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February 2018

*monthly magazine for the villages
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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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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Deadline

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

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



February

Monday 5th

Corsley Festival Choir - Open Evening – 7.30 to 9.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - 'Tai Chi for All Ages' with Anne Tottingham
Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Friday 9th

Chapmanslade Players present 'Old Mother Hubbard' – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 10th

Snowdrop Walk – meet at 10 am, Corsley Reading Room car park
Chapmanslade Players present 'Old Mother Hubbard' – matinee 2 pm, final performance at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade
Cinema Corsley - 'Victoria and Abdul' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 25th

Lisa's Army Family Fun Day at Chapmanslade Hall (ticket holders only)
Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

March

Monday 5th

Corsley Annual Parish Meeting – 7pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - Annual Meeting and cream tea
Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade
Cinema Corsley - 'Paddington 2' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Diary Dates

Friday 16th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 'Friday Night is Music Night', 7 for 7.30 pm, St Margaret's church

Thursday 22nd

Computer security - presented by Wiltshire Online Safety, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 24th

Chapmanslade Barn Dance – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 25th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

April

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - OPEN Meeting, 'Stourhead Gardens' by Emily Utgren

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 19th

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

Cinema Corsley – film to be announced in the March edition

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites lunch 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

Chapmanslade Quiz

Sunday 29th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

May

Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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Thursday 17th

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

Sunday 20th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre Manor Farm 2.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites lunch 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 27th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

June

Monday 11th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 24th

Chapmanslade Barbecue

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

July

Thursday 5th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Black shag, sir?

...and so a clue to the identity of the protagonist at the heart of our next adventure. What now for the Elizabethan Evenings 2018 late-summer spectacular?

So some clues upon the table are set before us. A cheesy shoe, an escaped convict and a cross-dressing cabby, but what, pray tell, does this all add up? 'Tis possibly all the clues you need to surmise the outline of the next great adventure to unfold upon amidst the shrubbery and lawns of Manor Farm, Corsley.

When will this next chapter in theatrical bravado and growing intumescence strike?

Saturday 4th August 2018

Those goodly creatures of outdoor theatrical fame, the Illyria Theatre Company, whose services have been retained for yet another year, will be letting rip with this dastardly tale of derring-do on Devon's doorstep. So, circle the date and get ready for a rollicking adventure. As always a supper and source of fine refreshments will be available. Watch these pages for further updates...

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 The peacock belongs to which family of birds?
- 2 In 1960 Amy, Sally and Mo made a space flight. Who or what were they?
- 3 In which novel does a parrot called Captain Flint appear?
- 4 Name the official record of proceedings in the British Parliament?
- 5 What is the everyday name for sodium hydroxide?
- 6 According to the rhyme, who or what is made of 'sugar and spice and all things nice'?
- 7 Which composer wrote what became known as his "Unfinished Symphony"?
- 8 The film 'Ring of Bright Water' told the story of which kind of creature?
- 9 Where would you find the Guggenheim Museum?
- 10 Which musician was known as 'the King of Swing'?
- 11 Who wrote 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'?
- 12 Which Canadian Province was named after one of Queen Victoria's daughters?

Answers on page ?

Old Mother Hubbard

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Rainfall for 2017 in Corsley

The rainfall was read daily at Hill Rising (9am in winter and 10am during summer) and the measurements were forwarded at the end of each month to the Environment Agency (Southwest Region) and on to the Met Office. The Environment Agency uses the readings for flood defence operations and general water resource management. The Met Office uses them to record the climate of the UK for future generations.

January	79.2 mm
February	54.6 mm
March	69.9 mm
April	5.6 mm
May	76.1 mm
June	55.2 mm
July	90.1 mm
August	57.0 mm
September	73.5 mm
October	48.2 mm
November	56.9 mm
December	105.4 mm

2017 total 771.7 mm (30.38")

2013	882.60 mm
2014	1062.55 mm
2015	786.00 mm
2016	744.80 mm
2017	771.70 mm

Average annual rainfall 2013 - 2017 is
849.61mm (33.4")

Shirley Chapman
Volunteer Rainfall Observer for Corsley
(see note opposite)

Vacancy – Rainfall Recorder for Corsley

Shirley Chapman has hung up her rain gauge before skipping off into a beautiful Corsley sunset...

If you are interested in taking up the reins and submitting your readings to the Met Office, please contact Shirley on 01373 832378 or drop off your details (name, address, phone no) at Acres Supply Garden Centre.

Please note that any potential site for taking readings cannot be overshadowed by tree(s), house(s) or other overhead impediments.

Chapmanslade Defibrillator

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 4th January

Condition of roads in village

There was a general agreement from the villagers present that the condition of our roads is deteriorating. This applied in particular to the surfacing across the A36 bridge. The Chair will make contact with Martin Rose of Wiltshire Council and try to ascertain the current plans for the maintenance of the A3098.

Weight restriction and associated road signage

Continuing correspondence between Highways England, Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council but no positive action yet!

Crime and safety in the village

Following the sad theft of the fencing from the children's playground there is a much greater awareness of the need for vigilance. It was agreed to put an item in the Bridge on the subject and that as the Bridge also covers Corsley the Chair would discuss with the Chair of Corsley PC a joint approach to this subject. We also hope to get a greater involvement from the Police who provide the cover to our villages. (Since the meeting it has been agreed that there will be a joint approach on this subject.)

Planning applications and issues

The application for the erection of a garden shed at the rear of 52 High Street 17/08328/FUL. There is another variation

application and we await the decision from WC. The PC has been consulted on the new application and has commented that we still have objections based on the original decision by WC to have a condition that says no outbuildings or sheds will be permitted.

There were no objections to the application for a wood shed at Turnpike Cottage 17/11838/FUL.

The application 17/10963/FUL for a single storey extension at Rosebank in Huntenhull Lane has been approved with conditions.

Expenditure

It was agreed that the PC would obtain recent accounts from the village hall committee as a major part of the PC income is used to support the day to day running costs of the village hall.

The Chair, wearing his church treasurer hat, confirmed that the contribution to the grass-cutting at the village church was only a proportion of the total cost of providing a burial ground for the village.

Next meeting

The next confirmed date for a Parish Council meeting will be March 8th at 7.30pm.

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Biology: changing the world

Should scientists be registered and regulated?



Many professionals, such as doctors, nurses, lawyers, financial advisors and many others, are registered with a regulatory body in order to practise. If they commit professional misconduct, they can be struck off the appropriate register and barred from practising their profession. Scientists are not formally regulated and, although many of us are members of a professional body, such as the Royal Society of Biology, the Royal Society of Chemistry or the Institute of Physics, any professional misconduct means that we lose our membership, but often can still practise.

Recently the Science Council, a body offering Chartered status for science technicians and scientists, has suggested

that all scientists should be licensed to practise. On the face of it, it seems a good idea. Many of the crucial issues facing us, such as global warming, food security, human health, etc., require a solid scientific evidence base for appropriate action to be taken. The idea is that registration would ensure scientists are held to account and the information they give is correct. Some scientists argue that compulsory registration did not stop fraudulent practices occurring, such as those by Andrew Wakefield, who was eventually struck off the medical register for his claims about autism and vaccines, and his experiments on children. Nor did they stop criminal acts, such as the unnecessary mastectomies by surgeon Ian Paterson.

So, if scientists are not registered and licensed, how are they controlled? To a significant extent, science is self-regulating. Scientific results are published and respectable scientific journals subject articles to peer review. This is where two or more independent experts review a proposed publication, suggest any changes to be made or additional experiments that may be needed, and advise the journal on whether or not the work should be published. Only then will the scientific conclusions be accepted. Sometimes, a valid conclusion, from experimental data pushing out the boundaries of knowledge, later turns out to be incorrect. This is how science works - scientific conclusions should be tested further. Subsequent developments will confirm or disprove a scientific idea.

Sometimes, fortunately rarely, individuals are fraudulent. I have been involved in investigating only two cases of alleged scientific fraud over the last 40 years. In one case this was proven, and the individual will never work in science again. We are a relatively small international community within our specialisations, and such shocking news travels quickly.

You sometimes hear the words 'scientific consensus' when discussing issues such as

climate change. This does not mean that all scientists are agreed that everything that needs to be known is known about this issue. It means that the vast body of scientific evidence supports the idea that climate change is happening. Sometimes experts disagree, but quite often the disagreement is about the detail, such as the predicted rate of change, or the anticipated temperature shifts, or whether the temperature change will be disastrous for crop production, weather patterns, etc.. This is healthy challenge, and the advancement of science relies on such challenge. However, those disagreeing with the whole concept of climate change are usually not climate experts. It is unfortunate when their opinions, rather than those of the climate scientists, are favoured by some politicians or the media.

I am a Chartered Biologist and you can complain to the Royal Society of Biology if you think that I have made erroneous statements. This article has not been peer-reviewed, so take it as you wish!

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.



Corsley Snowdrop Walk

Saturday 10th February 2018

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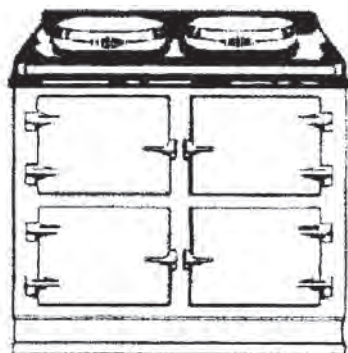


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activities in January

January has been a quiet month for the Parish Council (PC), with no scheduled meetings and no new planning applications. The seasonal weather has had its usual impact on road drain blockages and the lorry watch teams have soldiered on in the face of increasing bureaucratic demands. The PC has been involved in both these issues, as well as the Bay Tree developments and a few words on each are included below, plus an update on planning applications discussed in previous meetings.

Please note also the additional combined Corsley & Chapmanslade Neighbourhood Watch/Crime brief and Corsley Annual Parish Meeting (APM) notice elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge, for both of which some words of explanation are offered below.

Planning applications – decision update

17/06979/FUL - New detached workshop

Approved with standard conditions. The PC offered no objections.

17/07846/FUL - Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, addition of access drive

This application has been withdrawn. The PC had registered no objection provided

that restrictions were placed on permitted development rights

17/11001/FUL - Erection of timber stable block, including the change of use to equestrian.

The application was approved subject to standard conditions and additional constraints relating to tree preservation, materials and disposal of rain water. The PC had recorded no objection, “..subject to consideration being given to the disposal of waste”. Consideration was given to this and inputs from various bodies including Cranborne Chase AONB, Highways, Historic England and the County Archaeological Officer. It was noted that original application had stated that there would be no foul water disposal necessary on site.

Streetscene and traffic

Road flooding

Several times in the last few weeks there has been a flood on the road from Whitbourne Springs to Knapp's Gate, on the approach to Longhedge, completely engulfing the road. This coincided with significant use of the road for Safari Park entry. It has been dealt with fairly promptly each time by the Local Authority, aided by the PC's

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redoubtable streetscene representative, Simon Jasper, who spent over an hour and a half personally digging it out on the last occasion. It has been largely caused by soil run-off from the track that leads up into Ringbourne Screen from the road, blocking the grip at the road-side. Longleat have agreed to take remedial steps on their territory to lessen the run-off and the Local Authority will enlarge the road grip in the near future.

My thanks also to those of you, in several parts of the village, who have been out with your shovels to clear other wet spots.

Corsley Heath A362 traffic
After the disappointment of the Metro count results (reported last month) Gill Shephard and her team have been doggedly getting on with the lorry watch. They have faced frustrations with the difficulties of the local conditions, which make precise identification of lorry details problematic, the precision required of the observations and the increasingly bureaucratic demands of officialdom. The work carries on and I am sure that the village is hugely grateful for their efforts. There is always room for more volunteers to help with the detail of the road-side observation – please contact Gill if you would like to join the team.

Bay Tree Close social housing

It must already be generally obvious that rapid progress is being made with the new housing on Bay Tree Close and this was sufficient for Wiltshire to stage a “PR event” on 19th January to support a press release about the development.

The houses are due for completion by July this year and there will shortly be a pamphlet to be circulated to all occupants of existing social housing in Corsley and will also be available on the Bridge website, giving details of the development. Plans have

just been produced by Highways for the improved road crossing and new bus stops, and these will shortly be released to the PC for their perusal. It is likely that construction of these items will require a road closure and details will be publicised in due course. This will take place after the houses are complete. The scheme for the new footpath from the back of the Bay Tree Close site to join the existing one across the Show Field has been agreed and the necessary gates will be installed as soon as the legalities have been completed.

Neighbourhood Watch

In the interregnum of a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator in Corsley, it has been agreed between Corsley and Chapmanslade PC Chairmen that the monthly newsletter from our shared Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Debbie Robbins, provides a useful basis as a monthly substitute for a NW Coordinator's report. This appears elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge and it is hoped that it will become a periodic contribution, drafted eventually, we hope, directly by our PCSO.

It should be noted, however, that Corsley and Chapmanslade have operated quite different schemes for in this area, Chapmanslade's being a less labour intensive and more inclusive scheme, along the lines of, and integrated with, national schemes. It is my intention to investigate their experiences with a view to the PC re-examining Corsley's needs.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

As already mentioned in the last two months' briefs, Corsley's APM will take place in March. The date has now been agreed as 5th March, to take place at 7pm in the upper Reading Room. No village requests or other inputs have been received by the PC for the agenda and so the PC has

decided to invite speakers from the areas which generally have most interest to the village, Longleat Estate and its interfaces with the village, and streetscene/traffic. A Chairman's report will be presented according to audience demands. Fleur de Rhé Philipe will attend to provide her uniquely well-informed high-level perspective of the A362 traffic issues.

Please see the notice elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge and look out on village noticeboards for the final details of speakers.

Grants and donations

By the time you receive this edition of The Bridge the deadline will be passed and bids will be considered at a single purpose PC meeting after the APM on 5th March. To-date bids have been received from:

- St Margaret's Church bell refurbishment fund
- Corsley Reading Rooms
- Corsley War Memorial Playing Field

In addition to these, at the time of writing, further bids to the PC and the Len White fund are expected from:

PC funded:

- A team with a plan to develop a wildlife and flower meadow at the Old School playing Field
- Corsley Churches for a contribution towards a special project for the WW1 100th anniversary act of Remembrance

Len White funded:

- CWMPF – unspecified
- Chapmanslade Brownies – unspecified

Dates of next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting 5 March, 7pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting 7 May,
7.30pm (election of Chair & Vice Chair)

Quarterly Meeting 11 June, 7.30pm

Quarterly Meeting 3 September, 7.30pm

Quarterly Meeting 3 December, 7.30pm

There will be occasional meetings at short notice; please watch the village noticeboards.

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Bad news and good news!

Before Christmas we sadly had the news that thieves had stolen the fencing around the playground in Chapmanslade. Shortly after, we had some good news – we had an amazing offer from Denise & Colin Berry from Corsley who said Colin's company, Thornbury Sports in Frome, would supply and fit all of the wood for the fencing.

Shortly afterwards, Pete Allsop from Allsops Fencing in Chapmanslade offered to fit it, if Colin could supply the materials.

Chapmanslade Community would like to say a massive 'thank you' to them for this amazing offer! The fencing will be fully restored in Chapmanslade shortly.

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Lisa's Army Online Auction

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Lisa, 31 has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Bowel Cancer less than two weeks after giving birth to her second daughter Saffia. Lisa initially thought she had a water infection but doctors found a tumour on her bowel and, after a biopsy, was told that it had spread to her liver. Devastatingly Lisa has been given between two months and a year to live.

Lisa runs a successful beauty business in Frome but has decided to fight until her last days and raise money for her daughters, Ava, aged 5 and Saffia, now 11 weeks old who, in her own words, "deserve the world" and to help raise awareness of this devastating cancer.

Money does not buy happiness and will in no way make up for her girls being without their mum, but the money raised will go towards their futures and help the family take

care of them without a financial struggle. All money raised at the auction will be donated to Lisa's girls fund.

Lisa and family have now set up a website www.lisasarmy.co.uk which has other events that are happening and also the amazing walk they have organised for Lisa and her army to do; please contact them via the website if you would like to get involved in any other fundraising events. A team of mums are organising Lisa's Army Family Fun Day at Chapmanslade Hall on the 25th February. There are limited tickets so keep a look out online. If there are any other organisations out there who could donate an auction prize or raffle prize please let me know if you can help in any way.

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Dear Friends,

I sit writing on a grey old day, BUT, the snowdrops are out and the bulbs are making a bid for freedom; a sign of hope if ever there was one.

I'm working hard on planning at the moment. I have to have everything in place so that the needs of the parishes are taken care of whilst I am on sabbatical, or EMDL, Extended Ministry Development Leave if you want the posh definition. After Easter Day I will be taking three months to take stock and resource myself both practically and spiritually for the next few years ahead. In the Church of England in order to be considered for a sabbatical you have to have been in post for at least two years and in ordained ministry for at least 11. I am very grateful indeed for this opportunity to recharge my batteries, and for the goodwill and support of both the PCC and the wonderful retired clergy and lay minsters who will be covering the services, etc., whilst I am away. I'll write a bit more about what I will be doing in the next couple of months.

During Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th with a 10 am service in St Philip's and St James Chapmanslade and a 6 pm service at St Peter and St Paul's Longbridge Deverill, we will be running our usual Lent course. This year we will be using a course centred around Ken Loach's film 'I Daniel Blake'. If you have seen the film you will know that it is very powerful and very challenging, raising huge questions about our society's view of those who find themselves dependant on the benefit system for their daily needs, and the effect of government policy on their well being. I deliberated long and hard about whether or not to use this material as it is not easy to engage with, but I think the film communicates truths about the way we are now that cannot be ignored. Jesus told us that we should care for the poor and needy, what might that look like in the context of the lives we see depicted in I Daniel Blake? So if you want to be challenged, probably shocked, possibly annoyed and certainly moved then come along to our five week course, everyone is most warmly welcome whether you come to church or not. In fact I'd love it if some people came who don't subscribe to the Christian faith, it would be really good to have contributions from a different viewpoint. The first session is on Monday February 19th at 10 am at 5 Brimhill Rise Chapmanslade and here at The Rectory Longbridge Deverill at 2 pm. All the sessions will be on a Monday apart from the final one on Tuesday 20th March. Do come along.

In the meantime, keep warm and enjoy the miraculous sight of those beautiful snowdrops.

Love and prayers,

Pauline

February Church Diary

Sunday 4th February: Second Sunday before Lent

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

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

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



Monday 5th February

10.30am at 116 High Street, Chapmanslade

Time to Think Group

Tuesday 6th February

7.30pm – details from Richard on 832594

After Alpha Home Group

Sunday 11th February: Sunday next before Lent

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Holy Communion

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

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



Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

10am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist with Ashing

6pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist with Ashing



Thursday 15th February

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church & Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 18th February: First Sunday of Lent

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

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



Monday 19th February

10am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade

Lent talk

Sunday 25th February: Second Sunday of Lent
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist



Monday 26th February
10am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade
Lent talk



Wednesday 28th February
12.30pm at The Reading Rooms, Corsley
Lite Bites Soup Lunch



Sunday 4th March: Third Sunday of Lent
8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
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Fundraising

Our next event is 'Friday Night is Music Night' at St Margaret's on Friday 16th March. You are invited to come along to an evening of light music and other features: everything from Eric Coates to Abba! The evening will be compered by the indefatigable Dennis Barnard and there will be a licensed bar. There is no admission charge so you do not need to buy a ticket – just come along and enjoy the evening. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the work of the church.

We shall be holding our May Fayre on Saturday 19th May at Manor Farm, Corsley. Please put this date in your diary.

We run a 50/50 Club and welcome new members in 2018. The 50/50 Club costs £24 per year and you may hold multiple memberships. 50% of the membership fee goes to church funds, with the other 50% being returned as cash prizes. The draws for these cash prizes are held twice a year. There are currently ten prizes ranging from £200 to £25 at each draw. If you want to join the club or take out another membership please contact either Neil Britten or Keith Muston.

Messy Church

Our next event will be on Good Friday, 30th March. We shall run a workshop followed by a short service for Good Friday. More details nearer the date.

Lent Course

On Monday 19th February we shall hold the first session of this year's Lent course. There will be weekly meetings through Lent and Pauline will lead a challenging discussion based on the film 'I, Daniel Blake'.

Bishop Edward Condry retires

It has been announced by the Diocese that Bishop Ed will retire at the end of April. Since coming to our area he has been a great support to our two parishes and we will greatly miss him when he leaves. The first time we met him was when we were maintaining the hedge at the front of the church in Chapmanslade and Bishop Ed appeared on his beloved bicycle as he was taking part in the annual Ride & Stride fundraising event.

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Corsley WI

January news

Carol Seward rounds up the January meeting and announces some forthcoming events



At the first meeting of 2018, members of Corsley WI were treated to "A Bite of Delight", a demonstration by Melanie Colbridge, who is a Member of the British Sugarcraft Guild, a cake decorating tutor and renowned for her wedding cakes. Melanie recently won the Silver Medal at the Cake International competition, for her magnificent 4-tier creation of an undersea world, with a rock staircase climbing up through the tiers and topped with a romantic merman and mermaid, with all kinds of shells, fronds of seaweed, rocks and sand. During the afternoon Mel kept us spellbound as she decorated a small version of the cake and showed us how to make completely by hand the various elements and how to colour shells so realistically. Amanda Bain gave the well-deserved vote of thanks.

The competition for a tea-towel was won by Val Benbow, with Charlotte Beswick second and Jenny Candy third.

On Friday 20th April 2018, we have a coach trip (open to all) to the Royal Mint Experience. If you would like to come with us, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 to book your seat on the coach or you can email carol.seward@talktalk.net for details and any other information about Corsley WI.

"Tai Chi for All Ages" as demonstrated by Anne Tottingham is the subject of the

meeting at **2.30 pm on Thursday 8th February** at the Reading Room in Corsley. The competition is for an oriental souvenir. Members are also reminded to bring the cushions they have made, for the Hilda Guy Arts & Crafts Cup competition.

Full details of future events organized by the Wiltshire Federation are always available at our meetings. Through the Federation, we all have access so much more than we can provide in our WI locally and this can give us all many great opportunities.

Are you new to the area? Don't know anyone? Why not come along to one of our meetings? WI meetings are held in the Reading Room at Corsley on the second Thursday each month at 2.30 pm until March 2018, then in April the time will change to 7.30 pm. We can usually help with travel if needed or arrange for someone to come with you, so please ask!

Can you play skittles or scrabble, or would like to learn? We are looking for new WI team members, so please contact us if you would be interested.

The Bridge Club, Gardening Club and Lunch Club are open to both members and non-members and are run by Pauline Scott. Please phone 01985 215760 for details.

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Our themed evening in February will be a **Pie Night** on **Monday 19th February**, pre-booking is recommended. There will be a choice of delicious pies, including a vegetarian option and a drink for the price of **£12.50.**

The final event of the month is our popular **Quiz Night**, this will be held on **Sunday 25th February.** Why not make up a team with your friends or neighbours? **Starting at 6.30pm**; a maximum of 5 people per team at a cost of £2 per person, or £5 per person to include a light supper of chips and sandwiches. Book your place by calling the pub. If you'd like supper, you will need

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PCSO Debbie Robbins from the Warminster Rural team brings us the latest Community Policing newsletter

Crime exceptions

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'crime exceptions'.

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Other information

Officers are investigating burglaries in Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford on Avon, Westbury and Warminster.

In the majority of the burglary cases, offenders have entered a property through

an unlocked door, stolen car keys from the hallway, before returning later to steal the vehicle.

Inspector Andy Fee, West Wiltshire Community Policing Team, said: "We are seeing a trend in residential burglaries across West Wiltshire where offenders are getting into people's homes via insecure doors and taking car keys. Cars are then being taken and dumped locally".

"With the nights drawing in and houses being left in darkness until residents are home from work, I would like to remind everyone of some simple ways to keep their property secure".

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not home.
- If you buy large or valuable items such as a bicycle, ensure any serial numbers are registered with www.immobilise.com
- Ensure keys and handbags are not on display in your premises
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Make sure any bolts on garden gates are low enough so that they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate

- Never leave a key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – thieves know all the hiding places.

A new, dedicated resource has recently been implemented by Wiltshire Police that will not only tackle burglary, but all priority crimes.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit www.police.uk/wiltshire

Reported crime for our villages for December 2017

Corsley (and hamlets)

- none

Chapmanslade and Upton Scudamore

- ASB x 2
- Non dwelling burglary
- Theft
- Criminal damage

Church and Community Coffee mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our church and community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our vicar, and Debbie Robbins, our PCSO, are often able to join. We look forward to seeing you.

Corsley Annual Parish Meeting

7pm, Monday 5th March
Corsley Reading Rooms

Corsley Traffic and Road Issues *Priorities for 2018/19*

Longleat Estate *Plans for 2018*

followed by the

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report *and 'Any Questions'*

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 this is not a Parish Council meeting although it is chaired by the PC.

Snap happy

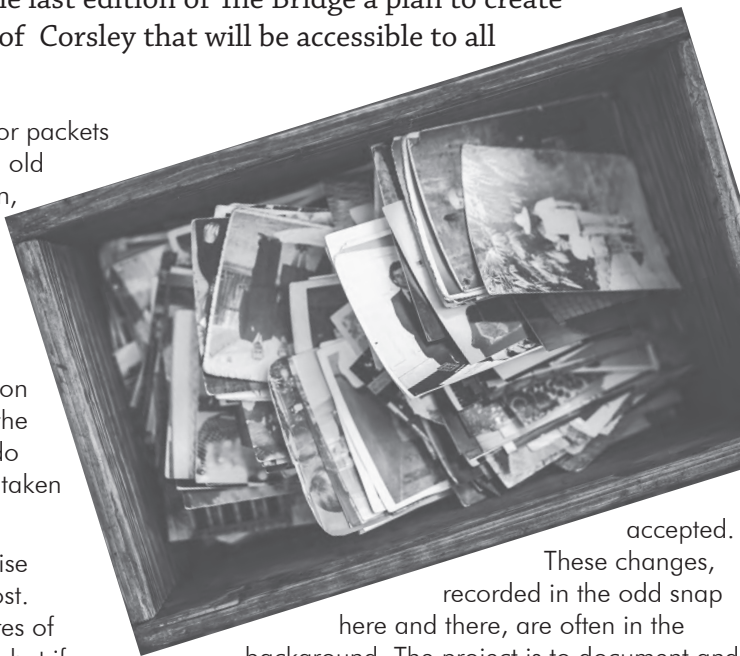
Corsley photo archive

You may have read in the last edition of *The Bridge* a plan to create a lasting photo archive of Corsley that will be accessible to all

We all have photo albums or packets of pictures and maybe even old negatives. When we pass on, many of those pictures end up in a house clearance or in a skip. This is usually because we have failed to write enough detail or, in most cases, no detail at all on the back of the prints or in the album. We don't need to, do we? We know where it was taken and we have told the kids.

Yes you do need to, otherwise memories and history are lost. The kids will keep the pictures of immediate family they know but if that picture of Great Uncle Fred and Auntie Alice is not annotated, they won't know who they are. Quite apart from the people in the picture, if it's taken outside the front of your house, before the extension was built or the drive altered, who will know if you haven't annotated it?

So, we would like you to get involved. We do not want to intrude into family affairs but we would like to see your photo collections that relate to the village and the way it has changed over the years. Houses change, are pulled down or extended. Landscapes change, trees are cut down, hedges disappear and, because we live here all the time, this general osmosis of change is just



accepted. These changes, recorded in the odd snap here and there, are often in the background. The project is to document and display those changes for posterity.

We would do this by scanning, archiving and displaying the photographs and building a website. If the photos have creases or are a bit faded we can retouch the scanned image and supply a rejuvenated copy. If you are interested in this idea and can help as part of a study group or by letting us see your photographs, then do please get in touch with Phil Plumb or Liz Garrett. Help us tell Corsley's story.

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News from the Nest

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

As the little ones returned to "the nest" after the excitement of Christmas, they were welcomed into a cosy den in the pre-school ready to explore winter and the need to hibernate. This month is all about going on a bear hunt and the children have been getting creative with their art skills by making fabulous bear pictures and having lots of fun with the popular story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".



As winter gradually makes way for warmer weather, there are lots of activities planned outside in the Willow Wonderland field, which is currently undergoing a seasonal spruce-up ready for spring. Willow Wonderland will become a key focus point for the pre-school's fundraising efforts with lots of hands on deck to revamp the outdoor activities within the field. Any local support to help the pre-school with its efforts would be hugely appreciated, so if you're a keen gardener or you would like to get creative to help complete our field activities (which include a fairy garden and construction area), we would be delighted to hear from you.

New to the pre-school this term will be a construction on the outside wall to encourage children to pour water and watch it flow along pipes. The "Water Wall" is expected to be a very popular addition to the children's learning. Little Cuckoos has also just completed work inside the pre-school to improve its boiler system and toddler changing area, which has been made possible through fantastic fundraising efforts at our Christmas Fayre. We would like to thank all the local families who attended our Christmas event to help support Little Cuckoos.

Date for the diary! Our next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt, which this year will take place on Saturday 24th March from 10am. There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor activities to keep all ages entertained at the start of the Easter holidays and the Easter Egg Hunt itself will raise lots of smiles as families are taken on a tour through the pre-school's wonderful outdoor space to hunt down some chocolate! We look forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to find out more about Little Cuckoos Pre-School, including our Parent and Toddler group on Tuesday mornings from 10am, please contact Hayley McMahon at littlecuckoos@hotmail.co.uk or call 01373 832298.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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A two-village affair...

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

Corsley and Chapmanslade Parish Councils (PC) have recently been in consultation with the intention of providing a consolidated monthly input to The Bridge to disseminate useful information on crime and neighbourhood security. This is the first of these briefs and has been put together by the Chairmen of the two PCs.

The two PCs already operate schemes to encourage and allow residents to report and receive information relating to local crime and advice on its prevention. Corsley has worked with the area Neighbourhood Watch (NW) organisation, with a Village Coordinator and area representatives in each of the hamlets. Chapmanslade operates a scheme whereby residents join a shared internet-based system which allows the recording and dissemination of data amongst its participants. As previously reported in the Corsley PC briefs, unfortunately Corsley has been without a NW Coordinator for some time now, despite appeals for a volunteer.

Both these systems are supplemented by monthly reports from our local PCSO, currently Debbie Robbins, who also makes herself available at the regular coffee mornings in the village and she has intimated that her successor, probably from March this year, might take on this slot in The Bridge to publish a version of the Police monthly newsletter. It should be

noted that the monthly newsletter covers the Warminster Rural area which comprises ten village groupings.

To give you a flavour of the newsletter, here are some highlights from Debbie's January version.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

This scheme is described in some detail, but since Chapmanslade already participates in the scheme and Corsley has been taking steps to try and set up a scheme, this is not taken any further. It should be noted that the data from the recent "Metro" count in Corsley did not meet the criteria for a Speed Watch (see January's Corsley PC brief).

Crime exceptions

This term is used to for crime data where it exceeds or is less than the expected average compared with data accumulated, over a two-year rolling period. A report is made each month and, for December, the only crime exception was in offences of theft which showed an increase from an average of 14.5 offences a month to 26, an increase of 44%. This doesn't relate to any single type of theft offence, nor does it give any locations or make any comment on any seasonal factor in these numbers. (The distinction between theft and burglary is that the latter relates to stealing from closed structures such as sheds, houses or workshops. Theft refers to stealing articles

from open public areas, such as shops or car parks.)

Crimes

There was one report of an attempted burglary at an address in Codford, believed to have been domestic related and four of burglaries to sheds/garages and two reports of burglaries to business properties. It is known that one of the burglaries was in Corsley.

The month of December saw 81 recorded incidents, 47 of which were crimes, this is compared to 75 recorded incidents during the same time period in the previous year

Other information

Around the area, officers are investigating burglaries in a number of local towns, including Warminster. In the majority of these cases, offenders entered a property through an unlocked door and stole keys from the hallway, before returning later to steal the car. This is seen as a trend and several points of security advice are offered. Many of these are obvious, but are worth re-iterating:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not home.
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Crime reports

The monthly newsletter includes a list of crimes in the Warminster Rural Area, but there is no data relating specifically to Corsley or Chapmanslade. We hope that, in future, we may be able to provide a more focused report.

Corsley (and hamlets)

Chapmanslade and Upton Scudamore

- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) x 2
- Non dwelling burglary
- Theft
- Criminal damage

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in the area the website www.police.uk/wiltshire/ provides access to a 'crime map', with details of incidents in our area. However, the most recent data is now two months old. It records one incident in Corsley and two in Chapmanslade, all three classified under the heading of "Violence and Sexual Offences". The Corsley offence is listed as "no suspect identified", the Chapmanslade pair "under investigation". There is no information as to the nature or severity of the incidents

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Whitbourne Chapel

'Let the little Children come to me...' Matt 19.14

New things!

For our first sermon of the new year, Mr Peter Coles visited us from Midsomer Norton and brought along his daughters, Hatty aged 8 and Sarah, aged 11. Hatty read from Psalm 96 and Sarah from Jeremiah 31. At the time of Jeremiah, many Jews had been taken to Babylon as slaves, while the Jews who stayed in Jerusalem witnessed its collapse and the starvation of many. But, through Jeremiah, God promised the surviving Jews new things: new mercies, new songs, a new covenant and, through Jesus, new creation.

New lives!

In October 2017, Richard and Wendy Wilson (Richard delivers the Good News papers and tracts to Corsley) became the proud grandparents of baby Genesis Evelyn Winifred, brought along by her parents to our Candlelight Service on 17th December. Early in January 2018, Ray and Jenny Mead (Ray is Chapel Secretary) also gained a new granddaughter, Felicity Elsie Grace. Felicity's brothers, Milo and Oliver, already come to Whitbourne on a regular basis; hopefully, before too long, our baby girls will join the Sunday crèche and Sunday School!

Happy Sunday School memories

It seems strange today, even though I came from a non-Christian family, that I attended

Sunday School. It was a time for singing hymns, Bible reading and Bible classes. In class, stamps could be won for answering questions. These were Bible story pictures and were stuck in a 'stamp book'. When I reached adulthood, I was baby-sitting for a younger cousin and asked him about Easter. All it meant to him was Easter eggs; he knew nothing about Jesus coming and dying at Calvary for our sins, and wanting us to follow Him. The decision was made to start a morning Sunday School. In those days it was called Covenanters, which was a national organisation.

Today, there are not many Sunday Schools and where there is work for children, it is usually run in the week. We ran a Monday Club at Brewham for many years; the children got off the school bus at 3.45 pm and, after refreshments, we held a club until 5 pm. That club is still running albeit with younger leaders and at a different time.

It's great to be greeted these days by young adults with children of their own. "Hello, Uncle Ray, I saw you at the Space Race hour." Happy days indeed.

Ray Mead
Whitbourne's Chapel Secretary

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Regular times

Services every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45)

Prayer meeting every Sunday morning from 10.20 - 10.40

Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 12 noon for 15 minutes

Bible study as announced



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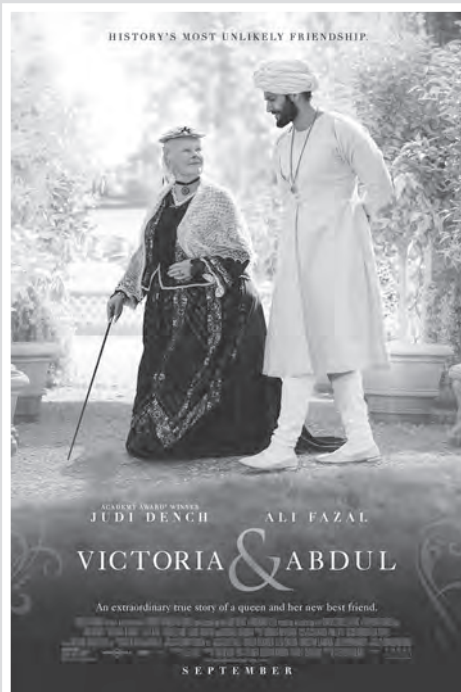


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Thursday 15th February 'Victoria and Abdul' (PG)

Late in her reign, the bored, stifled and mournful Queen Victoria encounters a young Indian clerk named Abdul Kareem who has travelled from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee. As the Queen questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance with a loyalty to one another that her household and inner circle all attempt to destroy.

Victoria then announces Ali as her "Munshi", or Indian Secretary – much to the consternation of her courtiers, particularly her son, Bertie (Eddie Izzard), the future King Edward VII.

The film follows the extraordinary true story of this unexpected friendship and once again Judi Dench has made this iconic figure engagingly and all-too-fallibly human.

With wonderful leads by Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Michael Gambon and Eddie Izzard.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start at Corsley Reading Room. Tickets £6 (available from Acres Supply or on the door) to include a free cup of tea or coffee. Refreshments and licensed bar also available.

If you have any special requirements, or need to use the hearing loop, please let us know before the event and we will try to help.

The next Cinema Corsley dates are:

Thursday 15th March - Paddington 2

Thursday 19th April



Ready for action!

Chapmanslade Village Plan

After our fruitful questionnaire results meetings in the village hall last year, the village plan steering group have taken a breather over the Christmas and New Year period and we are now ready to move on to the next stages. There are two areas to work on from this point; the first is the written plan which will involve creating a document from all the research and work we have carried out so far that will be used to shape our village into the future. The second area can be loosely called 'actions and activities' coming from all the questions, meetings and discussions.

We need a group of villagers to help to create the written plan and pull together a document that can be used as a reference and guide for the future. If you have the skills, a little time and lots of enthusiasm to help then please email us at plan@chapmanslade.org.uk. All the information about the village plan is available on the website www.chapmanslade.org.uk

The actions and activities that are evolving from the questionnaire results and the meetings are numerous. The steering group will try to help the groups that are forming and individuals with ideas and enthusiasm to get those ideas into actions

We were intending to distribute the results of the questionnaire to every house but have decided to save our funds for helping projects get underway. Instead we are making those results as available as possible; find them on the website at

www.chapmanslade.org.uk or you can find copies at the Three Horseshoes, the village hall and Barbers Plant Centre. If you would like a copy delivered simply email plan@chapmanslade.org.uk or phone 01373 832437.

Footpaths were a popular topic that many people would like to help with so we are holding a meeting in early February to try to form a group that can organise repairs, clearance and improvements. Possibly as part of the footpath group it looks as if an informal walking group is taking shape. Open to anyone to join in and dog-friendly too, some dates will be set soon.

This year there are plans to plant trees in memory of those with connections to Chapmanslade who lost their lives in the First World War – let us know if you would like to help. The Memorial Playing Field group is beginning and aims to help the village hall committee manage and improve the field, outside facilities and playground equipment.

A community orchard, dog poo bins, pavements, cycling, roads, volunteering and traffic are all topics that are live and important to Chapmanslade as well and we will work to help everyone who wants to work on these over the coming months.

Email us if you want to be involved, organise or help: plan@chapmanslade.gov.uk or call 01373 832437

Adam Oakley

Corsley Festival Choir

Corsley Festival Choir extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to come and join us for a evening of singing favourites from The Messiah. The choir are in the process of rehearsing for a performance of parts II and III of The Messiah at their May Concert. They would love anyone to come along and join them on **Monday 5th February at St Margaret's Church, Corsley** between **7.30pm and 9.30pm.**

Music scores and refreshments are provided.

The choir is around 45 members strong, but looking to recruit new members. This would be a chance, without any commitment, to experience singing in an large choir with a popular piece of choral music.

For further information please contact Jenny Rutty on 01373 832418.

Kind regards, Peter Bennett

Friends of Chapmanslade School PTFA

Thank you so much for all your support in 2017: since September we have raised £1800 which is amazing!

The Christmas Fayre went well with a real community feel. A big thank you to Messy Church who took a corner for fantastic crafts and science experiments for both children and adults to enjoy.

I would also like to thank Phil Holihead and the choir for singing at the event along with lots of children! It was lovely to see a real togetherness. Thank you to Terry and Linda Rose who kindly spent a lot of the time working hard in the kitchen along with Phil Holihead and Andrew Ridler. Thank you to the PTFA volunteers and committee who helped on stalls and setting up the grotto. Thank you to those who attended and have supported us.

If you haven't already seen, we have now signed up our school for the school lottery. See www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Chapmanslade School. Anyone can sign up for it and 40% of every £ goes straight to the school. Anyone who signs up for Chapmanslade School will go into a weekly draw. You will also be put into a monthly draw to win £25,000. One of my friends in Mere won the £25,000 just a few months ago, so winning really is possible and you'd be supporting a local cause at the same time!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly by phone on 07964 880841 or email at charlene_searle@hotmail.com

Here's to a great 2018!

*Charlene Ridler
Chair of the PTFA*

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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

On a bright and sunny day in mid January, when large parts of the country were suffering from high winds, storms and heavy snowfalls, I managed a lovely walk along our lanes and footpaths.

We have had our share of rain this month, 2.1" so far and I noticed how wet and muddy the fields are, especially where cattle are feeding on root crops and silage. Farm staff check them every day to see that there are no health problems with the cattle as they move the electric fencing every day

It is great to see so many birds around, both in the garden and in the countryside. A pair of red legged partridge seem to have adopted us, enjoying the rather overgrown areas in the garden; flocks of starling are moving in formation creating swirling dark clouds called a murmuration. Red kites and sparrow hawks keep mammals and small birds on the alert, with gulls, crows, rooks and ravens picking up seeds and grain left in the fields after harvesting along with tasty insects and worms that come from the farmyard manure and slurry stores, ready to be ploughed in for the Spring sown arable crops.

February brings the first signs of spring with the dangling catkins on the hazel, willow buds emerging and the verges alive with snowdrops. Do enjoy the daffodils planted 18 months ago in focal points in our village and especially along the main roads, thanks to the generosity of our Parish Council and The Elizabethan Committee

On the farms, sheep are now enjoying a little spoiling time as many ewes are brought in to covered yards, where they are given feed stuffs and hay to get them in good condition for lambing and a comfortable bed of loose straw. Knowing that they are safe

from all winds and weather, predators such as foxes, badgers and large birds that will attack young and sick animals, means that both sheep and shepherd will have a happier lambing season. Please remember while in the countryside that sheep worrying by dogs is an offence which allows the owner of the sheep to shoot on sight any dog found chasing sheep.

Let's appreciate the short month of February and look forward to March

Judith Helliar



Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

Chairman, Hugh Deed, reports on the latest happenings at the hall

The 2018 season of Cinema Corsley kicked off with 'My Cousin Rachel' and in February we will be showing 'Victoria and Abdul'; see advert elsewhere in this publication for full details and future dates. Come along, meet the community and have a drink while watching.

The next coffee morning is 6th February and then 6th March from 10 am to 12 noon.

Following numerous requests, we are planning to show the film about Maud Davis (Death of a Sociologist) in the lower room at the March coffee morning for those who are interested. Full details will be in the March edition of The Bridge and on our website. There will be a charge of £3 if you want to watch this film.

Also coming up is the special event for Thursday 22nd March (afternoon) about computer security. This will be presented by Wiltshire On-Line Safety (The Bobby Van Trust) and Tim Wilton will speak and answer questions about how to protect yourself from scams and the like when using your

tablet/ PC/phone. Put the date in your diary now – all welcome. Entry will be free, with tea and coffee available. Start time will be confirmed in the March edition of The Bridge. The Bobby Van Trust is specifically set up to address these issues for the older generation, but this session is open to all.

The committee has decided to dispose of some of the older card tables as they are surplus to requirements. If anyone is interested in having one, for a small donation, please let me know.

The lower room is now equipped with an electric projection screen thanks to a generous donation.

The hall and facilities are available to hire. Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire it are on the website or call Gill Parkinson (832322) to discuss. See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

Hugh Deed

*Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk or
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Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning:

First Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon

IT Classes/Club:

21st February 10 am - 12 noon

Cinema Corsley – 'Victoria and Abdul'

15th February, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

Cyber Security:

22nd March (afternoon)

Regular events run by other organisations

Lite Bites Lunches: *4th Wednesday of each month*

Yoga: *Tuesday and Wednesday evenings*

Pilates: *Tuesday afternoons*

Committee members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Ruffy, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers.

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Pheasant
- 2 Mice
- 3 Treasure Island
- 4 Hansard
- 5 Caustic soda
- 6 Little girls
- 7 Schubert (Symphony No 8)
- 8 Otter
- 9 New York
- 10 Benny Goodman
- 11 Beatrix Potter
- 12 Alberta

Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

1 space	(69mm wide x 33mm high)	£22.00
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£42.00
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£60.00
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£75.00
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£104.00

Trade advertisement material should be supplied in print-ready format, to the chosen standard size and correct shape.

For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer) at either thebridge832@gmail.com or 01373 832443.

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