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of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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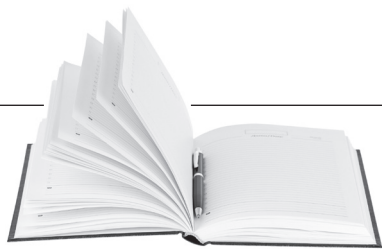
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**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th January**

**Please note that no
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January



Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - OPEN MEETING 'Korean Odyssey' – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

Warminster Area Board – 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 10th

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

Wednesday 14th

Corsley Gardening Club - Social Afternoon – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 17th

Wildlife Film Night for all the family – 6.30 - 9.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 18th

Carpet bowls plus other activities and games at the Reading Rooms

Wednesday 21st

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade

Thursday 22nd

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

Wednesday 28th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

February

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

Diary Dates

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Auction of Promises – 7pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Channel Swimmers' – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

Movie at the Reading Room (subject to permissions and availability)

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

Saturday 21st

Race Night – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

March

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster Area Board – 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Thursday 12th

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

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

Short talks (10 - 15 minutes each) on a variety of subjects plus other activities and games at the Reading Rooms

Wednesday 18th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

continued...

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 21st

Barn Dance – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Barn Dance – Frome Friends for Dorothy House, Rye Hill Barn, Longbridge Deverill

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

April

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI - 'Making Felt Brooches' – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 15th

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

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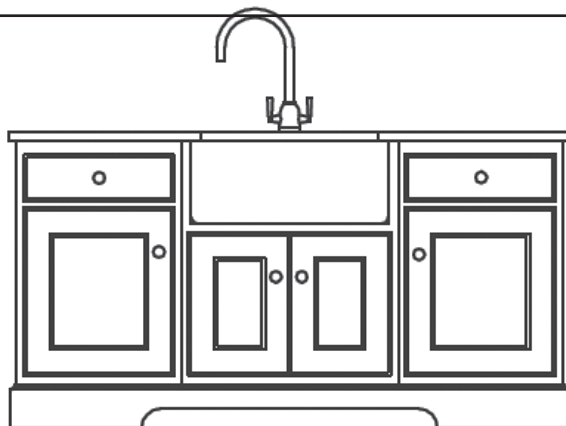


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Chapmanslade Village Hall

The good, the bad (without the ugly)...

First, very best wishes to you all for this New Year.

The Good News

As many of you will be aware, in August the new floor was laid at the village hall – it looked really good and a vast improvement on the old floor and was admired by all users.

The Bad News

A few weeks later (the beginning of October) there was a flood in the ladies toilets, which came out into the hall. This was caused by a fault in the cistern causing it to overflow (via the internal overflow) into the WC. The flow down the drain then backed up due to a blockage (a nappy was subsequently removed!). The result of this is that it is almost certain that the entire new floor is likely to need replacing, with the hall being out of use for about three weeks whilst this happens. At the time of writing an industrial dehumidifier has been installed on the instructions of the insurers.

Looking back over recent months, we were blessed with good weather both for the barbeque and cream teas and croquet afternoon. The former saw the return of the ever popular duck race and a revival of egg throwing (I understand this was a popular event in previous years!). Wendy's freshly

made scones soon disappeared at the croquet afternoon.

More recently we had a 'volunteers' day – it was lovely to see so many people working together to tidy up around the field, A big 'Thank You' to everyone who came along to help in any way, from the youngest (3 years old) to the oldest (age unknown!) Photographic evidence can be seen on the village website.

A new venture was a fun wine tasting evening. Corsley's very own David Gerhardt was the compere for the evening – by all accounts an excellent evening.

Looking ahead to the New Year we have a race night and a barn dance planned. A new venture will be a family friendly wildlife film night, planned for **Saturday 17th January**. Tony House will be talking about the wildlife around Frome and showing some pictures and films about otters and nesting dippers.

Snowdrop Walk in Corsley

Saturday 31st January

Starting at 10.30 from the Reading Room
(Weather permitting)

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which season does the word vernal relate to?
- 2 In which country does the River Amazon rise?
- 3 In advertisements, which sign meant 'happy motoring'?
- 4 Who wrote 'Porgy and Bess'?
- 5 What can be seen from earth only once approximately every 76 years?
- 6 What is the national airline of Spain?
- 7 In the nursery rhyme, who was married on Wednesday?
- 8 Which organ of the body secretes insulin?
- 9 Which metallic element is mixed with tin (or arsenic) to form the alloy bronze?
- 10 Which 'Dad's Army' actor was married to Hattie Jacques from 1949 - 1965?
- 11 Of which Australian State is Melbourne the capital?
- 12 Which word can go after soap but before house?

Answers on page 48

Corsley Show 31st August 2015

Printed on pages 28 to 30 of this edition of The Bridge, is the Horticultural and Crafts pre-schedule giving advance details of four divisions of the 2015 Show. For creative crafters and active artists, the classes in Divisions G and I offer the opportunity to use the winter nights to produce exquisite exhibits for us to display!

For the gardeners amongst you, there are details of the vegetables and flowers in Divisions A (open) and C (closed). This will give gardeners the chance to purchase the appropriate seeds and prepare growing plans. This month you could sow some varieties of tomatoes, onions and sweet peas indoors to give them a good start, so happy growing!

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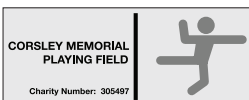
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Corsley WI

December News



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

On Thursday 11th December, members had an enjoyable evening at White Row Farm, Beckington for their annual Christmas Dinner, with a picture quiz and a general knowledge quiz to tax their brains, followed by some entertaining readings.

Being a WI member brings enormous opportunities, fun and friendship and also the chance to learn new skills at Denman, the WI Training College near Oxford. Corsley WI holds a draw each year for one lucky member to win the cost of a weekend course at Denman. This year the winner was Mary Purchase, who accepted the bursary for a residential course on London for the Armchair Traveller, a pictorial history of the capital. Many of our other members have also been to Denman, to learn new skills in the Georgian mansion with its 17 acres of picturesque grounds.

The Wiltshire Federation has organized various trips and events for 2015. There are visits to the Hinckley B Power Station, Adam Henson's farm in the Cotswolds and celebrations in Swindon and Tidworth in March and April for the WI Centenary. There

is also a holiday to Norfolk in October. Full details will be available to members at our January meeting.

If you would like to join our WI and take part in any of these activities, you would be made very welcome. The minimum age is 18 and we hope that our meetings are enjoyable for members of all ages. The subscription fee compares very favourably to other organisations and our speakers for 2015/16 will be covering a wide range of subjects.

We shall be back in the Reading Room at Corsley for our next meeting, at 2.30pm on Thursday 8th January 2015. The meeting is open to everyone to come and hear the Reverend Ward Jones talk entitled 'Korean Odyssey'. The competition for members is for a basket.

The Gardening Club will also be meeting in the Reading Room on Wednesday 14th January 2015 for a social afternoon – new members are very welcome.

If you would like further information about Corsley WI or any of the events, please contact Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

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

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, 2.30pm, venues to be announced
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, venues to be announced
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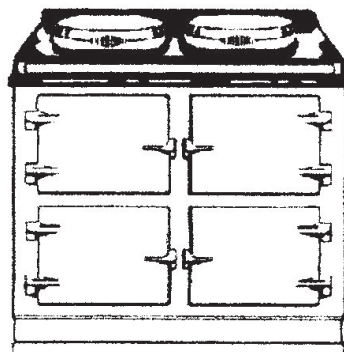


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Parish Council Briefing

The Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the last of the PCs business for 2014

There were two key meetings since the last Bridge, 20th November with the Wiltshire Commissioning & Contract Lead for New Housing, Victoria Smith, to discuss the way ahead for more affordable housing in Corsley, and the quarterly PC meeting on 8th December. The major topics on the agenda for the latter were the 2014-15 budget, the precept for 2015-16 and the future of the Len White Trust.

Affordable Housing

The key point from this meeting was that, although the Housing Needs Survey had made specific recommendations for Corsley, the survey provides only a quarter of the evidence needed to allow Wiltshire to make a final judgement. The remainder comes from Wiltshire Council's Housing Register, advice from allocation staff who manage the Register and the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. When the evidence from these sources has been gathered, there will be a feasibility study of options for the Bay Tree site, followed by consultation with Architects and then further exposure to the PC of the proposals, probably in June this year. After that, the next step would then be a public consultation.

Budget 2013-14

Total income for 2013-14 was £8,949, made up of the precept (£8,137), Steiner School (£400), Little Cuckoos (£250) and a VAT refund (£165). At the time of writing, the expenditure is £5,154, with the annual donations to other village organisations yet to be decided, other than The Bridge which received £131 earlier in the year. Parish Councils have the legal power to use their funds to support a wide range of enterprises such as community groups, sport and leisure facilities, village halls, open spaces and biodiversity and entertainment/arts festivals.

Traditionally the PC has supported the Readings Rooms, the Memorial Playing Field, the Parochial Church Council and the Baptist Church. To date only one of these has made an application and it was decided at the 8th December meeting that this year, to be fair to all, there would be a general invitation to village organisations for bids for donations, through advertisement in The Bridge, this article being the first. Such bids should be sent to the Parish Clerk, John Willcox (corsleypc_jdw@aol.co.uk - note the underscore - or by hand to Little Orchard, Lyes Green) and those received by 1st March will be considered. The bids should include extant accounts for the organisation, show

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how the organisation benefits the Parish of Corsley and must relate to a specific project.

Precept

FY 2013-14 recorded the last lease payment to Wiltshire for the long lease on the Old School Playing Field (OSPF) and the last receipt from the Steiner Academy Frome. Over the years, with additional help from the Elizabethan Evening Committee, these payments and receipts have effectively balanced and their removal from the overall balance sheet will have minimal effect. With the exception of the costs of maintenance for the OSPF, which are likely to be around £1,000 next year, the remainder of the costs for 2015-16 are expected to mirror this year. It was agreed therefore that no increase was required in the Precept bid for 2015-16, which would remain at £8,000.

Len White Trust

As has been previously reported, a decision was required on how best to handle this Trust, the Parish Councillors being the Trustees. The choices were; keep the status quo, but add a positive consideration of evidence of likely beneficiaries, on an annual basis; advertise for applications; wind up the Trust by amalgamation with an appropriate similar Trust. The last was rejected as the particular nature, name and purpose of the Len White Trust could be lost. The annual disposal income of the Trust is very small and it was felt that wider public exposure of the Trust would probably lead to over expectation and disappointment. The conclusion was for the first of these options, to keep the status quo, whilst conforming with the Auditor's recommendation to separate the Trust's assets from the PC bank account and keep Trust specific records in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Streetscene

Roads; and by way of a postscript, winter has arrived! Please look after any drains or ditches close to your property or that you come across on walks. Two minutes kicking leaves and mud off a drain cover or grip ditch access makes all the difference. Salt bins have all been replenished and the Parish has some additional salt which will be used for Geys Hill and vulnerable junctions; subject to manpower and vehicles being made available at the time.

Annual Parish Meeting

As previously advertised, we anticipate that the main speakers will be Michael Birnie, Longleat Land Agent, and Bob Montgomery, CEO. See below for dates.

Dates of 2015 meetings

Annual Parish Meeting

Either Wed 11th or Wed 18th March (to be confirmed)

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th May

Quarterly Meetings

Mondays 1st June, 7th September and the 7th December.

There will be at least as many Occasional meetings, at short notice, to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village noticeboards and The Bridge website for these dates.

A happy New Year to you all!

Neil Britten
Chairman, Corsley Parish Council,
neil.britten@btinternet.com

The past, the present and...

Corsley Show and its future

Was 2014 the last Show ever?

Two of the last three Shows have been hit by lousy weather and low attendance; the bank balance has taken two considerable 'hits'. The Show is over 100 years old and its future and survival has always been up to local people. Your help and support is needed now more than ever if the show is to continue in its current form.

2014 had all the potential for being a very good Show. It was put together on the back of the successful formula of 2013 when the attractions were excellent, the layout was successful and, most of all, lots of people came along on a sunny bank holiday. In 2014 we missed the Yorkshire Regiment, but had some excellent arena acts in the form of the roll, dash and bash and the moto stunt team, excellent sports, a horticultural display as good as ever and host of trade stands and catering outlets. What we didn't have was people. Our gate take was 23% of 2013 and 53% of the previous worst year, 2012.

The result was a loss of nearly £12k and reduction of the bank account to similar levels. An average Show in recent years has cost £25k to put on and, while some funds come in before the show, the arithmetic speaks for itself. Without a large injection of capital from sources unknown, we do not have the capital to mount anything like a 'normal' Show in 2015 and survive to run one in 2016.

The reasons why people did not come to the 2014 Show can never be pinned down with certainty, but, undoubtedly, the fact that forecasters had long predicted a wet bank holiday Monday, despite the good weather before and after the bank holiday, was a factor. The Show policy has, for some years, been to try and build reserves against such misfortune. These reserves were severely dented by the £7k loss in 2012 and has now been further damaged by this year's loss leaving just £11,444 in the bank.

These are stark facts, but the Society AGM at the end of November supported the Show Committee's general determination for the Show to carry on, annually, on the August Bank holiday Monday. The AGM gave total support for the original purposes of the Show, now more than 100 years old, namely to:

- Put on exhibitions of horticulture, agriculture, dogs, caged birds and items of art, home craft and industry, sideshows, competitions and amusements
- To benefit the inhabitants of Corsley and adjoining Parishes
- To be non-profit making and donate surplus profits to local bodies and organisations

Other, more radical, options were debated at the AGM, and we are now facing some hard work to devise a scheme for 2015. As ever, in this sort of situation there are two concurrent approaches that have to



be adopted.

First, we have to cut costs. The Committee has a very clear understanding of where the costs lie and has already conducted a thorough review of areas where costs can be reduced, whilst still meeting the fundamental purposes of the Show, the essential aim of the Show Society. The review has achieved a lot, but has not brought the potential outlay down to the level required. We cannot commit to any more expenditure before Show day than our liquid funds allow.

Second, we have to find ways of increasing our funds to provide greater scope for 2015 and 2016. Considerations will include seeking of sponsorship, grants and increasing membership. Other ideas range from offering debentures in the Show to running straightforward fund raising events.

In both the thrusts of the work needed to bring cost and funding into line, one thing is very clear. The Show relies very heavily on volunteers (already over 60 in number) but in lots of other areas we need more volunteer manpower:

- New acts and attractions – people with imaginative ideas to identify and bring in new items appropriate to a Village Show, e.g. rural crafts and industry, involvement of schools, competitions, etc

- Security – volunteer teams to run security, car parking, traffic management
- Horse and pony show – new ideas and people to relieve those who have loyally been doing it for years and need a rest
- Team members/project leaders – new young and enthusiastic people to help with initiatives to raise money, membership levels and other duties.

We have to act quickly in the New Year to put the detail on our plans and we will be arm twisting with some vigour this month. We will also be putting monthly updates in The Bridge on progress. We need you to help us keep the Show going and look forward to hearing from you.

Anyone wanting a copy of this year's accounts can get one by sending an email to the Treasurer at treasurer@corsleyshow.org.uk

The Corsley Show Committee

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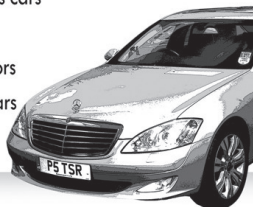
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Corsley Tennis Club News



The Tennis Club held its annual presentation dinner at the Chalford House Hotel in Westbury in December. Before the dinner the President, Charlotte Beswick, presented the following awards:

Boys' Under 16	Finlay Johnson-Wright
Girls' Under 16	Jessica Lloyd
Mens' Singles	Brian Young
Ladies' Singles	Alison Plummer
Mens' Doubles	Brian Young and Michael Clarke
Ladies' Doubles	Jane Snedden and Val Sandoe
Mixed Doubles	Alison Plummer and Cornelius Clarke

The Mixed Team also received a cup after winning Division 3 of the Chippenham and District League.

The quiz was won by the erudite Neil Britten and his cohorts, while Barbara Hughes presided over the raffle.

Seating arrangements were juggled by Brenda Levitt and Sonia Glenn and the event was most ably compered by Jenny Bishop.

Cake Monster

More IT sessions

For 'silver surfers', beginners or those wanting to know more...

Following the successful launch of these sessions in 2014 the programme for the first quarter of 2015 is now announced.

The two-hour sessions are run at the Corsley Reading Rooms and are designed for the novice or those seeking to improve their IT skills. The cost remains at £3 per person per session, including coffee or tea.

In the first quarter of 2015 there are three groups each having three sessions:

Group 1 is very **basic** and for those who have only just acquired a PC, laptop or tablet and really are starting out with no knowledge or low confidence. These sessions will be limited to no more than six attendees.

Group 2 is the **intermediate** course aimed at those with some knowledge but seeking to learn more about each of these subjects: email, word processing and spreadsheets.

Group 3 is about various aspects of software to enhance digital photographs and how to take or produce better photographs.

Basic sessions will run on Mondays at 2pm (19th January, 2nd and 16th February)

All other sessions will run on Wednesdays at 10am. **Intermediate** sessions on 7th January, 4th February and 4th March; **digital photography** sessions on 21st January, 18th February and 18th March.

More information about each session is available on my website...

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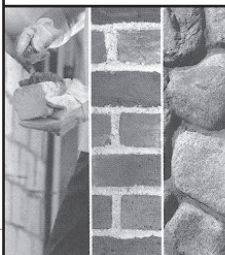
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Dear Friends

Circumstances dictate that I am writing this letter before I've even put up the Christmas decorations, which is a bit weird to say the least. But anyway, here we are again, looking over the precipice of one year into the next.

I'll never forget one particular new-year, the millennium actually. I seem to remember I had a special candle that I was going to take into the darkness of the garden and ceremoniously light, I was going to stand alone quietly looking up at the night sky and reflect on the meaning of life and all that.

It didn't quite work out that way. Our then 19 year old eldest son announced that he was going on the train to London to meet his friends. Of course it was impossible to actually get on the train because everyone else had the same idea. So, at 9pm much to my consternation, my husband decided that we would drive down to London ourselves. It was a somewhat surreal experience travelling on the M1 because there was no one else on it, which kind of confirmed my fears that this was a very silly thing to do on New Year's Eve of a new century.

So to cut a long story short, there I was in the midst of a heaving mass of humanity as the chimes of Big Ben echoed over the Thames and fireworks exploded into the sky; I remember looking around me and thinking 'How did I get here?' And when I told my sister what had happened her incredulous response was: 'But you don't do that kind of thing!!' And she was right.

I wonder where this year has taken you? Has it worked out how you expected it would? Or has it been a bumpy unexpected journey fraught with difficulty? Has it taken you to places you would never willingly visit? To be honest, our experiences are usually a mixture of all these things aren't they, and anyway, can we ever completely predict or control the unfolding of our lives? For my family, there have obviously been big changes this last year, exciting and challenging changes, the flip side of which is a need to embrace the vulnerabilities that any transition brings in its wake.

Human life is unpredictable and messy, there is no getting away from that, but I believe in the 'slow unfurling of grace' as Ann Voscamp so exquisitely puts it, where if we take the time to stop and reflect, the world becomes a 'thin' place and we are enabled to see moments of great beauty in the story of our lives and that of those we love. I would name that beauty 'God', maybe some would not, but the naming doesn't really matter, the important thing is to recognise and acknowledge that grace when we encounter it. So maybe it might not be a bad thing actually, to stand in the garden this New Years Eve and quietly reflect on the joys and sorrows of the past year, to think about the moments of grace that you have encountered in your life; and to give thanks.

Whatever life brings, I hope there will be an unfurling of grace over the coming months.

Love and prayers

Pauline

January Church Diary

Sunday 4th January: Epiphany Sunday

8am at St Mary's, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Tuesday 6th January

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley: After Alpha Home Group



Sunday 11th January: The Baptism of Christ

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

11am at St Mary's, Temple: Matins

11.15am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Plough Sunday



Monday 12th January

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade: Time to Think Home Group



Thursday 15th January

**10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church and Community Coffee Morning**



Sunday 18th January: Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

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

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

Tuesday 20th January

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley: After Alpha Home Group



Wednesday 21st January

7.30pm at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade: Parochial Church Council



Sunday 25th January: Conversion of Paul

8am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

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

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



Monday 26th January

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade: Time to Think Home Group



Wednesday 28th January

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley

Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch

Donations in aid of Juba School.



Sunday 1st February: Candlemas

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

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill

Special service for Candlemas

**Families and children are particularly welcome to this service
when we will bless the church candles for the coming year.**

Please bring a candle from home that you would like blessed.



Tuesday 17th February

3pm to 5pm at Chapmanslade School. 'Messy Pancake' afternoon.

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Annual Meeting and Election of Churchwarden

Wednesday 15th April at Chapmanslade School

Charlie Thackway, who has been our sole Churchwarden for the past three years, is standing down at this year's Annual Meeting. We need volunteers to become Churchwardens as we should have two Churchwardens. We already have three hardworking and committed Assistant Churchwardens. If you would like to be considered please contact either Pauline or Di to discuss the role. There will also be a number of vacancies for elected PCC members.

Fundraising events in 2015

Saturday 7th February at Chapmanslade Village Hall

Auction of Promises with Dennis Barnard as our MC for the evening. Can you donate an item or promise for this special event? Come along to this hugely popular event and bid for that special item and help your local church at the same time.

If you would like to receive weekly news of Church events and activities, please send your email address to the above, with subject 'Through the Open Doors' or download a pdf from the 'churches' pages at www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk



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DIVISION A Vegetables and Fruit – Open

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| • Runner beans | 6 pods |
| • French beans | 6 pods |
| • Beetroot Globe | 3 roots with approx 3"/7cm of stalk |
| • Cabbages | 2 green, approx 3"/7cm of stalk |
| • Carrots | 3 long, with approx 3"/7cm of stalk – please state length if over 27"/68cm long |
| • Carrots | 3 stump rooted, with approx 3"/7cm of stalk |
| • Container of mixed vegetables | a minimum of four kinds maximum 24"/61cm square, height unlimited |
| • Onions | 3 each to be over 8oz/227 grams |
| • Onions | 5 each to be under 8oz/227 grams |
| • Potatoes | 5 white, any variety |
| • Potatoes | 5 coloured, any variety |
| • Shallots | 9 bulbs |
| • Peppers | 2, with stalks |
| • Tomatoes | 5, with calyx other than cherry type |
| • Cherry Tomatoes | 6, with calyx |
| • Cucumbers | 2 |
| • Swiss Chard | 1 jar of 6 leaves, any colour or colours |
| • Courgettes | 3, maximum length 6"/15cm |
| • Any other vegetable not listed above | state size if over 24"/61cm |
| • A collection of salad items | in a container, maximum 20"/50cms |
| • Apples | 5 culinary |
| • Apples | 5 dessert |
| • Plate of any other kind of fruit | in a single layer, maximum 12"/30cm |

Novelty section (only first prize awarded)

- Heaviest Potato
- Heaviest Marrow
- Longest Rhubarb Stalk
- Heaviest Onion
- Most Grotesque Vegetable/Fruit
- Longest Runner Bean

New for 2015

DIVISION C – Vegetables and Flowers – Closed

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| • Runner beans | 6 pods |
| • French Beans | 6 pods |

• Rhubarb	3 sticks with heel, 1.5 "/4cm of trimmed leaf	
• Onions	5	
• Potatoes	4, one variety	
• Tomatoes	4, other than cherry type, with calyx	
• Cherry Tomatoes	5, with calyx	
• Beetroots	3, with approx 3"/7cm of stalk	
• Shallots	6 bulbs	
• Carrots	3, with approx 3"/7cm of stalk	
• Courgettes	3 maximum length 6"/15cm	<i>New for 2015</i>
• Container of mixed vegetables	a minimum of 4 kinds, maximum 24"/61cm square, height unlimited	
• Selection of Grasses	10 stems maximum in a vase	<i>New for 2015</i>
• Gladiolus	1 specimen spike	
• Cut Flowers	3 blooms of different varieties in a vase	
• Rose	single bloom in a vase	
• Roses	3 blooms any variety/ies	
• Orchid in a pot	maximum diameter 10"/25cm	
• Dahlias	3 blooms of same variety in a vase	
• Sweet peas	6 stems, any variety/ies in a vase	
• Garden Flower	3 stems, one variety in a vase	
• Small planted container	maximum size 18"/46cm	

DIVISION G – Art – Open

- Painting of flowers in watercolour
- Painting of a landscape or seascape in any medium
- Pen and Wash of any subject
- Painting of any subject in any medium
- Portrait of an animal/person in any medium
- Painting to include a building or structure in any medium
- Drawing in pencil, ink, pastel or charcoal

DIVISION I – Handicrafts – Open

- A decorated egg
- Hand embroidered item from a kit or chart
- Hand made hat/fascinator: any material or technique may be used *New for 2015*
- Hand or machine sewn item: not a garment *New for 2015*
- Hand or machine sewn garment *New for 2015*
- Article of soft furnishing – lampshade, cushion etc. Please state size if larger than 27"/68cm
- Item of cross stitch. Line stitches may be included *New for 2015*
- Scarf in any medium
- Dressed doll: not less than 4 garments (only garments will be judged)
- Pair of hand knitted mittens or gloves *New for 2015*
- Lavender bag
- Bookmark in any medium

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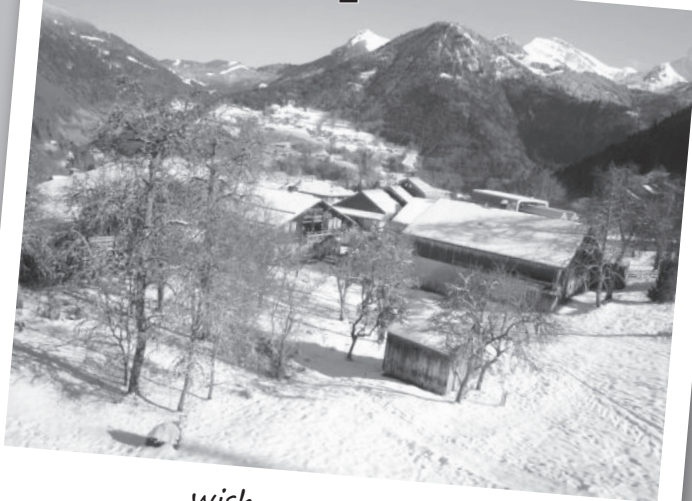
- Greetings card
- A Christmas stocking. Maximum length 39"/100cm
- Teddy bear or soft toy
- Pin cushion
- Item of jewellery
- Purse decorated with buttons *New for 2015*
- Doorstop
- Something new from something old (please state materials used). 'The most innovative use of recycled materials, in the opinion of the judge'
- A decorated plant pot *New for 2015*
- Piece of ceramic or pottery
- Decorated pebble (in any medium). Maximum size 8"/20cms
- A bag for any occasion *New for 2015*
- Item of woodwork. Please state size on entry form
- Scarecrow (not exceeding life size). Please state size on entry form
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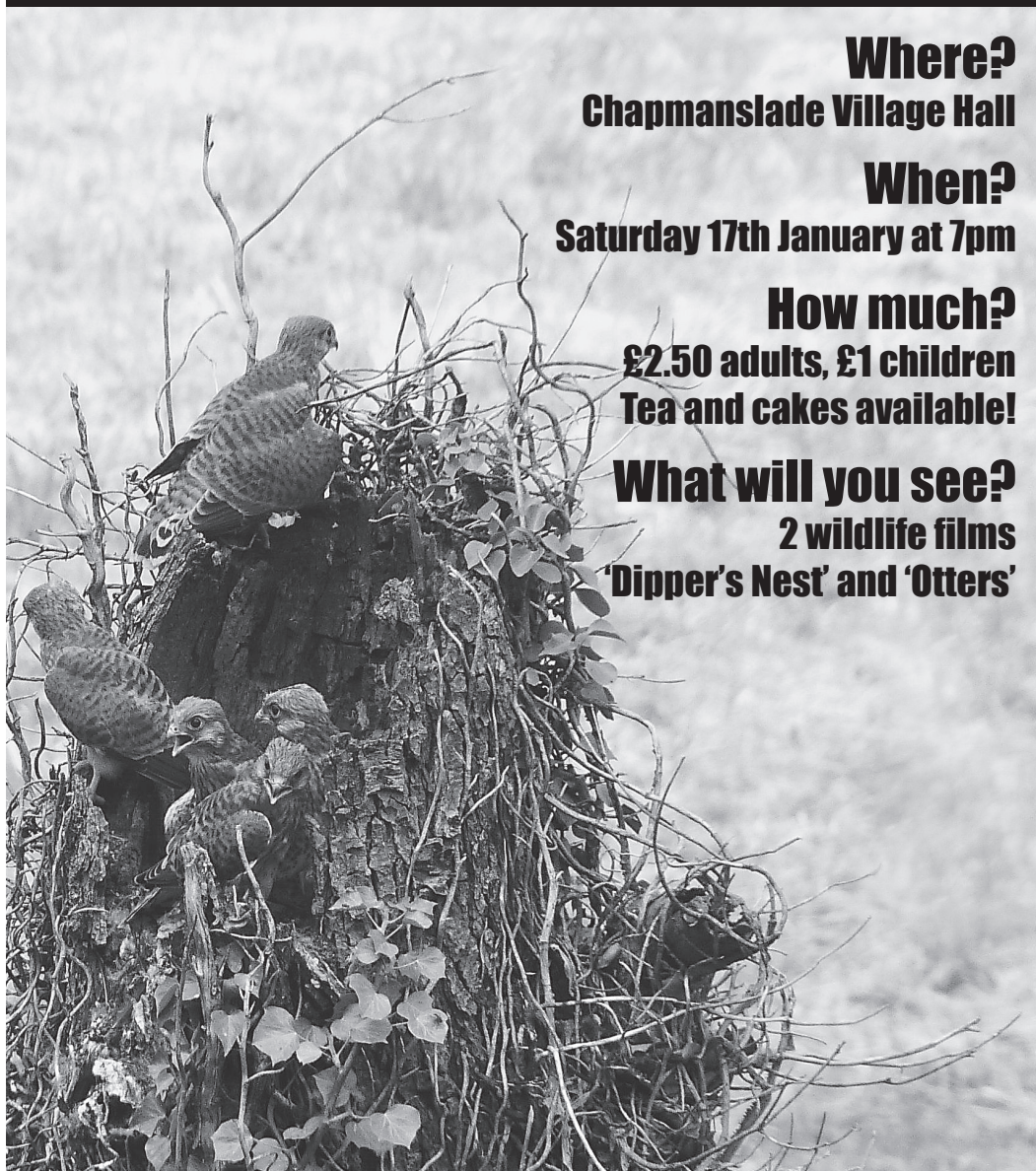
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- It's the last few weeks you'll be able to plant up your hedgerow with native hedging plants like hawthorn, hazel and field rose. These provide valuable shelter and food for our native insects, birds and mammals.
- Use the ash from your wood-fires on your flower-beds. It enriches the soil and also discourages slugs!
- Cardboard wine carriers make excellent garden caddies for twine, secateurs, gloves, etc. If you are worried about their looks, they can easily be painted!
- Re-pot house plants and patio plants that may be pot bound. This can be determined by sliding a knife down the inside edge of the pot. If there is resistance, it means that large roots have grown out the edge of the soil ball, and the plant is pot bound. Remove the plant from its pot, and cut away any large, circling roots on the outside of the soil ball. Pot into the next largest container, using fresh potting soil. Old containers that are stained white from a build-up of salts should be discarded. Plastic pots can be reused if they are washed out and sterilized using a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts water.

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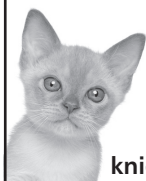
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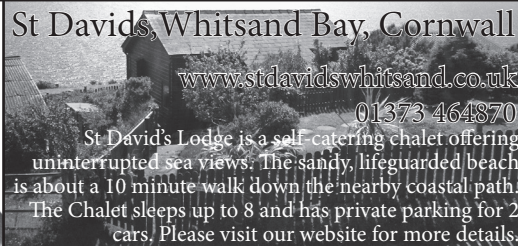


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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the PCs December activities

A Happy New Year to all Chapmanslade residents from your parish council.

The council met once last month, on 11th December.

Planning

We looked at two applications, concerning Thoulstone Park and Barthers Farm (45 High Street).

The owners of **Thoulstone Park** have applied for temporary permission (ref 14/10453/FUL) to store 8 touring caravans and residential occupation of a further 5 caravans to be housed in the area of the former golf driving range. We decided to object to the proposal as we considered the application to be contrary to planning policy, and the applicants did not make a case that shows an overwhelming case for the policy to be ignored. We were also concerned about the potential adverse impact on the amenity of the nearby residents, including increased noise and traffic. We have asked Fleur de Rhe Phillipe, our Wiltshire Councillor, to call in the application so that the Western Area Planning Committee can consider it if the planning officers recommend approval.

Barthers Farm, 45 High Street. (ref 14/09261/LBC) The owners of the property have requested permission to convert a bedroom into a bathroom and the existing bathroom into a shower room. The property is a listed building. We raised no objection.

Previous planning applications.

Thoulstone Wind Turbine (ref 14/08778/FUL) We understand that a decision on this controversial application is not likely until February.

Sienna's Valley (ref 14/09500/FUL) The Western Area Planning Committee was due to consider the retrospective application for a static caravan at its meeting on 17th December.

The Western Area Planning Committee was also due to consider the order published recently concerning the diversion of footpath 12 (Dye House Farm) at its December meeting. See next month's Bridge for an update on these two issues.

Thoulstone Park Hotel (ref 14/09146/OUT) The planning authority has given outline consent concerning the application to build a 54 bed hotel, subject to a number of conditions. One of these states that "no development shall take place until details of the refurbishment of the golf course and all

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associated golf related development at the site have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority". The reason for this is "to ensure that the refurbishment of the golf course takes place and will harmonise with the proposed building on the site".

2015-16 Precept

The Parish Council's income from the council tax you pay and from a small government grant is currently around £4,100. At our meeting we agreed to a small increase for next year to help us ensure that our reserves are not depleted too much. I will provide further details next month.

Defibrillator

Following meetings with a representative of The Friends of Frome Hospital and with Toby Brett, owner of The Three Horseshoes, we reported to the parish council that the Friends are willing to donate a defibrillator to the Chapmanslade community (one of 20 that they have purchased). Toby has very kindly agreed that the device can be positioned on the front wall of the pub so that it is clearly visible and accessible to everyone. The parish council has agreed to support the project and to co-ordinate the necessary fundraising towards the cost of maintaining it. Toby has already given the fundraising a kick start by making a generous donation as well as offering the profits from the sale of mulled wine and mince pies at the pub on the Friday before Christmas. Could you spare a little time in the coming months to act as co-ordinator to check from time to time that the machine is working correctly and to liaise with the ambulance service? It would only take a couple of minutes once a fortnight. If you are interested to help in this way, please contact me.

Highways

Wessex Water changed its mind about repairing the damaged manhole cover in Huntenhull Lane on December 2nd. Instead, following a temporary repair, they will carry out this work on 26th February. There will also be a road closure on 19th January in Huntenhull Lane (the road closure notice says three days but I understand the work will only take one day). The road will be closed from Brimhill Rise as far as Divers Bridge to enable Wessex Water to carry out works to replace a washout. See the public notice published elsewhere in The Bridge. At our meeting we noted with some concern that the repair to the hole in the road outside Clearwood View lasted no more than a week before the surface broke up again. We have reported this to the Highways Authority.

Youth Service Provision

Over the past year Wiltshire has radically reduced the support it gives to young people. Under arrangements introduced in the autumn, that support is limited to the 13-19 age group. There are certain funds available which can be used to allow people in this age group to attend appropriate events and activities. Sandra Samuel is the co-ordinator for our area and can give further details. Her contact details are Sandra.Samuel@wiltshire.gov.uk

January meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday 15h January, 7.30 pm at the school. Representatives of Loch Ailort, the company working with Barthers Farm on their housing project, will be present to tell us more about their plans. All our meetings are open to the public so do come along to listen or to speak.

continued...

And finally...

The History group is making good progress in its explorations of our parish's heritage. They meet at 10.30 each Tuesday morning at The Three Horseshoes to look at documents or to visit places of interest in the parish or elsewhere. New members of the group are always welcome to come along.

Last month they visited Victoria Bridge in Bath, which has just been restored and reopened to the public. This suspension bridge was designed by one of our more famous former residents, James Dredge, and was built in 1836.

James went on to design many more bridges for construction in this country and abroad and, for a time, rivalled Isambard Brunel as a leader in the design of bridges.

The History group hope to be able to put on a display about the bridge in the new year. They will publish their findings as a book at some time in the future.

Phil Jefferson
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Road Closure

Temporary closure of C274 (Part) Huntenhull Lane/Huntenhull Green and Corsley Mill, Chapmanslade (Ref: TTRO 3666)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic:

(i) Huntenhull Lane (Part), Chapmanslade; from a point approx 40 metres south-west of its junction with Brimhill Rise to its junction with Huntenhull Green.

(ii) Huntenhull Green (Part), Chapmanslade; from its junction with Huntenhull Lane to its junction with Corsley Mill.

(iii) Corsley Mill, Chapmanslade; from its junction with Huntenhull Green to its junction with Divers Bridge Road.

To enable Wessex Water to carry out works to replace a washout.

Alternative route via Huntenhull Lane (unaffected length) – A3098 High Street – A36 – A362 – C274 Deep Lane – C274 Divers Bridge Road and vice versa.

The closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs and access will be maintained for residents.

This Order will come into operation on **19 January 2015** and it is anticipated that the closure will be required for **three days**.

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Whitbourne Chapel

A happy and peaceful New Year to all our readers!

Are you praying?

I find the first 'Chapel News' of each New Year the most difficult to write. Our contribution usually has to be in by 12th December, which means I'm thinking about January before I've even survived Christmas. Not easy!

Last year, I wrote about the aftermath of Christmas, with Mary, Joseph and the young Jesus fleeing from Herod's murderous intent. Mary and Joseph trekked first to Bethlehem to register for the census and later fled to Egypt with their child. I found it amazing that they just got on with what had to be done, when I was trying to move house last winter and was in a dreadful muddle.

We're approaching another New Year and I plan to move again. No-one's after me the way they were after Mary and Joseph's little boy, but still I'm in a pickle, working out the best place to go, the best price to pay, what facilities I want. How would I cope with a sudden move to save my life?

How do displaced families cope in South Sudan, and elsewhere in the world, when they're forced from their homes by conflict? I suppose they take only what they – or their pack-animal – can carry and they go away from the fighting and bloodshed. That often means heading for refugee camps, hoping to find safety and shelter, though even in the camps, that isn't guaranteed. Opposition forces may find them there, if sicknesses like cholera and dysentery don't find them first.

It's so easy in my cosy little world, not

to appreciate the horrors life may hold for others. My prayer for the New Year, then, is that a solution will be found to the different conflicts raging in the world, so others may have the peace and stability I take for granted.

I asked other members of the Chapel congregation what hopes and prayers they have for 2015. Top of the list was a return to God, in our country and in our world. Closely linked to that was a desire to see a Christian government in office, one using the Bible as its guide.

People were also keen to see a return to prayer. If the Christians in this country prayed constantly and consistently for the things we'd like to see happen, we could have the changes we need. How can God answer prayer, if no-one is praying?

God's People

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Tailpiece (by RH)

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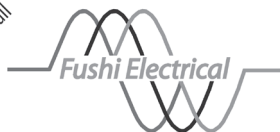
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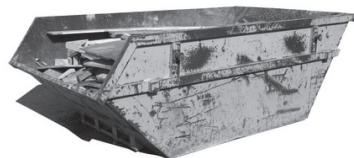
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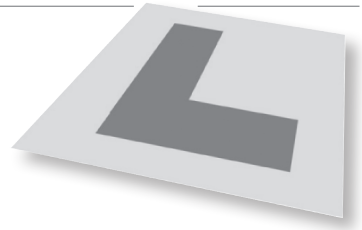
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Tales from the passenger seat



I had a pupil pass a little while ago who was an actor. When he first started, his progress was fine. Learning the control skills and how to manoeuvre the car presented no real problem. Having then covered a variety of roads and roundabouts that are particularly awkward, it was time for me to conduct the first of my mock tests.

Ah, now we had a problem. So long as situations ahead were developing in good time, then all was fine. But if something happened that required a bit of thinking on his feet, it all went haywire. OK, not a problem – a bit more traffic and learn to read the road experience needed.

The second mock test fell apart as well. So we practised the weak points then had a third mock test. Same problem.

We discussed things and ascertained that no, he wasn't nervous, but that for his whole life he was used to things being scripted. On stage he had a predetermined sequence of actions to take. He could learn in advance what to say and do and, although occasionally initiative if another actor fluffed his lines was required, generally speaking his life and work was mapped out for him. Dealing with the unexpected did not feature.

He had to learn to not only expect the unexpected or to anticipate things, but to run a possible series of consequences through his mind so that if another car did or did not do what it was signalling to do,

then surprise would not be his first emotional response. It took a few more lessons with plenty of traffic and me planning difficult routes in busy situations before he was independent enough to pass the test.

Then I had Gillian, who was not an actor, but liked to act when in the car. Readers will be well aware that checking the mirrors before signalling, slowing, stopping or changing direction is a requirement for safe driving and therefore passing the test. It is not necessary nor expected that any pupil taking their test should need to move their head to prove to the examiner they are checking the mirror. The examiner is watching the pupil's eyes; exaggerated movement of the head merely identifies that the mirror is not correctly adjusted, hmmm, not very impressive.

Gillian decided that she would move her head but continue looking at the road, in the false belief that in so doing, I and the examiners would be fooled into thinking she was checking the mirror. She would forlornly say 'But I moved my head' in a plaintive voice, and it took a fair bit of nagging on my part to convince her that Uncle Fred, who had said it was a good idea, was quite wrong. Acting is not something the examiners wish to see: they much prefer reality.

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Countryside Matters

New year, new resolutions

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We no longer get to enjoy the village schools, the village shops and post offices where local produce was sold from farms and cottage gardens and gone is the local garage and workshop where repairs could be done. The lanes are now busy with cars and buses ferrying our children into town to be educated and work. Many adults living in the country are often working many miles away with little contact with people who live close to them.

The countryside is visibly changing – and not just because of the seasons – power is no longer being generated by horse (horse-power) but by huge visible blocks of black glass covering areas of good food-producing land. Our horizons are not only broken by electricity pylons but huge wind

turbines. Roads and railways are being widened and straightened to allow more people and bigger vehicles go over faster.

Our countryside is a precious resource, which we have to nurture, providing us with homes in which we want to live, food which we know is safe to consume and a healthy environment in which to live.

With fewer and fewer young people being encouraged to work and to be educated at all levels in the agricultural business world – the relationship between the producers of our food e.g. milk, meat, vegetables and fruit and the consumers become more distant with less and less understanding for modern farming methods.

For those fortunate enough to live in the countryside we must make the most of it, get involved in village activities, join a committee organising local events, join a sports club, help with litter picking and be pro-active when you hear of changes in your locality that may not be to betterment of our countryside.

If anyone living in our two villages who is interested in what is happening around us would like to write their view on living in the countryside. The Editor and I would love to hear from you.

Judith Helliar





Right and wrong

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

Yes, I know - it's a big subject. But this isn't intended as a piece on morality. When we interact with

others, we judge them: if they think or do things differently from us (and of course they will; no two people are exactly alike), we work out whether that difference is acceptable to us. If it is, we probably don't think to ourselves, "They're right." We just accept them. If the difference is too great, however, and not acceptable to us, we're quite likely to think, "That's wrong." What I'm getting at is our tendency to universalise our own values, expecting (subconsciously) that others should share them. In this way, we seek reassurance that we fit in - if everyone else thinks like me then I must be OK.

But what happens when someone close to you has a radically different outlook on a particular subject? You agree about pretty much everything else but on this one thing you just can't see eye to eye. It's tempting to say they're wrong and you're right, right? The reverse scenario - they're right and

you're wrong - is a pretty uncomfortable position to be in, after all. So, where do we go from here? Well, what if we were able to move away from the right-wrong axis and instead say, "This is true for me"? We usually call this 'agreeing to differ' which is broadly similar except that we've removed the more judgemental right/wrong decision. It sounds perhaps like a really picky detail and maybe it is but, for me (see what I did there?), it was a liberation. I no longer have to check (well, I check a lot less frequently!) whether I'm right or wrong. All I have to check is whether I'm speaking or acting authentically. (This is based on the assumption that I'm legally and ethically grounded, of course.) It means that I'm freed up to be me as I truly am and not forever trying to compromise in order to fit in. Paradoxically, it also seems to be the case that I'm closer to others because of my ability to be authentic, even if that means I'm expressing different views. To be seen and understood is, it seems, to be accepted.

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