

# The Bridge

February 2023

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



*Have your say at the parish council meeting, get crafty in the crafternoon,  
lap up a Lite Bites Soup Lunch, get 'sustainable(ish) with the WI,  
hear all about the de Havilland Mosquito, there's lots to do in February...*



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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!

## File types

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

## Advertising:

**Small ads** are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

## Events/local organisation ads

(churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a boxed advert.

**Full page ads** cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barters Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

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

## Trade advertising

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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**

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## February

### **Tuesday 7th**

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

### **Wednesday 8th**

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

### **Thursday 9th**

Corsley WI - 'Sustainable(ish)' a talk by Jen Gale – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Tuesday 14th**

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

### **Thursday 16th**

Community Church and Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Tuesday 23rd**

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

Multimedia presentation on the de Havilland Mosquito – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room  
(book tickets in advance)

## March

### **Tuesday 7th**

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

### **Thursday 9th**

Corsley WI - 'Annual General Meeting and Stayin' Alive' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Tuesday 14th**

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

### **Thursday 16th**

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 30th**

Jack and the Magical Beanstalk – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall



# Diary Dates

## Friday 31st

Jack and the Magical Beanstalk – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

## April

### Saturday 1st

Jack and the Magical Beanstalk – 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Tuesday 4th

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

### Tuesday 11th

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

Chapmanslade Village Hall Annual General Meeting – 8 pm, at the hall

### Thursday 13th

Corsley WI - 'How well do you know Wiltshire?' Alive – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm to 2 pm,  
Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 29th

Quiz Night with Bob & Bob,  
Chapmanslade Village Hall

## May

### Tuesday 2nd

Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon,  
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### Tuesday 9th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10  
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### Thursday 18th

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Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 5th April

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Wednesday 3rd May

Wednesday 17th May

Wednesday 31st May

Wednesday 14th June

Wednesday 28th June



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**Wednesday 22nd February**

**Wednesday 22nd March**

**Wednesday 26th April**



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# *Corsley Fayre 2023*

## Fantastic news!

Thanks to a few villagers coming forward to take up the key roles on the committee, we are pleased to announce that there **will** be a Fayre on Saturday 2nd September.

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- 2 What was the name of Dick Turpin's horse?
- 3 The assassination of Arch Duke Ferdinand was the immediate cause of which conflict?
- 4 The song "I Whistle a Happy Tune" features in which musical?
- 5 How many legs does an ant have?
- 6 Who succeeded Henry VIII to the throne in 1547?
- 7 Which Brothers' Grimm character could spin straw into gold?
- 8 Which two South American countries are landlocked?
- 9 In the phonetic alphabet, if A is Alpha and B is Bravo, what is H?
- 10 In which Dicken's novel would you find Abel Magwitch?
- 11 "My name is my bond" (dictum meum pactum) is the motto of which City institution?
- 12 Which is the only vowel not used as the first letter in a US State?

*Answers on page 40*

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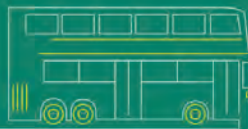
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# Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

As I write we have been experiencing endless days of grey with unremitting heavy rain, so much so that if the sun does make an appearance, it is something to be remarked upon; a glimpse of blue sky is reason for celebration! It is that time of year when it can feel unbearably cold and miserable, and spring can feel a long way off.

Recently I had the privilege of accompanying my friend to have a scan of her baby. When I had my four children, I only had a scan for the youngest one born in 1987 so I was very excited to have this opportunity to be with my friend.

It was incredibly moving to see the image of this tiny being up on the screen, and even more so when the radiographer highlighted the various organs in the baby's body and explained what they were. It was nothing short of miraculous that hidden in its dark and watery home a new human being was being formed. The psalmist writes:

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

This miracle of new life is echoed in the rhythm of birth and death in the created order; despite the cold and darkness of these February days new life is being created in the dark earth. Initially we cannot see it at all, but then wondrously, a bulb bravely pushes its green head through the sodden soil and there, we are reminded that new life is coming. Once again I hold my breath in anticipation of seeing that most beautiful icon of hope, the snowdrop; how gloriously clever of nature to give us something so exquisite when we are wondering how on earth we are going to get through these final months of winter. In his poem, *Firelight and Nightfall*, D.H. Laurence writes: 'Here lamps are white like snowdrops in the grass.' What beautiful words, the snowdrops are like lamps aren't they, lighting up these dull days and calling us to pay attention to the beauty of the natural world, to what the priest/poet George Herbert called, 'Heaven in Ordinary', pointing us toward hope.

Herbert's poems are prayers really, and most people at some point in their lives find prayer difficult, they cannot find the right words or they feel that God has deserted them, that prayer is a waste of time. Weirdly, it is often when we admit to feeling the absence of God that we are actually closest to him, and anyway, words are very inadequate to express this yearning we have to reach beyond ourselves into the divine presence.

John of the Cross spoke of 'dazzling darkness', I hope in these dark days of winter, and indeed our hurting world, you too can find beauty and hope that moves your heart to prayer as we wait for spring.

Love and prayers,  
Pauline

## February Church Diary

**5th February: 3rd before lent**  
8 am Holy Communion Kingston Deverill  
9.30 am Eucharist Corsley  
10 am Morning Worship Longbridge



**12th February: 2nd before Lent**  
9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade  
10.00 am Eucharist Kingston Deverill



**February 19th: Sunday before Lent**  
10 am Eucharist Brixton  
11 am Matins Corsley



**Wednesday February 22nd: Ash Wednesday**  
10 am Eucharist Chapmanslade  
6 pm Eucharist Longbridge



**February 26th: First Sunday of Lent**  
9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade  
10 am Eucharist Longbridge



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## **Crafternoons**

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 23rd February, 3 – 5 pm,  
Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade (in the gallery)

## **Lite bites Soup Lunch**

22nd February 12.30 pm – 2 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms





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## Chapmanslade Church

# Heading on a space journey

Ian Buick reports on the latest developments at St Phillip and St James' church

Chapmanslade is growing and facilities in the community need to grow along with the expansion of housing and population. One significant shortage, is for a small meeting and activity space with proper facilities, and the underused Church, sitting right in the heart of the village, alongside the Church School and independent Pre-School, could not be in a better place to meet this need.

In 2019 a number of possible internal changes to the Church in Chapmanslade were widely discussed with village organisations and at a public Parish Council Meeting. The Pandemic then brought this to a temporary stop, but November last year saw a visit by Salisbury Diocese advisors responsible for historic Churches to hear about possible changes and give advice. The Grade 2 listed building is



protected in a much more significant way than other buildings. Designed by George Street, the famous architect of the London Law Courts, Chapmanslade Church is considered by Historic England to be of historic significance. The Church was the subject of a report by them in 2005, when the interior of the building was given a grading in two parts. The lower level where everybody sits is graded 3 out of a possible 4, meaning it could be adapted for use to create more space. The higher level by the altar, however is graded at the top number 1 level, which places it alongside similar gradings for the most important church buildings in the country.

Advice from Alan Jeans the area Archdeacon, was that a temporary trial could be run, to put half of the existing



bench pews into storage, leaving enough for regular services. Sufficient chairs would be on hand for both larger services and to provide seating for different activities, together with some small fold up tables. This idea was put to the Church Council (PCC) in January, and the application process to make the change was given the green light.



Church Warden Ian Buick commented. 'This is not just a Church project. It is aiming to provide a community space, eventually with new toilet and refreshment facilities, which will be available for all to use like the village hall, but on a simpler smaller scale. Discussions are continuing with the Parish Council who have been providing valuable advice and support, the Village Hall to co-ordinate possible uses and Chapmanslade History Group, for support with history related questions. Potential users have also been approached for their ideas.'

Discussing these possible developments, Rector Pauline Reid said she was incredibly excited with the possibilities offered by opening up the Church to the widest possible range of uses. She stressed it was the mission of her parish to place the community at the heart of the church, and she could not think of a better way to demonstrate this.

## Thank You

*A big thank you to Corsley Village for donating £330 to the Children's Society when the carol singers did their rounds of homes, pubs and farms on 23rd December.*

*Judith Helliar*

## Lite Bites

Looking out of my window as I write this, the garden is very white with frost. What better way to warm you up on a day like today than a large bowl of soup? Lite Bites soup lunches take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Reading Room from 12.30 – 2 pm. The February lunch date is 23rd, followed by 23rd March and 27th April. We always have a choice of four different soups and you are not limited to one bowl. If there is a soup you would particularly like us to make, you only have to ask!!

Each month we support a different charity to which we give the donations for the soup. So far this 'season' we have supported the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, the RNLI and the British Legion. In February we will be giving the donations to Dorothy House our local hospice in Bradford-on-Avon.

Please come along and join us for sumptuous soup and convivial conversation.

*Maureen Willcox*



**Corsley WI**

# January news

Maggie Wobey rounds up the January meeting and announces some forthcoming events



January saw Corsley WI in the Reading Rooms and, despite the bleak weather, we had a good turnout and welcomed three new members.

The meeting started with presentations of the resolutions. Each year the WI campaigns for change to an aspect of life and has successfully effected change. Four resolutions were presented for members to vote on which one they would like to be taken forward to the full AGM. This year the resolutions are: Save our Water – every drop matters; Women to Women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers; Online Gambling Harm: time for action and, finally, Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife, which received the most Corsley votes. The votes for all the resolutions will be forwarded to the Wiltshire Federation for the national AGM.

The chair then welcomed Miriam Cheal of Medical Detection Dogs, a charity that works to support, save and enhance lives. She spoke enthusiastically about the charity, with films and slides of the work the charity is involved in. The charity was started in 2008 by Dr Claire Guest who was already involved in using dogs to identify cancer. A year later her own dog persistently jumped on her chest which resulted in the early identification of a deep seated breast cancer. The charity was further supported by Dr John Church, known as The Maggot Man, as he reintroduced the use of maggots to clean wounds, a treatment used in war zones. He also believed that

animals could be used in diagnostics. We were told that dogs are ‘biosensors with fluffy coats and waggy tails’.

The charity is based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire and in 2019 moved into a purpose-built facility which includes training for puppies and dogs and research facilities. Hubs have been set up around the UK: Central; North-west; East and South West. Each dog is trained for a specific smell. The dogs come from different backgrounds, including rescue dogs, with the overall characteristics of having a good temperament and being people-orientated. In the past, labradors and spaniels were deemed most suitable, but now smaller dogs participate as not everyone wants a large dog, and all breeds of dogs can be trained. It takes 18 months to 5 years to train a dog and costs about £29,000. In training, the dogs have three 20 minute sessions each day and the rest of the time is ‘fun’ time and they reside with their volunteers until placed. The samples they smell in training are both positive and negative samples from tissues sent by medical bases and, more recently, live samples have been used with a 94% rate of identifying COVID-19 which is much higher than through a lateral flow test.

At the end of 2021 the charity began a breeding programme and bred six puppies to become ‘super sniffers’ with four being trained for medical detection and the other two joining other charity programmes. Dogs



can detect a scent at very low concentrations as they have a huge number of sensors in their noses. Humans can smell a spoon of sugar in a cup of tea whereas a dog can smell the same amount of sugar in a million gallons of water – the equivalent to two Olympic sized swimming pools.

There are two arms to the charity: Biodetection for early accurate non-invasive diagnosis of cancer; neurological conditions; bacterial problems; malaria and viruses; and Medical Alert Assistance for people with potentially life limiting conditions. Clinical trials are currently working towards the identification of prostate cancer and urological conditions. Medical Assistance Dogs are present in care homes to identify specific UTIs so that the right antibiotics can be prescribed. These dogs also double as therapy dogs. Medical Alert dogs are placed with those who have life threatening conditions which have no warning symptoms, for example those with Type 1 Diabetes, or Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS). These dogs can give early warning of

an attack and so give their owners confidence, independence and freedom to live as normal a life as possible. They give reassurance to parents of very young children with such conditions giving them the chance to get a night's sleep.

The future is even more mind blowing with E-nose development, where research is working on replicating the smell of a condition which can be created on an app to recognise the volatiles (scent of a condition) on people's breath.

If you would like to find out more, or support the charity, the website is: **[www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk](http://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk)**

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th February and is entitled 'Sustainable (ish)' by Jen Gale.

In the meantime an exciting and interesting programme for 2023-24 is being drawn up.

For more information about Corsley WI, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Alice Helliard on 07989 339632 or [alicecambridge40@gmail.com](mailto:alicecambridge40@gmail.com)

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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Charlie Thackway reports on the PC's meeting in January

The Chapmanslade Parish Council met on Thursday 12th January. The main points discussed were:

### Points raised from members of the public

Mr Foster spoke as a member of the public on his present planning application (Land South of 92 High Street, Chapmanslade - PL/2022/09808) explaining his proposals and changes following advice received from the planning authority. He stated that as a councillor he would not be attending the council meeting when the application is tabled for the agenda.

Mr and Mrs Parker spoke on their planning application at Corsley Mill on which the council have previously submitted comments. They apologised for not attending the meeting to speak on this at the meeting when it was discussed. This was due to being unaware that the application had gone live. Having discussed the application further with the planning officer they informed the council of the outcome of these conversations.

### Unitary Authority Councillor Bill Parks reminded councillors of:

- The forthcoming meeting on which the request for a topographical survey would need to be discussed regarding traffic on the High Street.
- The need for Parish Stewards having to focus on pothole filling only at present.

- The recent information regarding the future requirement (2025) for Parish and Town Councils to contribute to the costs of elections.

### Flooding

The Chair noted that there had been a problem with flooding in Gore Lane. Councillor Oakley agreed to take this up with the landowner.

### Planning application

The council discussed the following planning application:

**PL/2022/09061 Rosebank House, Corsley BA12 7QD**

The council raised no objections to this application. However, it commented on the need for the existing footpath to be maintained at a width of no less than 1.8 metres.

### Budget Plan 23/24

Formal confirmation of the proposed Budget Plan. The proposed budget plan for 23/24 was discussed and formally approved.

### Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th February at 7.30 pm, at Chapmanslade Village Hall.

All minutes, agendas, etc., can be found on the PC website [www.chapmansladepc.org.uk](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk)

# Wonderful Walks

## Wilton Wanderings



Returning to the car park, I headed out on the main street, turning right on the leaf-covered pavement. Ahead of you, on the far side of the road, should be the entrance to Wilton House; cross this very busy road with due care. After that, I paused to take photos, first of a statue of the 13th Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery (died 1895), and then of the archway into Wilton Estate itself. On the arch is an equestrian statue, one well known to me from Rome, as it's an exact copy (circa 1755) of one in the Capitoline Museum. The original is the only remaining bronze equestrian statue from the Roman Empire (the rest were melted down), but this one was saved because the rider was thought to be Constantine, the first Christian emperor. Actually, it isn't; it's Marcus Aurelius.

For February's walk, Wilton seems like a good choice. Park up in what was the Carpet Factory car park and you'll see things have changed; the site's been taken over and renamed 'The Guild'. The huge factory building, which once housed Edinburgh Woollen Mill and the upstairs restaurant, is closed and 'transformed' with black boarding, it seems to me. Nor could I find anywhere on-site to enjoy a coffee and second breakfast, though the toilets were still available.







*Baptist Church*

Walking on, you'll pass the Pembroke Arms hotel and some lovely circa 17th century buildings, in a square opposite. Keep going and you'll see Wilton's Market Place and car park on your right, filled with market stalls on Thursdays. To the right of that is a substantial brick building, once Wilton's town hall, complete with clock tower, but now the Baptist Church – and open for morning coffee on market days. In I went, to be greeted as a long-lost friend, not a stranger, so don't be shy; have a chat and cuppa here!

Afterwards, tour the remains of the original St. Mary's Church nearby before returning

to the road alongside the market and cross to 'Coffee Darling', turning right towards the crossroads and traffic lights. Cross the road into West Street and stay on the left pavement, because halfway along this wide road is an unusual church for an English community.

The church of St Mary and St. Nicholas, the 'Italianate Church', was built for the Honourable Sidney Herbert, who loved the architecture and churches of Tuscany in northern Italy. The building was completed in 1845 and cost £20,000. The bell tower is 33 metres tall and separate from the main building, as bell-towers (campanile) usually are in Italy, though this one's linked to the church by a 'mini-cloister'. Don't give this place a miss, because the inside's as unique and spectacular as the outside, particularly the apse mosaic of 'Christ in Glory', produced in 1920 by Miss Gertrude Martin. At the left back of the church are electric switches, press the correct one and the mosaic will be briefly illuminated. Don't miss the rose window either, above the balcony and door – and tour the churchyard if the weather's suitable, to see this building 'in the round'.

When you move on, cross hectic West Street carefully and turn right on the far pavement,



*Apse mosaic*



shelves here, like a house clearance; I found a 1920s book of Rudyard Kipling poems to read, while waiting for my lunch to be delivered!



*13th Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery*

walking until you find the left-hand turning into Crow Lane; there's a strange black-and-white house on the right-hand side of the lane as you turn in. Follow Crow Lane round and you'll eventually reach North Street; turn left and keep walking. There are different building styles along here, red-brick constructions, stone-built ones, water courses, and side street terraces. On the junction with Castle Street, at your left, are the remains of 'Wilton Coachworks' and a derelict chapel further on, both looking due for demolition. Later, just past the yellow thatched cottage on your right, is a public house on the corner of the main road, with Queen Street going left to Warminster and King Street going right to Salisbury.

Go right, staying on the right side of the road until you reach the Guild coach park, also on your right. Either walk through there and return to your car OR, if you're hungry, walk past the Guild buildings and Wilton recreation ground next door, to the roundabout and cross – extremely carefully – to the far side of the road. Stay on the Salisbury road until you reach Wilton Garden Centre, with the facilities and updated restaurant there. You'll find old books on many subjects on



*'The Guild' - the old Wilton Carpet Factory*

# Whitbourne Chapel

*For I know the plans I have for you...  
Jeremiah 29, v11*

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future:

I'm a self-employed tractor driver. In 2018 I was cutting the verge at the side of the road in Faulkland. I had my 'grass cutting' signs out and a driver, who was late for work, managed to drive into the back of me, damaging my cutting machine, though I was still able to use it. The insurance claim took a long time to go through but, unknown to me, the fan on the machine was not functioning properly.

I was cutting grass in Evercreech, when I was aware of a man running along waving his arms, with a fire extinguisher in his hand. I turned around and saw that my machine was smoking badly. The man tried to extinguish it but the machine, which had its own tank of oil, burst into flames. I got back in the tractor, to drive it to a safe place outside the village, with no thought of the tank of diesel in the plastic tank under the tractor.

When I finally jumped out of the tractor the fire had spread to the vehicle itself and, by the time the Fire Brigade arrived from Shepton Mallet the tractor was well alight. A Press man made much of the story and made me out as some sort of hero. Heroes do come

easily today!

The tractor and machine were a complete loss, but I was safe.

*A Member of Whitbourne Congregation*

What do you think of the fact that God has a hand in our protection? And that He has a plan for us if only we would seek Him with all our heart and put our trust in Him, believing He sent the Lord Jesus to die for our sins?

*Chapel Secretary*



**Fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139, verse 14)**

Our Speaker on Sunday 8th January this year was Mr. Russell Short from Clink Evangelical Church in Frome. Russell used the words quoted here – from his favourite

Psalm – and talked about his new great-niece, Esther Elizabeth, born on Sunday 18th December last year; she was among the congregation with her parents. The overwhelming thing, though, was Russell's sense of awe that God designed something so beautiful and exquisite as that tiny baby. Join us on Sunday 12th February and hear Russell's unique sermon style for yourself! Refreshments are available before the Service begins.

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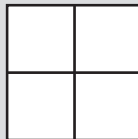
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### A talk on 'The Wooden Wonder'

Tickets are still available for this illustrated talk on Thursday 23rd February. This is the fascinating and little known story about the de Havilland Mosquito. See website for more details and to buy tickets.

### 'Photographs of Corsley' Competition

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### Refurbishment programme

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### Reading Room ovens and electricity prices

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### Hiring

See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for up-to-date information and more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

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### Committee Members

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- 10 Great Expectations
- 11 London Stock Exchange
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## 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!

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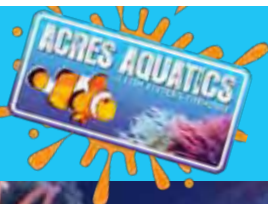
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