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# The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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## From the Editor

Sincere apologies to anyone who submitted articles for this edition to Barbers Plant Centre – one thing and another (including the weather!) prevented me from picking them up.

Viv Thomas  
Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at [viv.thomas146@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.thomas146@btinternet.com)

or take them to either

Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or  
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley.

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**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**

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## February

### Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 7th

Chapmanslade Loose Women - 'The stars at night' – 7.30, Sheila Daniell's home

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### Saturday 9th

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

Silent Auction – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Tuesday 12th

Pancake Party – 3.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 14th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Monday 18th

Lent Talk by the Dean of Salisbury – 7.00pm, Kingston Deverill Village Hall

### Tuesday 19th

Lent Talk by the Bishop of Ramsbury – 7.00pm, Kingston Deverill Village Hall

### Wednesday 20th

Lent Lunch – 12.30 - 2.00, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

## March

### Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Race Night Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Tuesday 5th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 6th

Lent Lunch – 12.30 - 2.00pm, Manor Farm Corsley



# Diary Dates

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## **Thursday 7th**

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Chapmanslade Loose Women - Talk on Shiatsu – 7.30, Caroline Dales's home

## **Saturday 9th**

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

Shebeen at Chapmanslade Village Hall – 7.30pm

## **Thursday 14th**

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

## **Friday 19th**

Afternoon Tea and Talk – 3.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Wednesday 20th**

Lent Lunch – 12.30 - 2.00pm, Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Avon Cottage, Lower Woodford – 2.30pm

## **Friday 22nd**

Irish Night – 7.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Wednesday 30th**

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

## **April**

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 4th**

Chapmanslade Loose Women

### **Saturday 6th**

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### **Thursday 11th**

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Saturday 13th**

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

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**Saturday 17th**

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Annual Parochial Church meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

**Thursday 18th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

**Saturday 20th**

Light Bites - Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

Quiz Night – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

**May****Thursday 2nd**

Chapmanslade Loose Women

**Saturday 4th**

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

**Tuesday 7th**

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

**Thursday 9th**

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

**Wednesday 15th**

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Larmer Tree Gardens – 2.30pm

**Saturday 18th**

May Fayre and Bargains in the Barn – 2.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

**Wednesday 20th**

Light Bites - Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

**June****Saturday 1st**

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

**Thursday 6th**

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30

**Thursday 8th**

Elizabethan Evening – The Comedy of Errors – Manor Farm, Corsley

**Sunday 23rd**

Barbeque – Chapmanslade Village Hall

**Wednesday 20th**

Light Bites - Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

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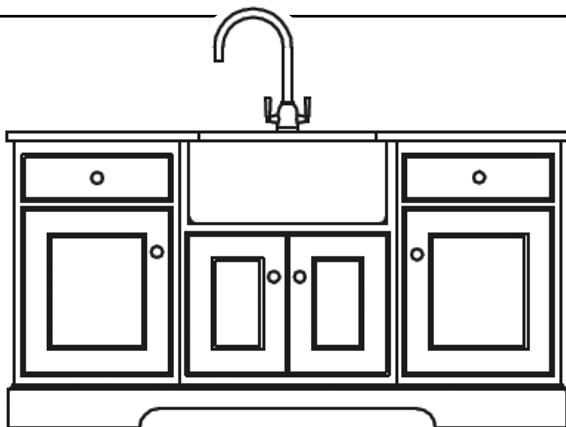
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# Corsley Parish Council Clerk Vacancy

After 15 years as Parish Clerk Sally Evans will be relinquishing the position at the end of April and we need someone to replace her.

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The workload fluctuates but on average will not amount to more than 2-3 hours a week and the current salary is £1100 a year. Any one interested in applying would need to have access to the internet and be prepared to attend evening meetings at the Reading Rooms, usually no more than nine a year.

This is an important position for the functioning of the Parish Council and would be of interest to any one who would like to become more involved in the work of the parish.

For further information please contact me on 832212 (or the Vice Chairman Neil Britten on 832515) or alternatively e-mail me on [m.holley@bath.ac.uk](mailto:m.holley@bath.ac.uk) or [Neil.Britten@btinternet.com](mailto:Neil.Britten@btinternet.com)

*Malcolm Holley*  
Chairman of Corsley Parish Council



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Saturday 9th February

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# Piano Exam Success

The following pupils of Debbie Rickhuss have achieved Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music exam qualifications.

Johanna Dopheide	Prep Grade
Naomi Watson	Grade 1
Caspar Berridge	Grade 1
Bella Wolsey	Grade 1
Xanthe Gash	Grade 2 (with merit)
Sam Abel	Grade 3 (with distinction)
Valerie Williams	Grade 3

Many congratulations to you all!

*Debbie Rickhuss*  
01373 832829

# Corsley WI

## January News

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Dairy Farming around the World was the title of the talk given by local dairy farmer David Helliard at the January meeting of Corsley WI.

David's dairy farm started over twenty years ago with a herd of 120 cows which has now grown to 400 and he was fortunate to be given an award last year through the Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust to go overseas to learn about farming in other countries. Members and visitors enjoyed hearing about David's visits to Wisconsin, Tasmania, New Zealand and Chile during his educational travels. David told us that in Wisconsin, the average herd consists of 100 cows, bigger units have 400 but some are very large with 2000 cows which are kept inside all year. By using an innovative rotary milking system, 80 cows can be milked at once with very little manpower. In New Zealand where cows are kept outside they may need to walk long distances from their grazing to the milking parlours, up to 1.5km each way, twice a day, so the herd



needs to be no bigger than about 900 with dairy buildings in the centre of the farm for convenience.

Extremes of temperatures are challenging conditions for dairy farmers and mean that cows are usually kept in barns, with or without covered sides, sometimes all year round, under shelter from either burning sun or freezing cold or wet weather depending on the climate. David showed us his pictures of the various farms and surrounding

### Activities open to everyone

Coffee Morning	5th Feb, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	For details please contact Pauline on 01985 215760
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, at Corsley Reading Room. Beginners welcome.

countryside he had visited and we saw how some American farms have even been turned into visitor educational attractions, with glass screened viewing areas of the varying stages of calving!. A warm vote of thanks was given by Charlotte Beswick for a very interesting talk.

The competition for a travel souvenir was won by Caroline Higham, with Hilary Vallis second and Charlotte Beswick third.

Pat Siderfin and Caroline Higham gave reports on their recent visits to Denman College. Pat took a weekend course on singing and Caroline learnt about the treasures of the Ashmolean including a visit

to the museum in Oxford. Both enthused about their time in the beautiful country house which is Denman College and urged members to book a visit for a most enjoyable experience.

At the next meeting on **14th February at 2.30pm**: Flo Broughton from 'Choc on Choc' will give a talk on How to Make Chocolate and there will be chocolates for sale after the meeting. The Hilda Guy Arts and Crafts Cup will be awarded for the best home handcrafted Valentine's Card.

If you would like to join our WI, please contact Carol on 01373 832446 or come to the meeting in Corsley Reading Room.

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## **Corsley Gardening Club Programme of Events**

We look forward to a return visit from Derek Aldred on the 20th February at the Reading Room, 2.30pm.

On March 20th we will be having a private visit to Avon Cottage, Lower Woodford – assembling at 2.30pm. This will be our first outside visit of the season; we are all looking forward to seeing spring flowers – why not join us!

David Moon from Frome will be giving us a slide show on the 17th April in the

Reading Room at 2.30pm. Word has it that this will be well worth seeing.

Our last event on the 2012/2013 programme is a visit to the Larmer Tree Gardens, near Tollard Royal on the 15th May at 2.30pm.

For further information about any of these events please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215750 or Hilary Vallis on 01373 471183.

# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Pongo and Perdita appear in which canine film?
- 2 Who composed the opera "The Marriage of Figaro"?
- 3 Which of the four main Channel Islands is the smallest?
- 4 What colour is sepia?
- 5 What is the only English anagram of 'English'?
- 6 If you suffer from bulimia, what do you have a compulsive urge to do?
- 7 What does the 'E' stand for in E Numbers?
- 8 In Peter Pan, what part of Peter was kept in a drawer?
- 9 Which word can describe a listening device, an insect and an illness?
- 10 Which children's game is played on the fingers with looped string?
- 11 Cranwell trains cadets for which of the armed forces?
- 12 In a single calendar year, which two consecutive months total most days?

Answers on page 44

## *An evening of traditional Irish music and dancing*

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Friday 22nd March  
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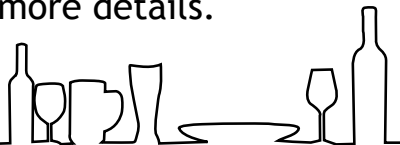
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## We are changing our day!

An early reminder for you, we are changing the week we hold our Light Bites Lunches; **from April** we will be having our lunches on the **4th Wednesday of each month**. Please also note that this year we will be having our Summer break in July and August.

Keep an eye out on the 'What's On' pages of The Bridge for confirmation of the dates.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in all sorts of ways over the last year and hope you all enjoyed your lunches. Many thanks to the Reading Rooms for their continuing hospitality.

These are some of the charities that have benefitted from your generous contributions of over £700;

Warminster Food Bank

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Children's Society.

If you have not yet come to our lunches, why not come along and enjoy not only a bowl or two of homemade soup with bread and cheese.

We make no charge for our lunches but donations are welcome.

*Happy and healthy New Year from  
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## Lent Lunches

**Wednesday 20th February**

12.30 – 2.00pm

Corsley Reading Room

**Wednesday 6th March**

12.30 – 2.00pm

Manor Farm Corsley

**Wednesday 20th March**

12.30 – 2.00pm

Black Dog Farm Chapmanslade

*Do come along and join us –  
and tell your friends and neighbours*

## Litter pickers

### Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 9th 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  
01373 832845*

### Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 2nd February – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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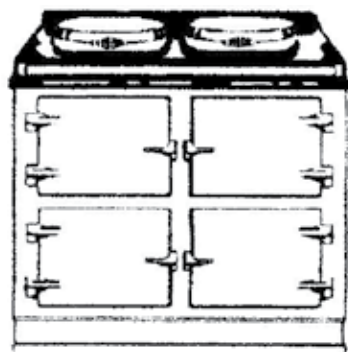


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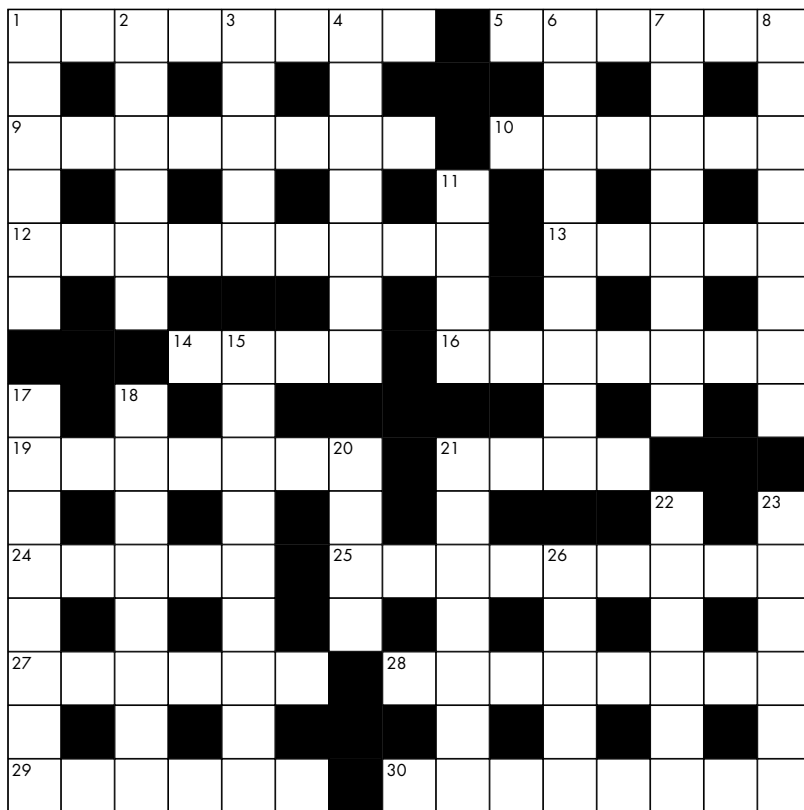
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## Clues across

- 1 Hymn to cause laughter, reportedly (8)
- 5 Rock – not you, it's said – is more courageous (6)
- 9 Give kitty a grooming, dead centre (8)
- 10 Teach 50 about the cabin (6)
- 12 Can lapsed disposition be Turner's forte? (8)
- 13 Correct lead for the southpaw (5)
- 14 Region where sea air's a non starter? (4)
- 16 Ordered no items to be wet! (7)
- 19 Stark revelation in stage production of Faust, erewhile (7)
- 21 Colliery's different appearance? (4)
- 24 Assemble a mother ship? (5)
- 25 In phase more logically with visible communication (9)
- 27 Habit is only a pointless, flamboyant costume! (6)
- 28 Proclaim a double pointed snow leopard? (8)
- 29 In Basildon, a teacher will contribute (6)
- 30 Oddly, the crone (normally cackling) is lucid (8)

## Clues down

- 1 Guffaw at gateau having 150 ingredients (6)
- 2 Cannot, in good grace, content oneself with observing (6)
- 3 Peculiar cousin loses nothing but aural component (5)
- 4 Refreshes Madeline excitedly, if pointlessly (7)
- 6 Apart from that, it's how she wore it! (9)
- 7 Representative to pass on the work (8)
- 8 Whirling appraisal about Old Testament (8)
- 11 Meet up and fill completely (4)
- 15 Pass by above fire? (9)
- 17 Level headed as a tightrope walker! (8)
- 18 Two donkeys in the sights of the hit man? (8)
- 20 Which way to go from a Swansea starting point? (4)
- 21 Souvenir of a minute round about 10? (7)
- 22 Botham's first lightweight rebound? (6)
- 23 It concerns US currency, not long ago! (6)
- 26 Who writes so well? Not amateurs, reportedly (5)

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## **And what can you expect from the organisation committee of excellence this year?**

Chef White will undoubtedly conjure up a meal without equal in the various vats and cauldrons of Corsley's kitchens, not so much Michelin stared but more Michelin shaped. I already espy a worried look in the eyes of the wild boar and deer that inhabit

our environs as Chef White gauges how many portions he might get out of their hind quarters.

Our legendary foreplay will be greatly enhanced and possibly prolonged by the arrival of two new nymphets who have joined the committee this year. The casting and choreography this year will be led by the Mysterious Maestro of Malapropism and (Unproven) Malpractice.

And if that's not enough excitement, the ticket and meal prices will remain the same as last year. "What Ho! Pip"

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For further details please contact Sandra Whatley on 01373 832202.

## Men needed!

Gentlemen it's time to dust off your rackets! How about joining the Corsley Tennis Club's Men's league team. Good competitive tennis in a social environment. If interested please contact Jenny Bishop on 01373 832834.

## Working party

During February Peter Baxter, who's in charge of court maintenance, will be looking for volunteers to help clear and clean the single court. If you are able to lend a hand please ring Peter on 01985 300359.

*Sonia Glenn*

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# Church Electoral Roll

This year, under Church of England rules, we are required to produce a new Roll and complete new application forms. All this has to be done before our Annual Meeting in April.

The Electoral Roll is the formal list of members of the Church, who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. There are eligibility requirements but most baptised worshippers over the age of 16 will be eligible.

It is important to us that everyone who is eligible, joins the Roll in order that the membership be truly representative of the Parish. It is also valuable because it helps the clergy team to keep in touch with

our scattered congregation and to offer appropriate pastoral care.

Accordingly we wish to strongly encourage new members to join and we will be contacting all existing members, providing them with application forms. These will also be available in the churches, from members of the clergy team and from me.

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# Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

February sees the beginning of Lent, the period of the Church's year that leads up to Easter. For many these days, this is of little significance save for the tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins. As Lent was a time of penitence and fasting, food that couldn't be stored, had to be used before the season began. It is interesting fact, but one often forgotten, that much of our cultural heritage has its roots in Christianity. How far those connections are recognised or relevant today is a subject worthy of debate!

Lent, so called because of the lengthening of the days, was observed as a time of preparation for the great festival of Easter. There was a deliberately penitential feel to the forty days, which were used by Christians to examine their relationship with God and neighbour and where necessary to do something about any shortcomings. Often, there was an emphasis on 'giving something up' so that others less fortunate might benefit. Alternatively, in recent years, the focus has shifted to 'taking something on' so that others might benefit. The weeks of Lent have traditionally been used to give attention to our relationship with God through study and prayer, either individually or with others.

I encourage you to consider attending the Lent Talks, groups or Lunches that will take place across the benefice. Our shared fellowship on such occasions is an important aspect of our journeying together as we prepare for Easter. You may like to set aside a time for reading or reflection - there is a wealth of helpful material to choose from! It is good to make something about the season of Lent different from the rest of the year.

May the weeks of Lent, however you mark them, be good preparation for Easter!

Norma Payne

# **February Church Diary**

**Sunday 3rd February: Presentation of Christ**

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



**Tuesday 5th February**

**Time to Think – 10.30am at 4 Southcroft Drive  
details from Phil on 832845**



**Saturday 9th February**

**Silent Auction**

**7.30pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 (to include supper)  
from Phil on 832845, Dennis on 832222 and Stella on 832230**



**Sunday 10th February: Sunday before Lent**

**9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade  
Family Eucharist**

**11am at St Mary's, Temple  
Matins**



**Tuesday 12th February**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – 3.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms  
details from Di 832515**

**After Alpha Group – 7.30pm – details from Richard on 832594**



**Wednesday 13th February: Ash Wednesday**

**10.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill  
Benefice Ash Wednesday service**



**Sunday 17th February: Lent 1**  
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade  
Eucharist



**Tuesday 19th February**  
Time to Think – 10.30am at 116 High Street, Chapmanslade  
details from Phil on 832845

7pm at Kingston Deverill village hall  
Lent talk by Rt Rev Edward Condry, the Bishop of Ramsbury. Admission is free but tickets are required (available from Churchwardens) to assist with the numbers for catering.



**Wednesday 20th February**  
Lent Lunch – 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms  
details from Pat on 832650



**Thursday 21st February**  
Church and Community Coffee Morning – from 10am  
Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



**Sunday 24th February: Lent 2**  
9am at St Mary's, Temple  
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Parish Family Worship



**Tuesday 26th February**  
After Alpha Group – 7.30pm – details from Richard on 832594



**Sunday 3rd March: Lent 3**  
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
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## Church Events for your diary

### Lent Lunches and Talks

Our first Lent talk will be on Tuesday 19th February at Kingston Deverill village hall and the speaker will be the Rt Rev Edward Condry, the Bishop of Ramsbury Tickets are required so that we can cater for the correct number but there is no charge! There will be a Lent Lunch on 20th February at the Reading Rooms, and another on 6th March at Manor Farm, Corsley. Our second Lent talk will be on Monday 18th March at Longbridge Deverill and the speaker will be the Rev June Osborne, the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral. Our final Lent Lunch will be on 20th March at Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade. All most welcome to all of these events.

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# Countryside Matters

“February fill dyke” – a country saying suggesting rain fills up the ditches, but as we seem to have had rain since April/May 2012, I think it’s time that the rain stopped!

As I write this on 17th January, we are threatened with up to 10” of snow in the next 24 hours. Certainly some parts of the UK have already had plenty, especially the North East of England. (*We didn’t have quite that much, but it was enough! Ed*).

Most of the cattle are indoors now. Some of the large covered silage bays have been emptied and make comfortable loose housing for cows.

Farmers with sheep due to lamb will also have moved their livestock indoors. Here they can check that the ewes are well and the lambs born where there is light and cover can be cared for much more easily.

Bad weather, especially snow, causes many headaches in the countryside. The safety of children getting to school, people getting to work and shops, and important gatherings such as weddings, funerals and medical appointments are all made more problematic. On farms we need to make sure the diesel is delivered to keep machinery moving; we also need regular deliveries of foodstuffs, sand and sawdust for bedding; and, of course, the daily collection of milk by the tankers.

Keeping the lanes free of snow to enable transport to move reasonably freely is the responsibility of the local Highways Authority, but the task often falls to local farmers to help with clearing lanes when the Authority is looking after the major roads.

February usually brings us the cheer of snowdrops flowering freely on the verges and footpaths. So do get out and enjoy this local spectacle while it lasts.

The wildlife with which we share our countryside suffers greatly in bad weather: snow and ice prevent access to food and water, just at the time when they need to eat more just to keep warm. If you don’t already feed the birds, please do consider doing so this winter; water is also needed. In return you’ll have the enjoyment of both watching the birds and knowing that you’re helping them to survive.

The snow will have brought in Fieldfare and Redwing and the smaller species such as Lesser Redpoll and Siskin alongside the more familiar Greenfinch and Goldfinch. Waterways will attract Goosander, and Kingfisher will be more visible as they hunt all day for fish. However, in bad weather almost anything can turn up, so do watch out for any unusual species.

I am considering starting monthly walks around our two villages again, using public footpaths. If anyone new to the villages enjoys walking and would like to get to know where they can walk safely, do come and join us. We will start in April with walks of between one and 1½ hours. I will welcome suggestions as to which days and times would be most suitable.

*Judith Helliar*

# Silent Auction Lots



**7.30pm, 9th February  
Chapmanslade Village Hall**

**Tickets £7.50 to include a 2-course meal**

For tickets please ring Dennis Barnard on 01373 832262,  
Clare Merritt) on 01373 464993 or Phil Jefferson on 01373 832845.

This is the event that was cancelled last year and, as the church funds are low, we desperately hope that tickets will sell well – at only £7.50! We have a promising lot of items which can be bought at the auction and there will be a delicious two-course meal; please bring your own drinks.

If you cannot attend on the night, but would like to bid on any of the items, please ring so that bids can be made on your behalf. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Bottle of madeira and madeira cake

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Tin of Belgian biscuits

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**Winter was truly upon us at the end of January!**

# A garden of snow

Helpful tips to ensure your garden isn't ruined by the worst of the winter weather...

With all the snow we had in January our gardens would have taken the full brunt of the weather. This is good news for some plants and bad news for others. Snow protects perennial plants that have retreated underground from harsh temperatures. It suits bulbs too – they generally welcome the snow melt once better weather arrives.

Evergreen plants, although fine under fresh powdery snow, can be damaged by the sheer weight of wet snow once a thaw sets in. You can either knock snow off as soon as it arrives or remove it with a gentle push once you sense a thaw setting in.

Conifers or hedges may become misshapen under the weight of snow, but if you bind them up with garden twine and canes, left in place for three to six months, you can reshape them.

Once the weather improves check all evergreen shrubs and trees and remove any damaged branches.

Flimsy garden structures such as fruit cages often bear the brunt of heavy snowfall. Ideally, overhead nets should have been removed in late autumn - but often aren't. Shake off any accumulated snow and store the nets.

Avoid pruning, watering or feeding plants at this time of year. Dormancy protects them from the elements, so encouraging fresh growth is not helpful.

Research suggests it is no longer necessary to break the ice on many ponds. However, ponds in which fish are kept or that have a large build-up of sediment or leaves do need oxygen. For these, continue to run water features to keep a section ice free and the water circulating.

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Sunday 24th February

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St Margaret's, Corsley

## March

Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

Family Eucharist 9.30 am

St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

10.30 am St Margaret's, Corsley

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# 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.

There's a fair bit to catch up on in this month's News from the Nest! Firstly, we hope you all had a happy Christmas, enjoyed the holidays, and had a fantastic time with your friends and families. We had a very busy month in December, the Christmas break was welcomed not only to enjoy the festivities but also to recharge batteries and enjoy a well earned classroom break ready for a brand new year.

Little Cuckoo's Christmas Fayre was again a success with fun for adults and children. A superb raffle was held and a visit from Father Christmas made for a great time for all. Thank you to all who came and to those who helped out.

The children made their Christingles back in December and some attended a special service held by Di Britton at St. Margaret's Church. We also staged our very own Little Cuckoo's Nativity play at the Church which the children enjoyed practising for, learning carols and dressing up. It was a well attended event and we were very proud of all of our budding young actors and actresses!

A Christmas party was held on the last day of term to end a very successful and enjoyable 2012.

We wish a very warm welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us this month. We will be getting scientific during our theme of 'winter' this term with lots of exciting activities in store.

To coincide with National Book Week we are planning 'Stories by Starlight' at Little Cuckoo's for the children. We also hope to hold a nearly new table-top sale this month. More details to come for these events.

The mother and baby group will be re-starting on the 9th April and continuing once a month on the first Tuesday of every month thereafter.

We hope everyone has settled in to 2013 and wish you all a belated happy new year!

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# Rainfall for 2012 in Corsley

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2012 has been the second wettest year in Corsley since I started reading the rainfall in 1992. 45.72 inches were recorded in 2000. Corsley lies in a 'Rain Shadow'; you may well find it is sometimes raining in Frome or Warminster but dry here!

January	43.5 mm
February	14.6 mm
March	22.7 mm
April	155.1 mm
May	48.1 mm
June	137.7 mm
July	113.2 mm
August	109.5 mm
September	46.9 mm
October	116.5 mm
November	142.5 mm
December	140.6 mm
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	1090.9 mm (42.94")

2007	923.8 mm
2008	918.5 mm
2009	826.8 mm
2010	649.4 mm
2011	677.6 mm
2012	1090.9 mm

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847.8 mm (33.4")

*Shirley Chapman 01373 832378*  
*Volunteer Rainfall Observer for Corsley*

# Chapmanslade Loose Women

We have enjoyed another varied year and now have the outline of the programme for 2013. We do hope that if you haven't been for a while you will find something that catches your interest in the coming months. Organisers find it useful to get a call from those planning to attend a given month, so that they can polish enough glasses! But other than that, there is absolute freedom to dip in and out of coming; no subs, no membership list, etc.

In 2012, amongst other events, we visited Dents Factory, were pampered at Champneys, visited Wadworths in Devizes, learnt how to use Ebay, tasted golf, talked about bats, tested our knowledge of bygone objects, and went to the theatre.

This year we have already enjoyed dining at The Three Horseshoes, and in February will be learning about the stars in the night sky, followed in March by a talk and demonstration on Shiatsu. We meet usually on the first Thursday of the month and aim to put a paragraph in The Bridge giving details of what and where. There will be a programme for the year available shortly which can be sent by email to anyone who is interested who lives in the two villages or has close associations with them. As we meet in people's houses it is not possible to send out invitations to a wider area!

**February 7th, 7.30.** Talk on the stars at Sheila Daniell's house. Please ring 832052 if you are planning to go.

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## Prayer

"He prayeth best, who loveth best  
All things both great and small;  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all."

*S T Coleridge*

## Gifts

Just before Christmas, one of the Chapel's neighbours, Steve Bain, gave us two new collection plates, which he'd worked himself from Longleat Yew. The craftsmanship is marvellous, and makes me think of Jesus the carpenter, each time they're used.

Another villager, Audrey Dawson, has recently returned from visiting Fred and Sylvia Carpenter in France. Audrey brought back a gift from Sylvia, a new cushion cover for the chapel. Fred and Sylvia say they enjoyed better health last year, than previously, which is excellent news.

## The Chapel's past

We've had an enquiry from a lady in Cheltenham, about ancestors of hers, John

and Elizabeth Eyres. John Eyres was one of the first five people baptised at Stormore, who then set about establishing the chapel we have today; another of the five was Elizabeth Ayres (as her name was spelt in the records of the time). We know, from a plaque at the chapel, that these two later married.

Their descendent, Mrs Cook, has done a lot of research into this couple, including looking at graves for the Eyres and Collins families in St. Margaret's churchyard. Does anyone have further information on John and Elizabeth, which would give Mrs Cook a fuller picture of the couple? If so, feel free to contact me and I'll pass on all information.

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# Campanology News



December was naturally a busy time for the bell ringers with all the carol services and, of course, midnight mass at the Minster Church of St Denys, Warminster, on Christmas Eve, where some of St Margaret's ringers joined the Minster band.

We rang at all the Christmas services at Corsley including, I am thrilled to say, both the early services. There were only 4 of us but we were ringing!

On Friday 30th of November, Corsley ringers rang at the Minster for the service to celebrate the return of the 3rd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment from Afghanistan, to commemorate those who did not return and to mark the awarding of the Freedom of Warminster to the battalion. No doubt some of you watched the parade through Warminster to the Minster. The service was followed by a peal of 'Yorkshire Surprise Major' rung in honour of the occasion by a band of ringers from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

A peal consists of a 'method', in this case 'Yorkshire Surprise Major' involving a change in the position of all eight bells in the ringing order 5088 times (in maths terms 8 factorial) without any repeat in the order. A conductor calls the various changes whilst also ringing one of the bells. This peal took 3 hours 20 minutes; a mammoth feat of concentration and dedication by both the conductor and the ringers.

I must also mention the celebration of the 80th birthday and Golden Wedding Anniversary of Dave Marsh. Dave is one of the Minster ringers who has supported St Margaret's tower for well over 30 years and continues to do so for which we are most grateful. Many congratulations Dave and Vera and our good wishes for the future.

*Marion Moldon*

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# A dream coming true

**Juba Diocesan Secondary School 2013**

From a standing start the Secondary School in Juba, which opened with 70 students in 2007, now has 450 on the roll. People in Corsley and Chapmanslade have played a significant part in this miracle, helping to provide clean water, an electrical generator, microscopes, etc. Margaret Askew recently wrote an article for 'The Bridge' about the 100 bursaries that are provided, giving orphans and children from low-income families the life-changing opportunity of secondary education. Coming bottom of the world league table in education South Sudan has a mountain to climb. At present only 1,200 boys and 400 girls are taking the School Certificate annually out of a population of 10 million (*UNESCO Report June 2011*). This new nation desperately needs accomplished men and women to become part of the professional class; doctors, engineers, lawyers accountants, teachers, etc.



## So Hard on the Girls

Young girls in South Sudan face extreme disadvantages. They are less likely to enter school and more likely to drop out. They are three times more likely to die in childbirth than to complete primary education (*UNESCO Report*). This means that rape and early marriage prevent girls enjoying a wider and more fulfilled life. There are two guiding principles at the school to promote gender equality. One is to have an equal number of girls and boys - 48% girls at

present, nearly achieved. The other is to provide a boarding house for the girls. The students, parents and local community all feel

strongly that this is essential, since girls, many of whom walk over 4 miles to school, are sometimes molested. Furthermore, in a culture where girls do all the chores at home they will be free to concentrate on their studies. (There has yet to have been a girl come top in the School Certificate.)

## D-Day for the Boarding House

A two-story building, designed jointly by an architect in Canterbury and one in Juba, will accommodate 50 boarders. Construction was completed in mid-January this year, in time for the first intake of between 12 and 20 girls on 1st February. A Matron and Cook have been appointed. The only female teacher on the School staff, (due to the lack of qualified females) is a young lady called Charity – she teaches English and will sleep in the House and be in charge.

## Dog Eats Chocolates!

The whole project is costing about £190,000 of which £110,000 has so far been donated in amounts large and small including a generous gift from Australia. Margaret Griffin was in Juba last month helping with the setting-up arrangements. Bunk beds cost £30, 2 sheets and a pillow £10, and a mosquito net £5. Rosalyn and I were given a large box of Thornton's chocolates at Christmas time and one young person in the parish enthusiastically agreed to raffle this box to raise funds for



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I believe that deep inside every one of us lie all the answers we need. The tricky bit is finding them and, often, acting on them as they can be the answers we least want to hear. Some years ago, I was in

a relationship that wasn't healthy for me. I knew in my gut that I had to leave it and I remember vividly dismissing that knowledge which was bubbling up inside me because I was too frightened to act on what I instinctively knew was right. When I finally made the break, I was still afraid but I knew that I'd done the right thing for me and my inner voice was satisfied.

Counselling can help us to make contact with our own expertise and to trust it even when the action it suggests is the terrifying. Being listened to (and really heard) and having someone doing all they can to understand you and to come with you into the heart of who you really are and to discover what you really need can allow you to recognise your own wisdom. The point is that counselling is collaborative. I don't do it to you. We do it together and you find your answers.

If there's something about you that you'd like to know more about, get in touch or find me at [www.carolinelevine.co.uk](http://www.carolinelevine.co.uk). I practice at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. 07817 192008; [le\\_vine@sky.com](mailto:le_vine@sky.com)

the dormitory essentials – there was a hitch though – the box was put on the dining room table in his home only to be eaten by their dog! Happily a replacement box has been purchased. Raffle tickets are 50p. (Someone has bought two on behalf of the dog, so if he wins he will have another feast!).

I am very ready to provide any further information about the project. Any support would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to invite Baroness Patricia Scotland, the Attorney General in the last Government, and a wonderful role model for these girls, to officially open the Girls Boarding House later in the Year.

*Richard Dean*

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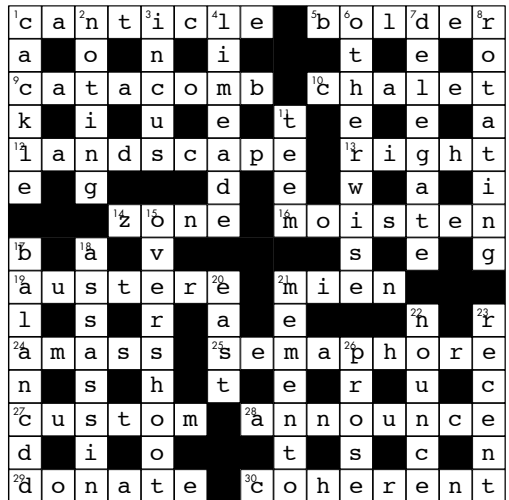
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