him.

Our speaker said he was a bit into golf and spoke of watching some big tournaments until 1am in the morning, only to be disappointed that the same person won. He played a recording of one top player who testified that, although he had won many tournaments, there was little satisfaction in it. He would get more satisfaction spending time with his family.

Solomon's conclusion was this. 'When I surveyed all that my hand had done, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind, nothing was gained under the sun.' Ecclesiastes 2 verse 11.

The wider message of the Bible points us further. Jesus said, 'Lay not up treasure on earth where moths and rust destroy and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up treasure in heaven... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also'.

Rather than chasing what cannot satisfy, we are invited to find something lasting – a relationship with God.

So the question remains; if Solomon could not find satisfaction in these things, will we?

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Judith shares farmers' concerns about the lack of rain

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No one will be surprised that most of my monthly letter will be regarding the lack of rainfall the last few months with the added problem of three blocks of high daytime temperatures over 30º and nighttime still over 20º.

At the time of writing, our milking cows had been housed during the day for two weeks but now they're in sheltered housing day and night with plenty of fresh water and mostly home-produced feed stuffs in store for the coming winter.

Half of the herd will be calving in the next three to four months so maintaining peak health condition is all-important.

It is not just the dairy farmers who are suffering – large and small producers of vegetables, salad and fruit crops are needing more water for irrigation just to keep the plants alive.

Water companies are limiting the supply of water for the production of meat for supermarkets and farm shops – the lack of water in reservoirs and minimal rainfall will have a serious affect on UK-produced food for months to come; our usual suppliers on the continent are in a similar situation to ourselves.

Harvesting of cereal crops is around three or four weeks early – much of the harvesting is carried out at night when there is a little more moisture in the air.

The one crop that appears to be doing well is maize. It's a crop that was hardly ever seen in this country 30 years ago but it now helps fill silage clamps all over the country due, in part, to the clever breeding of the plants.

Our hedgerows are laden with blackberries ready for picking and hopefully we'll see some wild mushrooms if, and when, rain arrives. All manner of fruit in our gardens and the countryside are setting but will soon need some rainfall to swell.

Please be aware of the danger of fires, taking greater care than usual with disposable BBQs, celebration fireworks and the casual disposal of cans and glass bottles; our moors, farmland, public and private gardens are tinder dry.

August is a month of school holidays, so I do hope families are able to enjoy their holidays both home and abroad. Don't forget to support the Corsley Fayre at the end of August and the Frome Cheese Show in September – one of the best and biggest cheese show in the country.

Let's hope that maybe soon we might revert to the norm and enjoy August (which is usually our wettest summer month!)

Judith Helliar

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