

# The Bridge

February 2016

*monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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lite bites lunch, see a cinema spectacle, there's lots to do in February...*

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## Articles

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

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Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

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**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

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**Deadline for articles  
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4pm 19th February**

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

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## February

### Tuesday 2nd

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

### Wednesday 3rd

Warminster mobile library

### Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Cleyhill Stompers at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade – 9 pm 'til late

### Wednesday 3rd

Little Cuckoo's 'Stay and Play' – 9.30 - 11 am, at the school, Lyes Green

### Thursday 11th

Corsley WI – OPEN Meeting and afternoon tea - 'Barefoot at Buckingham Palace' – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

### Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th

Book your table for Valentine's Day at the Royal Oak, Corsley!

### Wednesday 17th

Warminster mobile library

### Thursday 18th

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

Cinema Corsley - 'The Martian' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30, Corsley Reading Rooms

## March

### Tuesday 1st

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

### Wednesday 2nd

Warminster mobile library

### Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

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# Diary Dates

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## **Friday 4th**

Little Cuckoo's 'Stories by Starlight', at the school, Lyes Green

## **Saturday 5th**

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Frome Inner Wheel Wine and Cheese Lunch – 12 noon - 2 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

## **Sunday 6th**

Mothering Sunday (Don't forget to book a table at the Royal Oak, Corsley!)

## **Monday 7th**

Corsley's Annual Parish Meeting – 6.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Friday 11th**

A little night music for a spring evening - popular classics you know and love –  
7 for 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Irish Night – 7 pm - 11 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Thursday 10th**

Corsley WI – Annual Meeting – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

## **Wednesday 16th**

Warminster mobile library

## **Thursday 17th**

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

Cinema Corsley - 'The Lady in the Van' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Saturday 19th**

'All Things Animal' (inc companion dog show) – 10 am - 4 pm, Rye Hill Barn, Longbridge  
Deverill

Barn Dance – Chapmanslade Village Hall

## **Wednesday 23rd**

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30, Corsley Reading Rooms

## **Thursday 24th**

Corsley Show Quiz Night – 7 for 7.30 pm start, Royal Oak, Corsley

## **Wednesday 30th**

Warminster mobile library

## Valentine's Day at the Royal Oak

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- Balsamic, onion and goats' cheese tart** £12.95  
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## Bin collections for February

### Corsley

#### Green bin

Wednesday 10th and 24th

#### Blue bin

Wednesday 10th and 24th

#### Black recycling box

Thursday 4th and 18th

#### Black bin

Friday 5th and 19th

### Chapmanslade

#### Green bin

Wednesday 10th and 24th

#### Blue bin

Wednesday 10th and 24th

#### Black recycling box

Friday 5th and 19th

#### Black bin

Wednesday 3rd and 17th

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## Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10 am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 6th February – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor



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**SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2016**

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The Elizabethan Evening comes over all Cornwellian...

Yes, me old grockles The Elizabethan Evening 2016 will be presenting

## ‘Ruddigore’

*by Messrs Gilbert and Sullivan*

*To be performed by the outstanding Illyria theatre company.*

Your humble scribe offers profuse apologies for the very late announcement of this year's great and magnificent Elizabethan Evening adventure, but auditions have kept this poor miscreant rather more prone than usual for the time of year.

‘Ruddigore’ has a chorus of bridesmaids and such has been the clamour for parts this year, the casting couch at S L Easy (Thespian Management Inc) has been in constant use for many a month and is now on it's second set of springs. Further auditions and casting opportunities will be held behind the barn in Longfield in June. (Wednesdays, 7 pm, bring your own blanket).

After the huge success of last year's performance of the Three Musketeers by Illyria, we have retained them yet again for this year's play. So whip out cutlasses, veils, rapiers, belaying pins, and join us in Rederring on Saturday 6th August.

The Inn of the Fallen Woman will be open to slake the throats of young bucks and bridesmaids all. Fear nought for rumbling tums, for in the hallowed sanctities of Corsley Kitchens, preparation and experimentations of great daring are already well advanced for a repast of great nourishment and splendiferous display.

We may yet see the opening of a new venture this year – the ‘Spa of Restored Virtues’ (Chris's old pond) where, for few groats, you can soak naked in the effluvia of Mother Nature.

Your humble and wearied Barman  
(Discounts available for particularly wicked ladies)

*So save the date and be prepared to ring Clare on 01373 832113  
for further ticket and supper information.*

# Bob's bafflers

- 1 What was New York City called prior to 1674?
- 2 Called Vectis by the Romans, how is this island known now?
- 3 Whose body was recovered from a lake in May 2007, 34 years after he went missing?
- 4 Which motorway connects Liverpool to Hull?
- 5 Who was the wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia?
- 6 What is the two word inscription on the George Cross?
- 7 The TV show 'Big Brother' took its name from which George Orwell novel?
- 8 On which lake does the city of Chicago stand?
- 9 In World War 2, what were 'Little boy' and 'Fatman'?
- 10 What is the title of the National Anthem of Wales?
- 11 Which siblings was the first duo to top the UK singles chart?
- 12 Which is the only US State that has a name ending with 'g'?

Answers on page 52

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## Corsley Show

### Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August

The pre-schedule was published in the December edition of The Bridge, giving advance details of the classes in four Divisions of the 2016 Show. For creative crafters and active artists, the classes in Divisions G and I will offer the opportunity to use the winter nights to produce exquisite exhibits for us to display!

For the gardeners, there are details of the vegetable and flower classes in Divisions A (open) and C (closed). This will give gardeners the chance to purchase the appropriate seeds and prepare their growing plan. This month you can sow leeks, parsnips, shallots, onions, tomatoes,

and sweet peas either indoors or in the greenhouse to give them a good start, so happy growing!

Acres Supply, Barbers Plant Centre and Mole Valley Farmers sponsor the Corsley Show and all have a wide variety of seed packets on sale. Two of the best sources of information and advice are at:

- [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk) and
- [www.gardenersworld.com/fruit-and-veg](http://www.gardenersworld.com/fruit-and-veg)

Finally, on the **24th March**, the Royal Oak will kindly host another **Quiz Night** in support of the Show. Look out for details on page 17 and on the village websites.

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## Marie Doreen Seago

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of my wife Marie Doreen Seago on the 22nd of November 2015. Doreen struggled for many years with Multiple Sclerosis and Rheumatoid Arthritis.

My gratitude goes to my three children, who have given maximum support at this difficult time. My thanks and appreciation also go to parishioners and, in particular, Joan Bradshaw for their sympathy.

Since our return from East Africa, Doreen enjoyed the rural life in Corsley and its community for over forty five years.

Terence Seago  
Whitbourne Springs

# Corsley Reading Room News

Early February will see the launch of a new website for the Reading Rooms. It will not only inform you about what facilities are available but also feature a calendar showing confirmed bookings to give you some idea of availability without having to contact anyone in person. Booking requests can also be made online.

We will also be listing details of events, both up-and-coming and regular.

[www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk)

Corsley Parish Council

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**6.30 pm, Monday 7th March**  
**Corsley Reading Rooms**

## **BROADBAND IN CORSLEY AND POTENTIAL WAYS FORWARD**

*Hugh Deed and Neil Carpenter*

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## **CORSLEY READING ROOM THE FUTURE**

*An update from the new Chairman,  
Hugh Deed*

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## **THE PC CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT and ANY QUESTIONS**

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All Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting each year. The meeting allows the Council and local community organisations to explain what they have been doing over the last year and electors can have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish.

Note that it is not a Parish Council Meeting although chaired by the PC.

An evening of  
traditional Irish music and dancing  
featuring SHEBEEN



Friday 11th March at Corsley Reading Room

7 pm — 11 pm

Traditional Irish Supper (+ vegetarian option) and Bar

Tickets £13.50

Tickets Jenny Ruddy 01373 832418 and Committee Members

Showing next at Cinema Corsley – with not a bug-eyed alien in sight...

## The Martian

The next film being shown by Corsley Cinema is *The Martian* on **Thursday, February 18th** and for anyone who hasn't heard about it before or hasn't seen the trailer, this isn't about little green men, UFO'S, Doctor Spock, or shooting aliens. This is a very human story of one man trying to get home.

During a manned mission to Mars, the astronaut Mark Watney (played by Matt Damon) is presumed dead after a fierce storm hits the group of scientists, forcing them to abort the mission and the planet, leaving his body behind. But unknown to the rest of the crew and the world, he is still alive. And they've left him on Mars – millions of miles and many years from earth. Not a good day.

Mark now faces the challenge of somehow sending a message to NASA proving that, despite all evidence to the contrary, he is

still alive. Then there is the thorny problem of how to get home when the only space craft has gone without him and his meagre supplies are quickly running out. He is the only man on a vast and hostile planet and must rely on his ingenuity, wit, (occasional disco music) and spirit to get him back.

This is a rescue adventure that is rigorously realistic (apparently compulsory viewing for Major Tim Peake) and mixes high tech with low brow – a lot of ketchup and potatoes – against the backdrop of a visually stunning Martian landscape that is as beautiful as it is brutal.

Cinema Corsley is non-profit making, run by the village for the residents of Corsley and Chapmanslade (and anyone else who wants to come!) with any proceeds going to the Reading Room.

Hope to see you there!

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# THE MARTIAN

(12A)

# BRING HIM HOME

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and abandoned by his crew alone on Mars.  
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**in Corsley Reading Room**  
**Thursday 18 February at 7.30 pm**

*Doors open 7.00 pm*  
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**Tickets: £6.00**

Available from Acres Supply Garden Centre: Tel 01373 832591

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## Biology: changing the world

# Is there anything that *doesn't* cause cancer?

As World Cancer Day approaches, Professor Brown offers an insight into how substances are classified as carcinogenic

Some newspapers seem to make a habit of headlines that read "X causes cancer", where X can be anything from tight belts to radioactivity (both have appeared in a well-known daily paper). So how do we, the public, tell what is carcinogenic (can cause cancer) and avoid it?

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is the body charged by the World Health Organisation with classifying substances to show whether they are suspected to cause cancer. They classify a substance into one of five categories according to the effect on humans:

- 1 (Carcinogenic) includes things for which there is definite evidence that they cause cancer in humans – such as smoking, exposure to sun, alcohol and processed meats.
- 2A (Probably carcinogenic) includes things for which there is evidence for cancer in animal experiments, but limited evidence in humans - such as red meat, steroids, and 'Roundup' herbicide
- 2B (Possibly carcinogenic) there is limited

evidence in animals, and this group includes coffee, gasoline and pickled vegetables.



3 (Carcinogenicity not classifiable) is for things such as tea, fluorescent lighting and polyethylene where there is inadequate evidence for cancer in either humans or animals.

- 4 (Probably not carcinogenic) has evidence showing no carcinogenicity in animals or humans.

The IACR has so far classified over 900 compounds, and of these only ONE (caprolactam, used in synthetic fibre production) has been placed in Category 4. About 500 compounds are in Category 3.

What IARC has done is identify hazards. These are not the same as risks. Excessive alcohol consumption is definitely a hazard, but if you don't drink there is no risk to you. Similarly, with smoking (although there is the added complication of other people's smoke).

*continued...*

There is a well-known phrase 'the dose makes the poison'. In other words, the amount of a substance determines whether it is poisonous or not. Many medicines are poisonous if taken in excess, but beneficial at the normal doses. Similarly, eating red meat or drinking alcohol in moderation is low-risk for cancer.

Organic food activists have latched onto the fact that the weedkiller glyphosate (Monsanto's 'Roundup' herbicide) is a class 2A carcinogen. However, there have been concerns about the validity of the experimental data in which this decision was based. Also, the amounts used in agriculture

that could possibly appear on food crops are miniscule by comparison with those used experimentally – again 'the dose makes the poison'

I shall continue to eat red meat and drink coffee and alcohol in moderation. I shall also continue to keep down those pesky weeds by using Roundup.

*Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. He is happy to receive comments, questions and suggestions for future articles at [nigeltbrown48@gmail.com](mailto:nigeltbrown48@gmail.com).*

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## Chapmanslade CE VA Primary School

The Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a Governor. The role of the school governor is more important than ever. The Governing Body plays a critical role in the school's success and the success of its children. Governors ensure there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction, hold school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and oversee the financial management of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's

work. Training is available for all governors. Being a governor will enable you to develop new skills, create strong links with the school community and influence the school's vision and strategy for the future. By joining the governing body you can contribute to making decisions that have a huge impact on the lives of young people in your community as every governor has a role to play in helping make sure every young person gets the best possible education.

If this sounds of interest to you and you would like to find out more then please contact Sarah Andrews, Clerk to Governors on [clerk@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk).

Corsley Show  
Horticultural and Crafts Committee  
invite you to a

# Quiz Night

Thursday 24th March  
Royal Oak, Corsley  
7 pm for 7.30 pm start

Up to six in a team  
£10 per head to include a meal

**Raffle**

*Limited spaces so book early!  
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*You are invited to join us for a*

## *Talk and Afternoon Tea*

*Thursday 11th February  
Corsley Reading Room*

*an amusing talk  
by Susan Marshfield*

*'Barefoot at  
Buckingham Palace'*

*Talk begins at 3 pm  
followed by Tea at 3.45 pm*

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## The Queen's 90th Birthday

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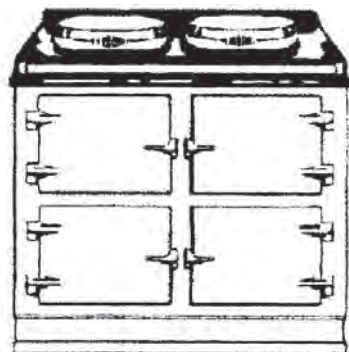


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## Corsley Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

## Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up January's meeting

The Christmas period was fairly quiet for the Parish Council, with just one Occasional Meeting on the 18th January. This was primarily to discuss a planning application, but the opportunity was taken to discuss a number of ongoing issues.

### Planning Applications

**15/12379/FUL** – Two storey extension at Deerleap Cottage, The Hollow

This is an application for a large, two-storey extension on the north side of Deerleap Cottage, in a style compatible with the existing twin gable cottage. The house footprint would be increased by 80%, providing additional accommodation for extended family, a carer and a working studio. There are no proposed changes to vehicle access.

Deerleap Cottage sits within a large plot of land, most of which is designated agricultural and the extension will bring the development within about seven metres of the residential boundary, but with no overlook to any nearby properties or detrimental impact on the locality. The plot is large and the development is of the same order as others approved in Corsley in recent times.

The PC offered no objection to the proposal, but did add an observation that any future non-agricultural use of the land to the north and north east of the property must be the

subject of a change of use application.

**15/11430/FUL** – Corsley Old School development

This has now been granted by Wiltshire, with a number of conditions relating to conservation of bats and a restriction on any future use or disposal of the detached garage for let or as separate accommodation.

### Finance – donations and grants

By the time of publication of this Bridge, the deadline for applications will have passed. To date, four applications have been received: the litter pickers, Reading Rooms, Corsley & Chapmanslade PCC and the Corsley War Memorial Playing Field. These will be considered at the first Occasional Meeting in February.

### Streetscene

Two outstanding issues have now been decided, the Highways response to the Court Lane flooding problems and the 30 mph limit Lane End/Corsley Heath to Lyes Green.

At Court Lane, despite the best combined efforts of Simon Jasper and our Area Coordinator, Wiltshire Highways Department has decided not to go ahead with any remedial works. Their judgement was *"Such works were explored and costed locally with the recognition that fairly extensive*



*kerbing would be needed to restore the previous verge edge as well as retaining the amount and level of ground behind; these works were found not to offer a beneficial likely return on the cost involved in this, particularly when it was obvious that in addition to private causation in terms of land management, the proposed kerbing would simply transfer the water and hence any problem to the highway and any private property down the road, one of the latter already clearly having had preventative works in relation to drainage, carried out on their frontage previously. Accordingly the Highway Authority have now decided not to proceed with these works."*

As regards the 30mph limit, there had been one objection relating to the cost of implementation and the unlikelihood of enforcement. This has now been considered by the responsible Wiltshire Cabinet Member, Phillip Whitehead, who has decided in favour of implementation. The decision notice and response to the objection will be published on The Bridge website.

### **Old School Playing Field (OSPF) – Little Cuckoos lease**

In the last edition of The Bridge, I reported the approach received by the PC from Little Cuckoos for additional land at the OSPF. The PC has now resolved to engage in discussions with Little Cuckoos with a view to modifying the current lease, which runs until December 2018, to include additional land on the north west side of the OSPF and other details of the interface between PC and Little Cuckoos. Mike Butler and Ollie Hares will lead for the PC.

### **Broadband**

There are two developments on this front. Hugh Deed and I met Richard Kitson, from the Upper Deverill Valley, who had run their

campaign for some years to get superfast broadband to Kingston and Monkton Deverill. They were eventually successful, though not for reasons which are likely to be repeated in Corsley. However, he was able to give us some very useful advice on our own campaign and his experience reinforced the direction of all the excellent work done by Hugh and Neil Carpenter.

We now have a date for a meeting with Wiltshire On Line (WoL) and BT Openreach, 1st February, when we intend to put the case for Corsley and expose the results and conclusions of Hugh and Neil's work.

### **Social Housing – Bay Tree Close**

This project is now entering the 'pre-planning' stage, with the expectation of a planning application sometime late spring/early summer. The aspect of this project which is now causing the PC most concern is the pedestrian access to and from Bay Tree to public transport e.g. bus services.

As currently configured, anyone wishing to walk from Bay Tree to the bus stops on the triangle has to cross the A362 to gain access to the footpath on the south side of the road. To catch an eastbound bus then requires a further crossing to the north side of the A362. Attempts by the PC to interest Highways in safer crossings or speed limits through Corsley Heath have, in the past, fallen on deaf ears.

The PC's intention now is to engage further with Wiltshire to try and get an 'integrated' solution before the project gets to the stage of a planning application. We all want a safe solution and to avoid the possibility of having to comment adversely on the project, which we have hitherto supported, when it is presented for planning approval.

### **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)**

Elsewhere in this edition on The Bridge is a



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notice advertising the Annual Parish Meeting and you will see that we now have two main items on the agenda. Please put the date in your diaries.

### **Queen's birthday celebrations June 2016**

I am sure that it is now common knowledge that a big national celebration is planned for the 12th June on the Mall in London, in the form of a gigantic street party. Enthusiasm is growing here in Corsley for a similar (but less expensive!) event and the PC is keen to support such enthusiasm. There is a notice in this edition of The Bridge seeking interest from local organisations who would like to get involved in a similar event for Corsley. Anyone who is interested to get involved, please read and pass on your details as indicated.

### **Dates of future meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting    Monday 7th March

Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 16th May (Election of Chair)

Quarterly Meeting            Monday 6th June

Quarterly Meeting    Monday 5th September

Quarterly Meeting    Monday 5th December

Occasional Meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village noticeboards and The Bridge website for these.

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As I write we are experiencing the first really cold days of the winter with an icy wind, but it's so lovely to see blue sky and the sun rather than endless grey; we have passed the shortest day now so we are moving towards spring, even though it seems a long way away at this point in time. We are also, extraordinarily, moving towards Easter, which is very early this year on Sunday March 27th. Sometimes there is a big gap between the season of Epiphany, which follows Christmas, and Lent, which precedes Easter, but this year there is only one Sunday of 'Ordinary time' as we call it and then it's Ash Wednesday and off we go into 40 days of preparation for the big day. Of course before all that we end Epiphany with Candlemas; I do hope you will be able to join us for what is a beautiful service; 10.30 am February 7th at Longbridge, and 31st January 3.30 pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade where there will be a Christingle and Candlemas service combined.

I wonder if you have been to an Ash Wednesday service? True to its name, on this Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent the priest takes ashes from burnt palm crosses mixed with oil to mark a cross on the forehead of each person saying, 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.' Not exactly cheery is it? Yet I always find the Ash Wednesday service profoundly moving and life affirming. Confronted by those stark words the detritus and pretence that we surround ourselves with is stripped away; there is nothing like being told that one day you will be dust to clarify your perspective and enable you to see what is important and what is quite simply, irrelevant. But there is more: Malcolm Guite wrote: 'There is a deeper wisdom still in the tradition of ashing. For the ash that is left after purging fires is itself a fertilizer, a life enabler, a source of new growth; we place these unpromising leavings on the garden and new things bloom.' Paradoxically, in embracing our own mortality, our own capacity for making an almighty mess of things, we are released to begin again, to make something beautiful of our lives.

This year we are sharing our Ash Wednesday with Bishop Ed. We'll begin with a service of ashing at 10 am at Chapmanslade then walk round the benefice stopping to pray in each church. We'll end at Longbridge Deverill for tea in the village hall where we hope lots of people will join us to chat with Bishop Ed. It won't be possible for everyone to walk the whole route but we will give approximate times for reaching each church so that people can join us as they wish for a shorter walk. Do come, it promises to be a very special day.

Love and prayers,  
Pauline

## **February Church Diary**

### **Tuesday 2nd February**

**7.30 pm After Alpha Home Group**

**Details from Richard on 832594**



### **Sunday 7th February: Sunday next before Lent**

**8 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion**

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

**Dedication of Lectionary in memory of Nesta Reeves**

**10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship**

**4 pm at The Minster, Warminster: Commissioning Service for Lay Worship Leaders**



### **Monday 8th February**

**10.30 am Time to Think Home Group**

**Details from Phil on 832845**



### **Wednesday 10th February: Ash Wednesday**

**10 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Ash Wednesday Eucharist**



### **Sunday 14th February: First Sunday of Lent**

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

**10.30 am at St Mary's, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist**

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



### **Monday 15th February: Lent Talk 1**

**10.30 am at 131 High Street, Chapmanslade**

**Details from Phil on 832845**



## **Thursday 18th February**

**Church and Community Coffee Morning**

**10 am to 12 noon at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade:**



## **Sunday 21st February: Second Sunday of Lent**

**9 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship**

**10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist**



## **Monday 22nd February: Lent tTlk 2**

**10.30am at 131 High Street, Chapmanslade**

**Details from Phil on 832845**



## **Wednesday 24th February**

**Light Bites Bread & Soup Lunch**

**12.30 pm to 1.30 pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley**



## **Sunday 28th February: Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist**



## **Monday 29th February: Lent Talk 3**

**10.30 am at 131 High Street, Chapmanslade**

**Details from Phil on 832845**



## **Sunday 6th March: Mothering Sunday**

**8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion**

**9.30 am at Chapmanslade School: Family Eucharist**

**10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship**



## Lay Worship Leader's Commissioning Service

For some years a small group from the congregation has led the service at St Margaret's on the third Sunday of each month. The Diocese has introduced a training course for Lay Worship Leaders such as these volunteers and the latest course has just ended. There will be a special service on Sunday 7th February at 4 pm in the Minster, Warminster where fourteen people from Heytesbury Deanery, including some from both of our Parishes, will be commissioned by the Bishop of Ramsbury. Please do come along and support your new Lay Worship Leaders.

## Lent Course

We very much enjoyed last year's Lent course when we studied paintings with a religious theme and discussed. This year's course takes its lead from the Bishop's challenge to Pray, Serve and Grow. We are holding five sessions on Monday mornings throughout Lent, beginning at 10.30 am. The course will be on prayer. It will combine bible study and discussion with a creative, hands-on exploration of five prayer patterns drawn from our rich Christian heritage.

## Musical Evening

On Friday 11th March at St Margaret's we will be holding an evening of light musical entertainment. The evening will be a mix of music for everyone's tastes and some extra special acts in-between the music. We hope to end with Corsley's own special rendition of the Proms. The musical content is being led by our Organist Geoff Titt and the evening will be compered by that well known local raconteur Dennis Barnard. Wine and nibbles will be available. There is no admission charge but we will welcome donations for church funds. Please put this date in your diary and come along for a relaxing Friday evening.

## Fundraising

We are delighted to confirm that our May Fayre on Saturday 21st May will again be held at Manor Farm. Our thanks to Chris and Claire da Costa for allowing us to use their gardens. The 50/50 Club Summer Draw will take place and ten people will be winners of cash prizes, with £200 being the first prize.

## Welcome and Congratulations

We welcome into our church family Kimmie-Rose Ephgrave-Brown who was baptised at St John the Baptist, Horningsham on Sunday 3rd January; and George Kendall who was baptised at St Margaret's Church, Corsley on Sunday 31st January.

## Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and special thoughts are with the family of Brenda Doidge whose funeral took place at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade on Thursday 21st January.



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# Corsley WI News



A clear starry night was just right for the January meeting of Corsley WI, with a visit from Maggie Daniels and her presentation on 'Looking at the Stars', helping us to discover more about the night sky. Members and visitors wrapped up warmly against a very cold evening to look at the moon and constellations through the large telescope, which was set up in the car park. The magnification was such that you could clearly see the craters on the moon and almost imagine it made of cheese! Back in the warm hall, Maggie then showed us slides of the individual planets, explaining their differing characteristics and also how stars are created. The pictures of the sun's explosive gases and eruptions gave us some understanding of its awesome power. In our galaxy, the sun is a million miles across but is merely a speck of dust in relation to the vastness of the entire universe. Val Sandoe gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for a star was won by Hilary Vallis, with Jean White second and Anne Carruthers third.

Due to a move away from the area, we are to lose one of our staunchest members, and in recognition of her support to the WI over many years, Rosemary Collins was presented with an arrangement of plants and a gift token, with our best wishes for happiness in her new home.

The Wiltshire Federation has organized various new events for members for 2016, including a visit to the Hawk Conservancy Trust and a talk by the antiques expert Alison Chapman. Full details are available at our February meeting.

On Thursday 11 February, you are invited to join us for a talk and afternoon tea in the Reading Room at Corsley. Susan Marshfield will be giving us an amusing account of being 'Barefoot at Buckingham Palace' at 3 pm, followed by tea at 3.45 pm.

Admission is £5 per person and there will also be a raffle. WI members should meet as normal at 2.30 pm for a short meeting prior to the talk and bring their entries of a picture in any medium for the Hilda Guy Arts & Crafts Cup competition. The monthly competition is for a Royal Memento.

If you are new to the area or seeking to make new friends or would just like to hear our speakers, why not come to one of our meetings? The dates and times are given in these monthly report and listed in The Bridge Diary Dates. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, usually 2.30pm in the winter months and 7.30pm when the evenings are lighter. For more information about Corsley WI, call Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

## **Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:**

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4 pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30 pm, various venues

*More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760*

# News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from  
**Corsley Cuckoo's PreSchool** in Lyes Green, Corsley.

Down at the Corsley Cuckoos nest we have had a busy start to 2016 with lots of spring-themed activities looking towards growing and development. During February we will have learning activities about Valentine's Day and love, along with Shrove Tuesday which will feature some pancake fun!

We have also had a bit of a spring-clean and a sort out. At Cuckoos we like to operate a carousel of games, educational recourses and toys; consequently we have accumulated a lot of 'stuff' Generally, having 'stuff' is good as it means we can draw on a myriad of resources as and when the learning opportunities arise. The downfall of 'stuff' is the nightmare of storage. Perhaps you could help us? We require a secure, metal storage unit – similar to a small container unit. Please contact us if you may have anything suitable.

We are really pleased to announce that we have a new Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Little-Cuckoos-Pre-School-674405595936841/?fref=ts>.

Facebook is a great way for us to keep in contact with our parents as well as spreading the word about Little Cuckoos.

we would appreciate your time to take look at our page and 'like' it.

Recently Prince George started his first session at a pre-school in Norfolk. Like Prince George, getting to know the pre-school environment is an important part of the learning process for children. This is why we encourage parents to join our Little Cuckoo's Toddler Group which runs on Tuesdays, 10-11.30 am.

We also have termly 'Stay and Play' sessions At the end of each term parents/ carers/grandparents are invited to come in and join in with their children and activities. This term there will be a session on Wednesday 10th February from 9.30-11 am.

Looking forward, we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 3rd March, when the children will dress up as their favourite story-book characters. We will also be holding our popular annual 'Stories by Starlight' evening on Friday 4th March.

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January	97.80 mm
February	57.30 mm
March	31.80 mm
April	16.80 mm
May	82.00 mm
June	29.10 mm
July	87.50 mm
August	111.10 mm
September	55.50 mm
October	62.00 mm
November	83.00 mm
December	72.10 mm

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<b>2015 total</b>	<b>786.00 mm (30.94")</b>
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2011	677.60 mm
2012	1090.90 mm
2013	882.60 mm
2014	1062.55 mm
2015	786.00 mm

Average annual rainfall 2011 – 2015 is  
899.93 mm (35.43 inches)

*Shirley Chapman*  
Volunteer Rainfall Observer for Corsley  
832378



## **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Phil Jefferies reports on the parish council's activities in January

**We had a large turnout from village residents and a full agenda at our meeting held on 14th January.**

We welcomed Phil Holihead to his first meeting as our new parish councillor. Phil lives in the heart of the village and is already fully involved in his role as a parish councillor. He will also join the Speedwatch team once he has received his training later this month.

### **Road Safety**

At our November meeting we agreed to set up a working group to come up with ideas to improve road safety in the village, particularly the area outside the school. The group has just started to meet and will have had its first meeting by the time you read this. It comprises residents, a school governor, a representative of Busy Bees, a parent of a pupil attending the school and parish councillors.

A few days before the parish council meeting there was an incident near the school when a pupil from the school was involved in a minor traffic accident. Fortunately she was not badly injured but this has brought a renewed sense of urgency to

the issue and we spent the first part of the meeting listening to the views of parents and residents on how road safety might be improved. A careful note was taken of all these points and this was used during the working group's first meeting.

Our High Street is dangerous, busy and getting busier. During our Speedwatch sessions we regularly count up to 450 vehicles in an hour, a hundred more than when we started three years ago. Drivers continue to speed at each end of the village. Last month, on one afternoon we reported to the police nine drivers for speeding. Of course, in the vicinity of the school and pre-school, congestion at the beginning and end of the school day is the issue, and speeding is less of a factor. Tensions between parents and residents living in the immediate vicinity surface from time to time and the working group will strive to get this balance right whilst giving utmost priority to the safety of our young people. A small number of parents do not help by ignoring the correct protocols whilst delivering or collecting their children and this issue will be addressed by the group too.

The good news is that we should shortly see a Speed Indicator Device (SID) returning

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to the village from time to time to help us persuade motorists to moderate their speed. We will also continue to lobby for the weight restriction through the village to be reduced from 18 to 7.5 tonnes on the grounds that our High Street is totally unsuited to use by heavy goods vehicles. And the 30/40mph and Speedwatch signs at the Frome end of the village have now been reinstated by Somerset Highways following their demolition last autumn. The village name sign should return in due course, but this will be the responsibility of Wiltshire Highways!

Next month's briefing will contain a report from the working group. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions you would like to make on road safety measures and I will feed them into the group's meetings.

## Planning Applications

We looked at three applications:

### **15/12310/FUL and 15/12471/LBC.**

The owners of Short Street Farm, 160 Short Street, which is a listed building, have applied to convert an existing outbuilding, including internal alterations, replacement garaging and landscaping. We raised no objection.

### **15/12236/FUL**

The owners of The Old Hundred, 152 Short Street, have applied to demolish and rebuild a single storey side extension, and to convert and extend a garage into two-storey accommodation linked to the main house. Also, to relocate and add windows to the north west façade. Again, we raised no objection.

### **15/12100/FUL**

The owners of Thoulstone Golf Club have made a retrospective application for change of use of part of the former golf driving

range for the storage of up to ten caravans. Whereas we had no concerns about the storage of touring caravans, we asked the planning authority to impose a condition that the caravans should not be used for residential purposes whilst on site.

Wiltshire Council has approved the Parochial Church Council's application (**15/10708/FUL**) to extend the churchyard into the area of the former adventure playground at the southern end of the school field. However, they were unhappy about the proposal to provide access to the extension via the ha-ha, or ditch, which is part of the listed building, at the northern end of the churchyard. Therefore, at least for the time being, once the extension has been consecrated, access will have to be via the school field.

## Barters Farm

Lochailort, the developers of the proposed housing development at Barters Farm, have reported to us that their discussions are ongoing with Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire has suggested that they submit the site into the site allocation process and they have agreed to do this. Lochailort say they will continue to work with the planners whilst this process is ongoing, to refine the scheme, and they stress that they will continue to liaise with the parish council over the coming months as more news becomes available.

## Sienna's Valley

As previously reported, the owner of Sienna's Valley has appealed against Wiltshire Council's refusal to grant planning permission for a residential static caravan on the site. She has also appealed against the enforcement order requiring the removal of the caravan and the restoration of the land to its original condition. A further

enforcement notice has been issued which we understand relates to extensions made to the caravan since the refusal of planning permission. These appeals will be considered by a Government planning inspector at a hearing to be held at the **Civic Centre in Trowbridge on Tuesday 15th March**, commencing at **10 am**. This will be a public meeting to which anyone is entitled to attend.

## Fracking

We noted that the Government (The Oil and Gas Authority, or OGA) has granted a licence (Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence or PEDL) to South Western Energy, which gives them permission to explore for coal bed methane in block area ST84, Warminster and Longleat, including Chapmanslade. It is not expected that exploration will commence in the near future: before the licensee can begin any operations they must apply for and be granted a number of further permissions and consents. These include planning permissions, environmental permits from the Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive scrutiny of well designs and further consent for drilling operations from the OGA. We will keep you informed.

## 2016/2017 Precept

We discussed our budgetary needs for the next financial year and decided the precept for 2016/2017. The grant we receive from Central Government will reduce from £109.49 to £19.71 (hardly worth the effort!) and we need to provide for the cost of maintaining the SID (see above) as well as meeting the cost of employing a clerk and topping up our reserves. We now need to pay for any parish council elections that occur and this may be a necessity in 2017. Also, Wiltshire Council will expect us to

contribute towards the cost of any minor road improvements in the parish. Our main annual expenditure is the annual grant we give to the village hall (currently £3,250).

We agreed the precept for next year should be £5,000 rather than the current £4,500. This means a Band D household in the parish will pay £15.96 per year, compared to £14.76 in the current year, an increase of £1.20 per household. In percentage terms this works out at 8.13%.

## Buddy Scheme

The parish council is keen to promote a buddy scheme in Chapmanslade. If a medical emergency arises in your home, do you have the phone number(s) of your neighbour(s) whom you can call on for assistance, perhaps to wait at the door for an ambulance or to collect the defibrillator from The Three Horseshoes? We all hope that such situations will never occur but it's always best to be prepared. We are not suggesting any formal arrangements but by raising the issue we hope to encourage neighbours to swap phone numbers. It always helps, too, to be told when your neighbours go away on holiday.

## Public Footpaths

Adam reports that the recent bad weather has taken its toll on our footpaths. Wiltshire Council is finding it difficult to cope with the heavy demand on its reduced resources and is providing a very slow response. Adam and his volunteers are trying their best to provide some maintenance. Please contact him at [adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk](mailto:adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk) or on 832437 to report a problem or to offer help.

## Andrew Murrison

The parish council met Andrew Murrison, our Member of Parliament, on 15th January.

Items discussed included road safety, the weight restriction on the A3098, housing development in the village, the development of Thoulstone Park, the Sienna's Valley appeals and fracking. Dr Murrison took a lively interest in the issues we currently have to contend with in Chapmanslade, particularly the road safety issues, and he offered his support in our efforts to address them.

### And finally...

Wiltshire residents are being invited to have their say on a review of subsidised bus services in Wiltshire. The review is being carried out as part of wider plans to help Wiltshire Council save millions of pounds over the next three years. You can take part in the consultation at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-services-consultation.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-services-consultation.htm) before 4th April.

Our next scheduled meeting is due to be held on **Thursday 10th March, 7.30 pm** at the school. You are most welcome to come along, to speak or to listen. If you are not on my circulation list to receive copies of the agenda and would like to receive them in future, please drop me an email. The April meeting is planned for **April 14th**: it will start with the **Annual Parish Meeting**, which provides you with the opportunity to give us your views on how we have performed as a parish council. We also intend to present our annual report at this meeting. The normal parish council meeting will follow immediately afterwards. In **May** we will meet on the **12th** and this will be our **Annual General Meeting**, at which we elect our officers.

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## Which way to go?

Dawn coloured the sky a wispy pink this morning. I thanked God for such beauty and decided to go for a walk. Driving to Burrington, I parked near the Rock of Ages and began walking uphill to the top of the Combe. A narrow, muddier track than mine became visible on the right and I diverted onto that.

The track turned sharp left and widened, but on I went, enjoying myself immensely. I didn't expect to see a National Trust sign on my right to Dolebury Warren, which shouldn't be anywhere near me. Who put that there?

The track veered left again, so Burrington should still be to my left. A crossroads, or cross-tracks, appeared. Which way to go? It's a good thing I know my way round the Mendips, eh? After checking directions with two sets of fellow-walkers, I slithered left, downhill through thick, gooey mud. The track became a stream, literally. Whoopee! I had a lovely time, splashing and paddling until, as suddenly as it appeared, my stream became a river and rushed, gurgling, downhill into a swallet (a water-filled cavern), eek!

I struggled uphill again, on a stony track – and a sign welcomed me to Rowberrow Warren. Rowberrow runs alongside the A38

at Churchill and was nowhere near me. A couple came into view, surprised to see me 'again'. I told them someone had moved Burrington Combe, because it shouldn't be anywhere near Rowberrow. Never mind, I'd retrace my steps and go back to Burrington the way I came.

When I finally reached my car, the same couple were at their car nearby. "We didn't like to say you were going the wrong way," they said, "because you seemed so sure of yourself!" But I didn't have a clue, did I? My intention was to use the track I set out on, BUT I changed direction; I side-tracked right. No wonder I lost my way!

If I'd been sensible, like that couple, I'd have had a map with me, at least. I didn't; I thought I knew where I was going. What a good job we have a Guide in our lives and His book on the way we should go, His Word, the Holy Bible.

## Sad News

It was with great sorrow that we heard the news of Fred Carpenter's passing, at the end of 2015. He was a true friend of the Chapel; we shall miss his contact with us. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife Sylvia and to their children.

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# Tales from the passenger seat

Nerves immediately before or during a test is something that, if not managed, can adversely affect a pupil's performance. It goes without saying that being properly prepared both physically and emotionally, is essential to get the best outcome. There are a number of strategies, verbal or psychological, I employ that greatly assist particularly nervous pupils.

I have had a few pupils who have found a couple of drops of 'rescue remedy' can be helpful but, for all pupils it is still the tuition/ learning process that really makes the difference.

I recall a pupil called Gillian who was a naturally gifted driver. Coordinated, good spatial awareness, good memory – both intellectual and visual – with an excellent ability at being able to 'read' the road, in fact she had completed the entire syllabus and manoeuvres in nine lessons. Time now for a mock test to establish how she would respond under test conditions, as well as getting her used to driving without any instruction. A disaster! A collapse of just about everything. During her next lesson we went over some of the mistakes she had made, then the following lesson had another mock test; another complete nightmare! I couldn't keep up writing down all the mistakes. We agreed that it wouldn't hurt to run over a few specific things that had gone wrong; then we had a third mock test. This too was a complete shambles.

She explained that although she had always been top of her class at school, when it came to exams she fell apart and had to re-sit them all. It was now fairly apparent that what she needed was to get used to exam conditions, especially since she hadn't made any more mistakes during her practise lessons.

The next five lessons were all mock tests and, although the mistakes were getting fewer, compared to her normal driving it was still like having a totally different person in the car. On her ninth mock test I heard her mutter "Oh sod it, I'm just going to drive" I said nothing and at the end of that mock test she had made no mistakes. Great! She then went for her test and passed. Without my mock tests preparing her she would probably have given up driving – she couldn't afford to, or put up with, failing the real test eight times.

I was recently at a test centre chatting with another instructor who was waiting for his pupil to return from yet another trip to the toilet. On his return – looking a hideous shade of green – it transpired that instead of taking a couple of drops of 'rescue remedy', he'd decided that if two drops would help, then a whole bottle should work wonders! Hmmm; always read and follow the instructions methinks!

Steve Dayman-Johns

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**Wiltshire Council are undertaking a review of their subsidised bus services in Wiltshire and want your views on this important issue.**

Wiltshire Council currently spends £5.1 million a year supporting bus routes that would not be commercially viable on their own. This supports nearly half of all bus journeys in Wiltshire and is a level of support well above surrounding counties. Due to financial pressure the Council can no longer guarantee this level of support and is therefore looking at a number of options to reduce the number of bus routes it supports. As yet no decisions have been taken. We want your views so we can make the right decision so please take the survey, it should take no more than 5 minutes and all your responses will be treated as confidential. Whether you are a regular bus user or one who rarely uses a bus it's important you have your say.

Please note that around 50% of bus services in Wiltshire are operated commercially by the main bus operators and are not under threat, as they do not need a subsidy to run. If you need to look at which routes could be affected you can find this on the consultation portal under 'supporting documents'.

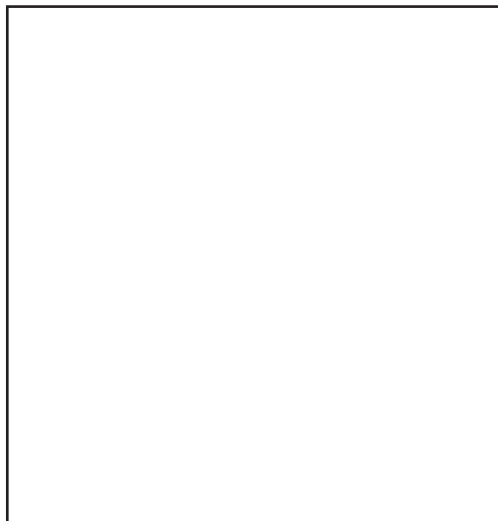
Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-services-consultation](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/subsidised-bus-services-consultation) to take part in the survey. Supporting documents (maps, routes, etc) can be found at the bottom of

the webpage under the tab 'Supporting Documents'. Please note that there is no requirement to register or log-in to the portal to respond to this consultation exercise.

Paper copies of the questionnaire are also available on request by telephoning **0300 456 0100**.

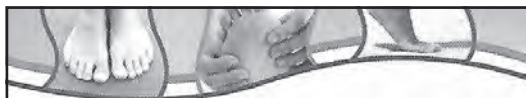
Copies of the questionnaire and Public Consultation Paper will also be available on buses operating Wiltshire Council contracted services, in libraries, and in Council offices (Monkton Park in Chippenham, Snuff Street in Devizes, Bourne Hill in Salisbury, and County Hall in Trowbridge).

**Your comments need to be submitted by 5 pm on 4th April 2016.**









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# Countryside Matters

Judith reports on the end of a miserable winter for the farm and looks forward to new life in the spring

I'm afraid 2015  
ended  
leaving  
our farm  
on a very  
low ebb. Ten of our  
cows were registered  
as reactors on the  
Tuberculosis (TB)  
test in December,  
they, and all  
their unborn  
calves, have been

slaughtered. The family, staff and the farm vet were all devastated. No matter how well we look after the cattle, we have no control over the introduction of this disease onto the farm. The process of checking and re-checking the health of the herd for animal TB will go on for many months to come.

2016 came in with continuous days of rain, making fieldwork such as hedge trimming, hedge-laying (cutting down overgrown hedges, laying the branches at an angle and tying them down to create a stock-proof hedge again) and ditching to improve drainage of the fields all delayed until the weather improved.

Due to the warmer temperatures, our gardens and hedgerows have seen flowers and blossoms not normally seen for another

month or two. Even the birds have been singing and mating far earlier than usual. Fortunately, by the middle of January the weather turned colder and drier and more like the typical British weather we expect in winter. The celebration of Plough Sunday on the second Sunday in January helped uplift us all.

The sheep due to lamb are now needing a lot of attention, where possible they will be brought into barns and other temporarily covered areas for the lambing and then put out onto clean, dry pasture. Please do ensure dogs are on leads when out walking in fields where sheep or cattle are grazing as they can be very easily frightened. Sadly dogs out of control or hunting in pairs or packs can quickly kill or maim farm animals.

The care of our countryside is mostly the responsibility of those working and living in it, so may I take this opportunity to thank not only the farmers but those wonderful volunteers who get out, whatever the weather, to pick up the litter, those who give their time to maintain village greens, sport and play areas, help in graveyards, our bus shelters and recently the cleaning of our memorial stones and the myriad of jobs taken for granted to make our villages and countryside so lovely to live in.

*Judith Helliar*

# Create!

**Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley**

"We are born makers. We move what we're learning from our heads to our hearts through our hands."

*Brene Brown, Rising Strong (Vermillion, 2015)*

This is not about art or craftsmanship.

It's not about being good at drawing or painting or needlework. And it's definitely not about being good or talented in any conventional sense. When a therapist thinks about a client putting pencil to paper and so on, it's with the intention of expressing something; of getting something that resides on the inside out into the light. The sense of something – a feeling, a state of being or even a thought – somewhere deep within us isn't always easily put into words. Finding another means of getting it out there can be deeply satisfying. Even if we don't immediately have the words to interpret what we've done, we can begin to describe what we see before us. We can ask questions about this choice of colour or that shape and what we associate with what we can now see; and so we can begin to come to an understanding of hidden pieces of ourselves.

Warning: what we produce in this process probably won't be pretty. In a way, it may be dishonest if it is. If we strive to make this inner world more attractive than it really is, we need to ask why. For whom are we cleaning things up? Maybe we can't quite yet bear to see for ourselves our own true nature. Maybe we want to keep it from others' judgement. Being aware that we are editing is part of the process. We can always have another go when we're ready. And we don't have to show anyone. Nor do we have to keep what we've created. Just doing

something authentic involving heart and hand is where the meat of the matter lies.

Personally, I'm a big fan of plasticine and of 'analogue' writing (e.g. with a pen and a notebook, not – as I'm doing now – on a computer). Although I said earlier on that creativity of this kind is seeking to get to something as yet beyond words, I do find that, if I write around a topic that's hard to grasp, often something new and useful will begin to emerge. I should say that the 'prettier' forms of creativity do have their place, too, and it could be argued that walking is creating; every footfall is making our own route from here to there. The pure physical rhythm of making and being absorbed in the activity has enormous healing potential. We don't always need a conscious mind in order to process experience.

So, this is a call – not to arms, but to pens, paint, knitting needles, clay, crochet hooks, papier mâché or whatever else you fancy. Create! Get it out there!

If you'd like to come and see me, I practise at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley. A first meeting of up to half an hour is free.

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But if Candlemas Day brings wind and rain,  
Winter will not come again.*

And for the farmers amongst us...

*A famer should on Candlemas Day  
Have half his corn and half his hay.*

*Pam Thomson  
Short Street*

## Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 New Amsterdam (it seemed to take 10 years!)
- 2 Isle of Wight
- 3 Donald Campbell
- 4 M62
- 5 Lady Godiva
- 6 For Gallantry
- 7 1984
- 8 Lake Michigan
- 9 Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945
- 10 Land of my Fathers
- 11 Everly Brothers
- 12 Wyoming

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