

The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

Some of you will already have heard the sad news that Tim Richards has died. Tim was latterly responsible for production and management of the trade advertising in The Bridge and his skills will be sorely missed by the team. Our heartfelt condolences go to Tim's wife Jean and their family.

Viv Thomas
Editor

Please submit your articles by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or take them to either Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley.

If you are advertising, please don't forget to include the advertiser's fee. Small ads are 80p PER ITEM, local organisations (churches, playgroups, clubs, etc) who are advertising events are £2.00. News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free - the more the merrier - keep 'em coming! Space allotted for events adverts is always dependent on availability at the time.

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Deadline

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

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

What's on

February

Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Snowdrop Walk – 10am, meet at Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 8th

Chapmanslade Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee meeting – 7.15pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI - talk on Camping in Botswana – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Loose Women visit to Dents Factory – 10.30am, then lunch at the Three Horseshoes – see boxed advert

Saturday 11th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Wednesday 15th

Gardening Club visit to Crockerton Garden Centre – 7.00pm

Thursday 16th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – Chapmanslade School

Wednesday 22nd

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Lent Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 23rd

WI dairy farm visit – High House Farm, 10.30 - 12.30

Tuesday 28th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Lent Talk – 7.30pm, St Margaret's

March

Thursday 1st

Chapmanslade Loose Women visit to Champneys, Bath

Wednesday 8th

Corsley WI Annual Meeting – Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 10th

Shebeen at Chapmanslade Village Hall – 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room



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Remembering Tim Richards

It was with huge regret and great sadness that we heard of the recent death of Tim Richards.

Tim qualified as a dentist at the University College Hospital, London, in 1967. He joined the Grants House Dentistry in Willow Vale, Frome, in April 1974, travelling daily from Ilminster. He moved to Chapmanslade in 1975 with his wife, Jean. Sarah was born in 1976, and Jonathan in 1979. Tim was a brilliant dentist, with a gentle, caring manner and very much appreciated by his clients, partners and staff. Sadly he became ill 10 years ago and fought, very bravely, for all that time.

Tim was a long-time member of Frome Lions, treasurer for many years, and always involved with the annual swim, hay bale collection, the fete, and the Father Christmas float, organised in conjunction with Rotary.

The Fun Run was always a huge success and, as numbers grew, Tim saved the day by introducing computerised timings. With the Lions, he helped raise many thousands of pounds for so many good and needy causes.

I was very pleased when I persuaded him to join Chapmanslade Parish Council. He had the ability to think very clearly through every problem, most times coming up with a solution or, at least, the next step forward. Never, ever

appearing cross, he was an excellent councillor and chairman for several years.

I am not sure that any of us fully realised what a huge contribution Tim made. Whatever he did, he did quietly and efficiently, wanting everything to be accurate and to be delivered on time. The best example of Tim's work was with "The Bridge". With his considerable IT skills, he perfected the art of presenting a great number of adverts in the best possible way. A deadline to meet – every month – for an incredible 9 years, it was a role that he only very recently relinquished. We all realise that this would not have been possible without the continuing support of his wife, Jean.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Jean and her family and we hope they know that Tim will always be remembered for his huge contribution to our villages and also for his work in Totnes, where his skills were very soon recognised and used to their considerable advantage.

Tim Richards, the quintessential professional and gentle and most respected gentleman, will be sadly missed by all who were privileged to know him.

*Dennis Barnard
Chairman
Chapmanslade Parish Council*

Friday 16th

Irish Night – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 21st

Gardening Club visit to Sharcott Manor, Pewsey – meet there at 2.30pm

Friday 23rd

Irish Night – 7.00 - 11.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 31st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

April**Tuesday 3rd**

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - Cheese and Wine tasting – Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 10th

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8.15pm

May**Saturday 19th**

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre – 2.30pm, Corsley House

July**Wednesday 4th**

WI outing to Winchester

Saturday 7th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Bargains In The Barn – 10 am - 12 noon,
High House Farm

September**Saturday 15th**

Howden-Jones Concert – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 11th February. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson
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Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 4th February – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council vacancy filled

At the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January John Foster was co-opted onto the council to fill the current vacancy. We welcome him back for his second stint as a parish councillor.

Parking outside the school

Our discussions with Wiltshire Council continue. It seems likely that the council will shortly be painting white lines by the school entrance and that advisory notices can be placed on the school wall asking motorists not to park there during school hours. We believe that this is the most sensible and realistic way of providing a safe crossing point for children attending the school

Grit bin

Wiltshire Council has provided us with an extra bin, which is located on the triangle at the top of Huntenhull Lane. We hope residents living in this area will find it helpful at times of severe weather but, at the same time, we hope equally that it will not be needed at all during the current winter! Residents are reminded that salt and grit provided by the council should only be used on public roads and not on private drives.

Rural Housing Needs Survey

Wiltshire Council has embarked on a five-year rolling programme of rural housing needs surveys to identify areas of need in parishes across the county. Parishes will be surveyed to identify local needs for affordable housing. At our next meeting we will be considering whether we should ask that Chapmanslade be included in this exercise in the near future.

Next meeting

Our next meeting takes place on **Thursday 16th February** in Chapmanslade School. All residents are most welcome to come along and to tell us about their concerns or to offer suggestions about how we can improve our village. The agenda for the meeting will, as usual, be posted on the village notice board, which can be found by the entrance to the school.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENTS IN CHAPMANSLADE.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee is planning a number of what we hope will be memorable events for the weekend of 2nd and 3rd June. The events are designed to be of interest to people of all ages.

On Saturday 2nd June residents will be invited to hold garage sales. There will also be a garden frontage competition and a scarecrow competition. We will ask you to vote for your favourite gardens and scarecrows and also invite a "professional" to judge these competitions. The village hall will be open for refreshments and there will be a display of village memorabilia.

On Sunday 3rd June we will be hosting the Big Lunch, along with many other parishes and communities across the country. Ours will be a picnic and barbecue, with music by the Cleyhill Stompers and there will be a full range of activities for people of all ages, such as duck racing, pig racing, children's races, model tanks, a boules competition and a tug of war.

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which children's TV programme featured Bungle and Zippy?
- 2 Marie Rambert formed a company in which branch of entertainment?
- 3 Who was the first Labour Prime Minister?
- 4 What does the letter "A" stand for in SAS?
- 5 Which chocolate bar helped you "work, rest and play"?
- 6 What is the name of the current Downing Street cat?
- 7 Which is the longest river in France?
- 8 Who is the Queen's eldest grandson?
- 9 Who created the flying ace "Biggles"?
- 10 How is a "Denver Boot" also known?
- 11 Under what name did Leonard Slye ride across the screen?
- 12 Which song says "The words of the prophet are written on the subway wall?"

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Hopefully, we will be able to organise a village photograph, too. The bar will be open in the village hall.

We have lots of other ideas which we are still discussing; a poetry competition on a 'royal' theme, for example, and we are planning to give village children a commemorative coin. We are also looking into the possibility of planting commemorative trees along the village hall field boundary.

Further details of these events and entry forms for the competitions will appear in The Bridge over the coming months.

Do you have any suggestions that we have not thought about or would you like to volunteer to help organise some of these activities? If so, why not come and have a word with us at or next committee meeting which takes place at the **Three Horseshoes** at **7.15pm** on **Wednesday 8th February**?

Timothy Richards 1943 – 2011

We would like to thank everyone for all their kind messages and cards following the death of Tim, they have been very much appreciated at this sad time.

Jean, Sarah and Jonathan Richards

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Corsley Parish Council prepare for the icy woes of winter

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side roads for 1 application – so please don't expect ice free side roads throughout the winter. We will concentrate on providing supplies for some hills (not Fuzzy Lane as you can access areas without using this hill), and exits onto the A362 to prevent skidding off or onto the main road.

Last year we also requested further grit bins, 5 I believe, but we got 1; Wiltshire will not be providing any more. There is a lot that you can do on a self-help/neighbourly basis. Asda and Lidl both sell 10kg bags of grit for approx. £3.00 each. Using a small amount on strategic spots can make life a whole lot easier for pedestrians and motorists. I use a hand trowel to spread it, and you only need 1 or 2 grains placed in an area the size of standard envelope to produce a satisfactory effect. I used less than 2 bags last winter to keep drives, paths and a section of road and hill open last year.

Keep warm and safe.

*Malcolm Holley
Chair Corsley Parish Council*

Chapmanslade Loose Women

Thursday 9th February at 10.30am

Visit to **Dents Factory and Museum**, Warminster and then lunch at the Three Horseshoes (optional).

Contact Gill Macy on 01373 832830
gill@themaceys.co.uk

Cley Hill Stompers music and video night

The Cleyhill Stompers would like to thank the fantastic and enthusiastic audience who filled Chapmanslade Village Hall on December 28th for an evening of Skiffle and Rock'n Roll. The whole event was filmed by the Frome Video Club and a very special thanks goes to them for a brilliant end result. Thanks to all the efforts £325 was raised and shared between the Village Hall and Warminster MS society. The evening

was made complete by the lovely voice of Lou Knight even with the efforts of the 'Stompers' as backing singers!

To see the results of the filming log on to youtube and type in 'cleyhill stompers' - you are sure to be entertained.

For more info about the Cleyhill Stompers contact Budgie on 01373 832080.



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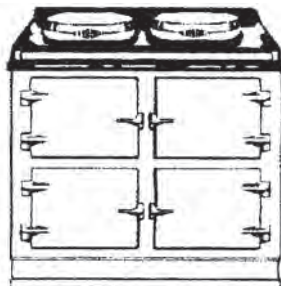


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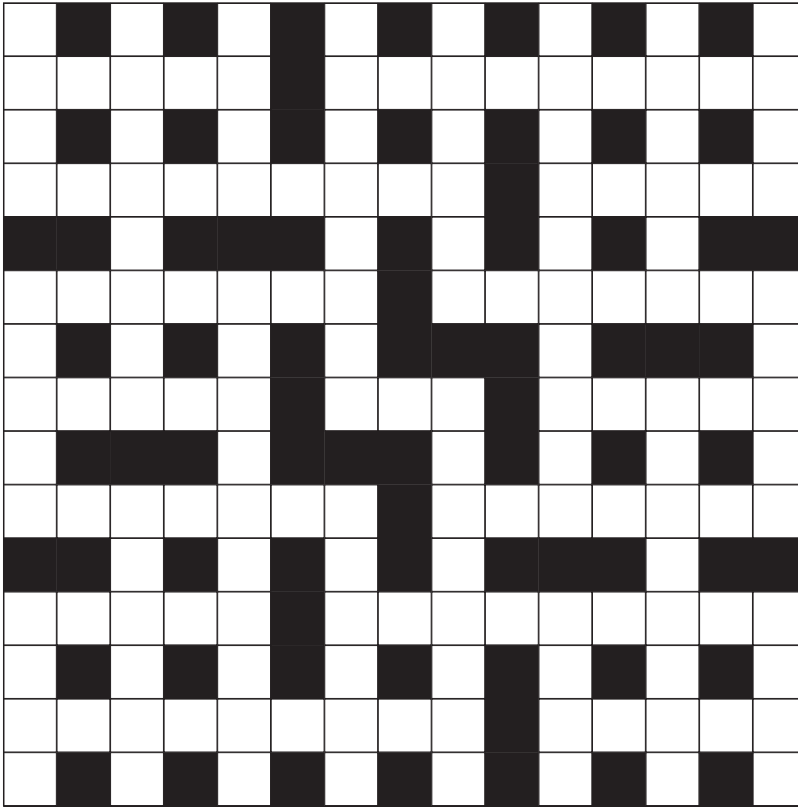
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Doodle pad

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Clues across

- 9 Serve up a work of poetry? (5)
- 10 Practicing boneshaker? (9)
- 11 Shows the way to thank goodness, perhaps? (6,3)
- 12 Little William can, down under (5)
- 13 Unloading makes the boat less laden (7)
- 15 Obscure oval where 100 replaces 50 (7)
- 17 Main course that Kate's ordered (5)
- 18 From which a lintel may be made? (3)
- 20 Mistakenly refine pointlessly and thereby conclude! (5)
- 22 The French point once arranged to cover up? (7)
- 25 Disgrace Ed raged about (7)
- 26 Committee decides Shakespeare's all about nothing! (5)
- 27 Achieving real trade - in oils perhaps! (3,6)
- 30 Apparently put off a fellow, but cleanly (9)
- 31 Negotiate lease for Picasso, maybe? (5)

Clues down

- 1 Ended in impoverished manner (4)
- 2 Start playing rug polo before the end of June (8)
- 3 Hand over for planting, reportedly (4)
- 4 Bully captures millennium trade (8)
- 5 Important diet for fixing? (6)
- 6 Crooked pilot overturns bling for star status (3,7)
- 7 Opinion poll reportedly taken at speed (6)
- 8 William Henry Edward Young initially despised by cheese maker (4)
- 13 Fabric that I sell bizarrely (5)
- 14 Ordained to do as you're told! (4,6)
- 16 Nest is spooky, reportedly (5)
- 19 Consider a different time in an alternative date? (8)
- 21 Not so much afraid as brave! (8)
- 23 Pure, though pursued, reportedly (6)
- 24 Gloss over the French name (6)
- 26 Wait! I'd be around.... (4)
- 28 All square from the revenue earned (4)
- 29 Routine for Q&EI? It's what she does! (4)

Corsley Show

Schedule Coordinator needed now!

We are still looking for a Schedule Coordinator – please don't make me do it! Someone with a marketing background would be ideal. The hard work needs to be done between now and April and should all be over by the time the Schedule is printed in June.

Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting in November. The meeting heard that we made a profit of £6,280 and it was agreed that we should give away £1,700 in donations.

We are putting £1,000 towards the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations being overseen by Corsley Parish Council in June; we donated £250 to Little Cuckoos Pre-School; £250 to Corsley Festival Choir and £200 to Corsley Memorial Playing Field.

The 2012 Committee is as follows:

President	Val Sandoe
Chairman	Hedley Hares
Vice-Chairman	Michael Taylor
Field Coordinator	Neil Britten
Membership Secretary	Maz Moldon
Trade Stands Manager	Rob White
Horticulture Chairman	
& Website Manager	Fraser Mills
Dog Show Chairman	Wendy Miller
Horse Show Chairman	Clare Bayman
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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for all the cards and kind messages I received during my recent 'incapacitation'. All is well now and I am grateful for your prayers which have been a wonderful aid to my recovery.

As February dawns, the season of Epiphany has come to an end, and the church turns its attention to Lent and to Easter. I like to think of Lent as a special, God-given time in which we are able to reflect on our relationship with God and with the wider Christian community. Listening and learning together is a traditional 'Lenten' activity and there will be opportunities to do this in our respective parishes. There will be 'Lent Lunches', the proceeds of which will be given to WaterAid. There will be discussion meetings of various types, and I hope there will be something which appeals to you all, whether food for the body or food for the soul!

Dates for your diaries

22nd February Eucharist (Ash Wednesday) 11.00 at St. Margaret's

Lent Lunch at the Reading Room

7th March Lent Lunch at Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade

21st March Lent Lunch at Manor Farm, Corsley

28th February Talk – 'Exploring the World' – young church members share their travel stories!

13th or 14th March Talk – 'Faith and Work' with Heather Skull (from BBC Wiltshire)

27th or 28th March Talk – 'Faith and Work' with Dennis Barnard

Please check posters for details of venues and times.

As we look for signs of spring and new growth in the world around us, may Lent be a time of growth for us as individuals and as a community.

Every blessing

Norma Payne

February Church Diary

Wednesday 1st February

**7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley Parochial Church Council
Secretary — Phil Jefferson on 832845**



Saturday 4th February

**10.00am at Corsley Reading Rooms
Coffee followed by Snowdrop Walk—plan to finish at 12 noon
All welcome – including well behaved dogs! Donations for church funds
Further details — Judith Helliard on 832803**



Sunday 5th February

Third Sunday before Lent

**9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist**



Tuesday 7th February

**10.30 'Time to Think' discussion group
For details please contact Phil on 832845**



Wednesday 8th February

**7.30pm 'Too Good Not to Share'
For details contact either Pete or Jane on 832479**



Sunday 12th February

Second Sunday before Lent

**9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade
Family Eucharist Service and Sunday Club**

11.00am at St Mary's, Corsley Matins



Tuesday 14th February

**7.30pm After Alpha discussion group
For details please contact Richard on 832594**

Wednesday 15th February
7.30pm 'Too Good Not to Share'
For details contact either Pete or Jane on 832479



Sunday 19th February
Sunday next before Lent
9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade
Eucharist



Tuesday 21st February
10.30 'Time to Think' discussion group
For details please contact Phil on 832845



Wednesday 22nd February
Ash Wednesday
11.00am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist Service for Ash Wednesday
followed by Soup and Ploughman's Lent Lunch
12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Room.
For details please contact Pat on 832650

7.30pm 'Too Good Not to Share'
For details contact either Pete or Jane on 832479



Sunday 26th February
First Sunday of Lent
9.00am at St Mary's, Temple Holy Communion 1662
10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley Family Parish Service



Tuesday 28th February
7.30pm Lent Talk at St Margaret's, Corsley – Exploring our World - Norway, Iceland and India. For details please contact Phil on 832845



Sunday 4th March
Second Sunday of Lent
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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Fundraising Events for your diary

Saturday 19th May

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Saturday 7th July

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29th August

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Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wow – a bit later than anticipated, but the disabled toilet is now finished – it is wonderful asset to the hall. Improvements have also been made to the entrance enabling easier access for wheelchairs. The upgrade to the main toilets will take place in due course – watch this space...

We were pleased to welcome the Cleyhill Stompers to the hall at the end of December. A very lively and enjoyable evening – we wish them success. Lou Knight also came along to sing for us. Bar takings and donations were split with £160 going to village hall funds and the rest to Wessex MS Therapy Centre – a charity supported by many in Chapmanslade.

Coming up this year – a ‘musical panto’ in February, Shebeen performing live on Saturday 10th March, AGM on 10th April, Jubilee celebrations in June, Howden-Jones concert in September, and more – look out for further details elsewhere in this magazine and in the coming months.

Chapmanslade Loose Women

The meeting on 1st March will be an evening visit to Champneys in Bath, 6-8pm, cost £15.

All ladies welcome (but numbers limited!)

For further details contact Carol on
01373 832875

Corsley WI



The President Judith Helliar welcomed members to the meeting which had been delayed due to an electricity cut. We all sat snug in our winter woollies and were delighted when power was restored as promised just after 3.30pm.

We were sad to learn of the death of Peggotty Jesse who had been an active member of our WI for many years - we sat for a few moments in silence remembering her.

Events to look forward to in the future include a trip to Floriade in Holland 10-13th May, an Introduction to Digital Photography at West Ashton on the 15th of March, a visit to Chricklade on the 19th of April and the Jubilee Garden Party on the 7th of June. More information on these events will be available at meetings and don't forget the farm visit to Hight House Farm on the 23rd of February 10.30 - 12.30.

The first outing of the Lunch Club will be to the Poplars at Wingfield on the 31st of January. This club has been going for many years and is open to anyone who would like to come. It is always on the last Tuesday of the month and we assemble at the chosen pub at 12 - 12.30. The Gardening Club will be going to Lakeside Garden Centre in

February 7.00pm. Again this is open to any gardeners and friends and we meet on the third Wednesday of the month. There will be a programme planning meeting at the home of Hilary Vallis on the 5th of March 2.30pm.

We have had some of our meetings in the afternoon recently and in February afternoon meeting there is to be a ballot to see if members would like this extended to include March and October.

Our speaker Mrs Margaret Binney was then introduced and explained to us just what Encaustic Art was about. This is a method of using wax and small irons (like a travelling iron) to make picture. The final effect is very vibrant and colourful and can produce some very attractive results. Many members had a go and were quite thrilled with their efforts. Margaret was thanked very warmly by Catherine Fricker.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th of February and will be a talk by Eve Tigwell on camping in Botswana, and will be an open meeting. The competition will be for a bird in any medium. The Hilda Guy Arts & Craft competition for a cushion will be judged.

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Corsley Neighbourhood Watch

First let me introduce myself to those of you who I do not know and who have never heard of me. I am Mike Bird, I have been a resident in Corsley for approximately 12 years now. I live with my wife at Culver House in Lyes Green. I would like before I go any further to pay tribute to Robin Chapman, who has been the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the last 24 + years. He has done a tremendous job as the coordinator and I hope I can fulfil the same role with equal commitment and dedication.

Robin Chapman has introduced me our 2 PCSO and I have had a long chat to both of them. They are keen to hear from any one who has an issue or a concern to discuss. Both were keen to stress the need to be good neighbours for the areas we live in and keep our eyes open to unusual events close to where we all live. It may as simple as noting down an unusual vehicle registration in case you hear later that something has happened. Our PCSO can trace the owner of the vehicle and find out the purpose of their visit. They stress it is about awareness of what is happening in your area and keeping a brief note of what you have seen.

There are 2 telephone numbers to ring in the event of an incident. The first is 101. You should ring this number if an incident has already happened and there is little to be done other than record that it happened and what has happened. The other is 999. You should ring this number if the event is happening as you see it and is ongoing. The Police will do their best to respond at once. If it is difficult to decide which number to ring then ring 999 and talk with the operator and describe what you have seen. They have also stressed that you should not

get involved physically – let the Police do that – they are trained to respond when such events are taking place.

Finally I have had an e-mail from our support team to tell me that there is an e-mail scam that has just started and is ongoing. The text is below...

Information has been received from the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network concerning a website purporting to be neighbourhood watch. The website is called www.nhwo.co.uk <<http://www.nhwo.co.uk/>> and was launched on 14 December 2011.

The website is not supported by, nor has links to, the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network. The marketing of the site is pitched to NHW members to register their scheme and obtain membership resources. They are marketing a coordinators pack' at £39.99 which includes 2 street signs, stickers and a high visibility vest with Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator on the back. There is no mention of good practice; partnership working with the local police service or insurances.

Concern has been expressed over the lack of coordination of the schemes; the possible misuse of the high visibility vest and the gathering of personal details including banking details from those who have signed up to the site and purchased materials. People should not divulge their personal and banking details to any one. If you have been contacted, say no, do not divulge any of your Personal details and finally let me know.

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Chapmanslade's Loose Women

With the start of a new year I thought it might be time to write again about the Loose Women's Group so that anyone new to the two villages can get to know what it has to offer.

The group formed when Chapmanslade WI closed in March 2003. The idea was for an informal group – a loose association – with no officers, no bank account or management structure. The purpose of meetings would be social above all and there would be no membership fees and no membership list – we would advertise the monthly meetings in The Bridge and women from Chapmanslade and Corsley, or those with close connections, eg had lived in the villages before moving into town, were welcome to come. We had a planning meeting early on and suggestions were made about things we could do like visits to the theatre and walks, to vary meeting in homes. We were not sure if having no programmes secretary would work – we rely on ideas from individuals about possible speakers, outings, social evenings and also offers of homes in which to meet. However, we have managed to keep going successfully in this loose way for nine years!

Numbers attending home meetings vary from about 6 to 16 – it can be a squash in the average sitting room if there are as many as 16 but no one has passed out yet. Trips out can attract more. Because of meeting mainly in each other's houses there has to be the restriction on numbers that advertising meetings only within the two villages gives. We don't want to meet in the hall because we value the intimate feel that

each other's homes gives. But that does mean we can't afford to expand the group too wide.

During the past year we have had a scrabble evening, been entertained by a poet, visited a garden, the theatre, had a talk on hypnotherapy, enjoyed quizzes and social evenings.

At our New Year meal at The Three Horseshoes this January we roughed out an excellent and varied programme for 2012. February's meeting will be a trip to Dents Factory in Warminster. Usually we meet in the evening on the first Thursday of the month, but just to confuse you the Dents visit will be 10.30, the morning of the second Thursday in February, which is 9th Feb! Please give Gill Macey a ring if you are interested on 832830.

So to sum up – it is a loose group with no leaders – we can never take ourselves for granted – the future depends on the willingness of someone to take a month and fix a talk or a trip, or equally enjoyable, time at their house to chat.

Look out for a paragraph in The Bridge giving details of the month's meeting. If there is something that appeals please come. There is no commitment to coming every month. The cost of trips out varies according to what it is, obviously. Sometimes we need a donation for a speaker; often the home evenings are free. If you would like to be on the Loose Women's email circulation list let me know on (susan.waterman@blueyonder.co.uk)

Sue Waterman
01373 832428



News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

This month the children have been enjoying the tale of The Gingerbread Man. Baking yummy gingerbread men themselves, making pictures of gingerbread men for their wall display and have had great fun acting out their version of the story with fantastic renditions of 'Run, run as fast as you can..!'

The children are just starting to learn all about princesses, there's lots of dressing up and storing telling to be told!

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New year, new banner

The Reverend K. Sobey dedicated our lovely new banner to the Lord on 22nd January and preached on its symbolism.

The banner's background fabric is a deep rich red. A large central cross, embroidered in gold, divides the banner into quarters and these contain praying hands, an open Bible, the Good Shepherd and an angel. The wording at the top of the banner is 'Christ is Lord' and at the bottom 'Whitbourne Baptist Chapel 1811'.

The names of the ladies who helped Pauline Fleming embroider the banner are Fiona Johnston, Gay Maynard and Lyn Mills. We are all very grateful for such a beautiful addition to the Chapel.

A great Christian

William Carey 1761–1834

Part 2 – the move to India

In 1783 William Carey became attracted to the Baptist church viewpoint, was baptized

by immersion, and formally joined that denomination. A few years later he raised the question whether it was the duty of Christians to spread the Gospel throughout the world and was rebuffed by senior ministers.

In 1789 he became the pastor of a small Baptist congregation in Leicester. However, increasingly, he felt the call of God to serve Him overseas, and in 1793 Carey and his family left for India despite misgivings and some disagreements. They landed in Calcutta, seven months later, in November 1793, after an exceedingly difficult journey.

In order to support the family, Carey took work in an indigo factory and learned Bengali. During the next six years while he worked there, he translated the New Testament into that language. Sadly, a son died of dysentery causing Dorothy to suffer a nervous breakdown.(...to be continued)

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Rainfall for 2011 in Corsley

The rainfall is read daily at HILL RISING (0900 in winter and 1000 during summer time) and the measurements are forwarded at the end of each month to the Environment Agency (Southwest Region) and on to the MET OFFICE. The Environment Agency uses the readings for flood defence operations and general water resource management. The MET OFFICE uses them to record the climate of the UK for future generations. Recent information from the MET OFFICE indicates that, in this area, the rainfall from November 2010 – October 2011 is between 75% to 85% of the average rainfall from 1971 to 2000.

January	96.9 mm
February	59.0 mm
March	19.7 mm
April	6.7 mm
May	36.7 mm
June	110.7 mm
July	52.9 mm
August	79.0 mm
September	38.4 mm
October	50.4 mm
November	42.1 mm
December	85.1 mm
	677.6 mm (26.67 inches)

2006	857.8 mm
2007	923.8 mm
2008	918.5 mm
2009	826.8 mm
2010	649.4 mm
2011	677.6 mm

Average annual rainfall 2006 – 2011 is
809 mm (31.8 inches)

Shirley Chapman
Voluntary Rainfall Observer for Corsley
01373 832378

ELIZABETHAN EVENING FOR 2012

YE GADS, YOUR POOR
SCRIBE WAS FED DUFF
INFORMATION, AND IN
ALL INNOCENCE PASSED
IT ON TO YOU, THE
ASSEMBLED MULTITUDE
OF LOYAL ATTENDEES.

THE PLAY THIS YEAR IS
NOT PERICLES, BUT IT
WILL BE;

AS YOU LIKE IT

IF ANYTHING, AN EVEN
MORE RUMBUSTIOUS
TALE OF DO'S BEING
DARINGLY DONE,
DEAD DEER, DISPOSED
DUKES, DESPERATE
DAUGHTERS AND
DECIDEDLY DODGY,
AND DOGGEDLY
DETERMINED MALE
WRESTLING.

WHAT MORE CAN WE SAY
- BUT KEEP THE EVENING
OF JUNE 16TH CLEAR
IN YOUR DIARIES FOR
ATTENDANCE AT THIS
EVENT OF EPIC AND
EPICUREAN MYSTERY
AND MARVELS AT
MANOR FARM, CORSLEY

Sir 'tain Disappoints 'ween the Sheets

Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Well what an amazing year for the playing field!

Since winning our Lottery bid last December we have made substantial investments in the Playing Field completing most of the work in March and having the official opening in June. The refurbishment of the pavilion over the winter will improve access and refresh the facilities. More importantly we have brought lots of people of all ages back to the playing field either helping to carry out the work or enjoying the new facilities.

With the new cricket wicket, Roy and Fred have started a junior cricket club which has been a great success with over 40 children and parents coming along on a Thursday evening and some of those playing for the adult team in matches. I want to thank them and the rest of the folks who have supported the cricket for their efforts. All those playing cricket will be pleased to know that in September I secured a grant to buy a new cricket practice net. We have also purchased some new adult equipment to go with the Lord's Taverner's equipment we obtained for the junior players.

The new tennis wall and the other play equipment has all proved to be a great success and I would like to thank those who supported us through the sometimes challenging application and planning stages.

The now annual Children's Sports Extravaganza was held in perfect weather, the day after Corsley Show, and had 75 children attend. It was an even bigger success than last year. We are already planning next year's so please get the date in your diary.

Moving forward we will need to start planning fund-raising again to pay for the insurance and other running costs that

comes with these grants and having lots of new equipment. We hope that everyone will come along to these and ensure we can continue to provide this great resource to the village.

On this note, can I remind all villagers that the contents of their Thursday black recycle boxes, that's paper, tins and glass, can all be put in the recycling bins at the Royal Oak and the money raised from these bins all goes to the Playing Field. This year we raised around £140, enough to pay for all the diesel needed to keep the grass cut at the field. If I could encourage those who do not recycle at the Oak already to do so, please. It costs you nothing and is a real help to the Playing Field.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Trustees for their support and effort over the last year, especially Marion and Barbara who have had to deal with all the paperwork and invoices that come from spending over £80,000.

National Libraries Day

Saturday 4th February
Drop-in craft activity for children at
Warminster Library, 10am - 3.30pm

Design a Valentine's Card to give to someone special. Who will you give yours to? Mum, Dad, your favourite librarian?

Whilst children get crafty, adults might like to update their membership, hire a DVD, get on-line, find out about e-books, take out an energy monitor, relax with a magazine, browse and be amazed. Love your Library and borrow 12 items !

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80p PER ITEM (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

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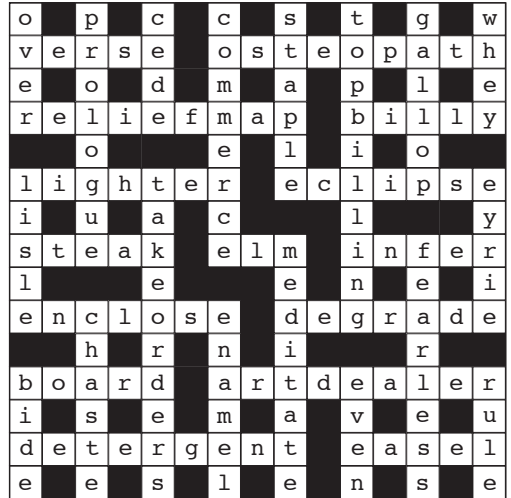
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- 1 Rainbow
- 2 Ballet
- 3 Ramsay MacDonald
- 4 Air
- 5 Mars bar
- 6 Larry
- 7 Loire (634 miles long)
- 8 Peter Phillips
- 9 Captain W E Johns
- 10 Wheel clamp
- 11 Roy Rogers
- 12 The Sound of Silence

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Local organisation adverts

£2.00 per month for a small boxed advert. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barbers 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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Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

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