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Recycling, garden waste and household waste – Corsley and Chapmanslade

Sadly, I didn't have room for the next three months' collection calendar, but you can easily view or download a pdf from our website...

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Articles

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

Events/local organisation ads (churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a small, boxed advert.

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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 (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

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

July

Tuesday 1st

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

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Chapmanslade Loose Women Summer BBQ – 7.30pm, 129D Forest Walk (see page 35)

Thursday 10th

Warminster mobile library (see last page for times)

Corsley WI - 'Blood Bikes' – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 12th

Weekend of sports and activities at the Playing Field (see advert on page 17)

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

Sunday 13th

Sea Sunday – 11.00am, St Mary's, Temple

Wednesday 16th

Corsley Gardening Club private visit to North Cottage, Tisbury 2.30pm – £6 – to include tea

Thursday 17th

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

Thursday 24th

Warminster mobile library (see last page for times)

Wednesday 30th

Free Sports for Children – 10.00 - 11.00, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Ages 5 - 11

August

Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Elizabethan Evening - Pirates of Penzance – 7.30pm, Manor Farm, Corsley (see page 38)



Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd

Chapmanslade Boules, Croquet and Cream Teas

Wednesday 6th

Free Sports for Children – 10.00 - 11.00, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Ages 5 - 11

Saturday 9th

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

Wednesday 13th

Free Sports for Children – 10.00 - 11.00, Corsley Memorial Playing Field. Ages 5 - 11

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - 'Flower Arranging' – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 19th

Road closed Corsley Heath to junction at Whitbourne Moor for up to 3 days (see closure notice on page 8)

Wednesday 20th

Corsley Gardening Club Visit to Fonthill Garden Centre

Thursday 21st

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

Monday 25th

Corsley Show



September

Monday 1st

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

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 11th

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting 'The Making of Larkrise'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 13th

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

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Thursday 18th

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

Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Wine Tasting

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

October

Saturday 4th

Harvest Supper – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 2.00pm, Corsley Reading Room, a short WI Meeting followed by 3.00pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting with Talk & Tea Party 'Canine Partners'

Saturday 11th

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

Thursday 16th

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

Saturday 18th

Chapmanslade Quiz

Wednesday 22nd

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

November

Thursday 6th November

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

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Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 12th July. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

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Gardens are now in rapid growth and I hope you have your eye on some (or many) plants to enter in the Show. Dahlias provide a great variety and quantity of flower heads. If you need help with entering them in the correct classes, there are descriptions and illustrations on the village web sites. Swiss Chard can still be planted and will provide leaves by the end of August. So get your

gardening gloves on and enter two or three or more classes this year!

Also, the summer months offer great opportunities for artists and crafters, and for photographers to take exciting pictures to enter in this year's Show.

For the younger members, take a look at the prizes on offer. £10 for the best Scarecrow, £10 for the best flower arrangement, £5 for the best painting, and also, 1st, 2nd and 3rd **cash** prizes in each class. Now's the time to plan your entries!

Sea Sunday

11.00am, 13th July
St Mary's, Temple

Our Matins service will celebrate Sea Sunday and our speaker this year is Peter Lightman from Dilton Marsh. All are welcome and if you have, or had, a connection with the sea, you will be especially welcome. Each year our collection from this service is given to the Mission to Seafarers.

David Carruthers

Corsley Show

Monday 25th August 2014

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which two 'animals' appear on the Royal coat of arms?
- 2 What was the Bounty's cargo during the mutiny?
- 3 Which is Britain's smallest mammal?
- 4 Which Dickens novel is set partly in America?
- 5 Is the island of Skye found in the Inner or Outer Hebrides?
- 6 A Union Jack flag flown upside down signifies what?
- 7 What was the first name of Mary Shelley's Doctor Frankenstein?
- 8 Name the spiral molluscs often found fossilized in rocks
- 9 How many noughts are there in a British billion?
- 10 With what did the sparrow kill cock robin?
- 11 What is the name of Fred Flintstone's pet dinosaur?
- 12 The Governess, The Dark Destroyer, The Sinnerman or The Beast might appear in which TV quiz programme?

Answers on page 48

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Wiltshire Council

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

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Continuing the proposed wind turbine debate...

In favour of the proposed wind turbine

It was heartening to read the article somebody had written in last month's Bridge entitled 'Not in My Back Yard!'. A few weeks before, it was scary to stand up and speak in favour of the turbine at the Parish Council AGM. Others that spoke before me were against it and got such applause. I braved it though because, whilst it's not comfortable to express a different view to others close around, it would be sad if something 'for the higher good' did not happen due to opposition based primarily on personal interest and informed by misguided information; remarkably strong opposition articulated with conviction by people presenting persuasive facts. On leaving the meeting I was kindly given some documents, confirming that some information forming the strong 'anti' views is not altogether accurate, promotes limited understanding, is biased, or relates to older style turbines and is not relevant to the newer versions.

Fundamentally, many of you are against what appears to be a sustainable scheme because it's on the doorstep.

I'm for the turbine because of deep concerns about what climate change is going to do to people all over the world. Turbines are a very real part of the energy solution as they provide renewable energy. They're proven to work. They don't need to work to their full potential to be effective so we shouldn't get caught up in the 'they hardly

work anyway' way of thinking. Even if it's only windy sometimes, they generate huge amounts of energy in a clean and carbon neutral way. They are not part of the carbon problem (oil, gas, coal) that is causing climate change. What are the alternatives to carbon based energy? Nuclear power is over-rated as it is heavily subsidised and very expensive to produce. It creates a worrying legacy of nuclear waste for the future which we may never find a solution for. Fracking, a new technology just coming into being, is truly concerning; cracking open the ground under us to extract energy. Really? What might this do to water supplies for example? And at the meeting another possibility was put forward as the solution, something like geothermic bore holes tapping down into heat. Sounded plausible but must be pretty new and therefore in it's infancy/relatively unproven. Maybe best not to grasp onto that instead of a turbine. Anyway, it's a turbine close to us that is being proposed, not these other solutions.

At the AGM opposers spoke about the low level 'hum' type noise that this turbine will make, which can affect health. This would definitely not be acceptable! If 'The Hum' is the case, I too would not want it so close to our peaceful, quiet village. I have now found out that the older style turbines were capable of radiating noise but that with more recent turbine technology this does not occur.

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A Frome councillor said an unexpected thing about property prices, when I commented that people here were worried about their homes losing value. He said research indicates prices go up, that maybe some people like living near them. Interesting.

Then I spoke with two Wanstrow residents who are choir leaders so have very highly attuned hearing. Each said they hear no noise from the newish turbine there, and villagers are not speaking at all about a noise problem. They commented that Wanstrow residents who strongly opposed the turbine before it was given planning permission are now saying 'what was all our fuss about' and that it might be helpful to get one of them along to a meeting to put people's minds at rest.

Personally I quite like the appearance of turbines. They have an aesthetic grace and are powerful symbols representing human endeavour to sort out climate change. I empathise with those people who do not feel this way who will have the turbine in their line of sight and can only urge you to try to empathise with the millions of future generations who will lose their homes, livelihoods, and some their lives, due to living in low lying areas, whether in Kent or in Bangladesh, when sea levels rise.

The bigger picture puts things in perspective. Let's have Wiltshire's first large turbine on our doorstep and be proud that in our area we are part of the solution not part of the problem.

*Adele Stanton-Drake
Chapmanslade*

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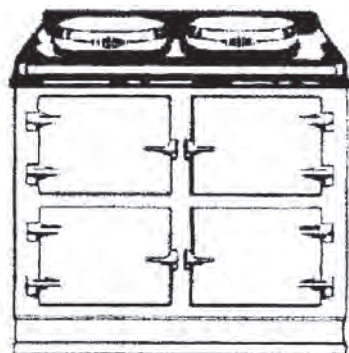


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Update from Chapmanslade Parish Council

Proposed Thoulstone Park wind turbine

As you will have seen in recent editions of *The Bridge*, Chapmanslade Parish Council adopted a neutral position on the issue of the proposed wind turbine until the Chapmanslade community had the opportunity to do its own research by attending the consultation event in April and then letting the Parish Council know their views.

Two meetings were held in May; the first, as reported in last month's *Bridge* attended by over 60 residents, three quarters of them Chapmanslade residents, when residents were given the opportunity of telling us their views. A further meeting was held two weeks later when councillors debated and voted on the issue. Here is the text of a letter which was sent shortly afterwards to Seren Energy as a consequence of that discussion.

Dear Mr Buxton

Proposed Thoulstone Wind Turbine

Chapmanslade Parish Council has given careful consideration to your proposal to erect a wind turbine at Thoulstone Farm, through;

- Individual research into the pros and cons of wind turbines and the impact of your proposals on the site indicated and its surrounding area.

- Attending your awareness session at St Philip and St James' Church
- Placing it on the Parish Council agenda at 4 meetings since receiving your proposals, the most recent of these being held on 29th May.
- Giving the community an opportunity to put forward their opinions in an open forum at those Parish Council Meetings.
- Inviting comments by email and letter to the council.
- Listening to individual councillors' balanced opinions drawn together following all of the above, on the proposals as submitted to date.

From all of the above, it is very apparent that the vast majority of people within the Chapmanslade community are strongly opposed to your proposals to erect a wind turbine and are very concerned about the detrimental impact of such on this community and the surrounding areas.

Despite sustained pressure from varying quarters the council has maintained a balanced approach to the proposals and has been thorough in ensuring that every opportunity has been made for members of the community to put forward their opinions, whether for or against and until the meeting on 29th May had not discussed

their individual and collective thoughts as a response to the proposal.

The council now awaits the formal planning application, should it be the intention of the Welch family and your company to proceed with your plans, before further consideration of the proposal and making a response to Wiltshire Council's planning committee. This response will take into account all, as mentioned above, that is in the best interests of the community and will reflect planning criteria and requirements.

In the meantime and having taken into consideration the pros and cons, including those put forward by the public and those related to planning requirements, the council wishes to strongly recommend and encourage you to withdraw from processing

your proposals towards a planning application for development of a wind turbine on this site and in this locality.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Minnie House
Clerk to Chapmanslade Parish Council

If and when a formal planning application is made to Wiltshire Council, Chapmanslade Parish Council will be formally consulted and will respond accordingly. The last few weeks have been a challenging time for those of us who serve as parish councillors in Chapmanslade but we make no apology for waiting to reach a decision until residents had the opportunity to tell us their views on the wind turbine issue.

Phil Jefferson

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Continuing the proposed wind turbine debate...

Impact of wind turbines on health and the Environment

Wind Turbine Proposal Part 3

In our previous two articles we described how wind turbines contribute to fuel poverty and why they are not green. This month we briefly look at some of the risks to our health, wildlife and environment.

Tree not Turbines

Wind turbines are harming our natural environment in many unseen ways. For example, statistics released by the Forestry Commission under the Freedom of Information Act have revealed that about five million mature trees have been cut down in Scotland alone to clear space for turbines in the past six years, and less than a third have been replaced.

Trees are one of our most treasured and effective natural ways of reducing CO₂, and they contribute to the eco-system in so many ways. Apart from generating oxygen and being renewable in their own right, they provide shelter and habitat for a multitude of animal and bird species. If landowners were seriously concerned with reducing green house gases, most of us would much prefer to see them turning over their land to woodland and forestry.

Threat to Human Health

There are numerous studies which report that proximity within a few kilometres of wind

turbines risks the health of both humans and wildlife. Apart from the obvious swishing and pulsating noise of the enormous blades whenever the wind is blowing, there are the more insidious, invisible effects of infrasound, which is much more damaging.

The audible noise from the blades may just be blocked out by the walls of our homes but infrasound cannot physically be blocked. It is inaudible, and is unrelated to the noise heard from the blades. What infrasound does is create amplitude modulation (pulsation) at a level below heard sound. This in turn causes annoyance and stress. It also stimulates subconscious pathway systems which can invoke panic, chronic sleep disturbance and anxiety. Because of the extremely sensitive part of the ear which deals with low frequency infrasound it can cause unsteadiness, disequilibrium, vertigo, nausea and tinnitus.

In March of this year the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Ireland concluded that people suffering from wind turbine syndrome should be treated sensitively and given appropriate medication as the symptoms associated with this condition were debilitating.

It will come as no surprise that those most likely to gain financially from wind turbines are dismissive of claims that turbines adversely affect human health.

Threat to Wildlife

There are others who share our planet who don't drive cars, use computers, mobile phones or leave on the lights. Few studies have been conducted by wind energy companies into the detrimental effects of turbines on wildlife and the surrounding environment. However independent research shows that modern utility scale turbines have a substantial negative impact on birds and bats. A study in the US estimated that approximately 210 birds were killed in a five month period by a single wind turbine. Birds most likely to be affected are raptors including hawks, falcons, red kites, buzzards and owls, as well as songbirds, geese, ducks and swans. All of these have been spotted in the immediate area of the proposed Thoulstone Farm wind turbine(s). For those of us who have had the misfortune of seeing a large bird colliding with a blade of a wind turbine (and not being killed outright), it is truly a harrowing experience. Promoters of wind turbines often try to divert attention from such casualties by claiming that collisions with cars kill more birds, as if a greater wrong excuses the lesser.

The threat to bats has turned out to be a problem the wind industry cannot deny. One energy company FPL ended access to its facilities after independent research documented that thousands of bats were killed at just one location, and that this pattern of mortality was being seen at other sites. After public outrage the energy company announced it would fund some bat conservation projects. These efforts do not mitigate the harm they are causing, let alone justify or reduce it.

It is believed that in order to erect a turbine (possibly two?) at Thoulstone Farm a concrete foundation of 20 metres in depth would need to be laid due to the structure of the earth in the area. That would cause

immense degradation and fragmentation to the habitat of an array of wildlife, not to mention risking interference with the water table and the many aquifers in the area.

We feel that there can be no justification to build a wind turbine on a site so close to residential properties where the health of local residents may be at risk, and where birds which are protected by law are frequently spotted. The potential cost is just too great.

www.stopthoulstonefarmwindturbine.co.uk

Is it morally and environmentally wrong to oppose the proposed wind turbine in Chapmanslade?

Not a bit of it – this is a con and scam dressed up in 'green credentials'

Subsidies, as last month's contributor stated, are available for many things. They are excellent ways of changing behaviour for the good, but they can also be used in totally the wrong way and abused to merely generate money for those who know how to work the system. Ask the simple question why this proposed turbine will be 800kw, but only run at 500kw – simple- they will get paid nearly twice as much money in subsidies for producing less – so how is that saving the planet?

I have children and I have no wish for them to inherit a planet suffering from the
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Corsley Tennis Club News



American Tournament

The club held an American Tournament on a lovely day at the Memorial Field. Each contestant played three rounds, after which Brian Young emerged as leading man, three points ahead of Michael Clarke and six ahead of Allan Snedden. Brian's athletic net-play prevailed narrowly against Michael's clever improvisation.

In the ladies section, Jane Snedden finished one point ahead of Alison Withey and two ahead of Sue Brewster and Sue Kerfoot. Jane's trusty forehand served her well during some long rallies, while Alison also played to a high standard.

The afternoon concluded with an excellent tea and thanks go to Sonia Glenn for organising the event.

Ladies Doubles

The Ladies Doubles took place on a pleasant afternoon at the Memorial Field. Five pairs provided some fascinating sport, at the end of which Jane Snedden and Val Sandoe proved to be worthy winners.

Jane's competitive ability gave Val numerous chances to volley, which she took with alacrity.

Second place went to Alison Withey and Sue Kerfoot; Alison performed consistently and she hit some exquisite drop shots.

Third came Branda Levitt and Sue Newell, but all the contestants emerged with credit. The event was devised by Sonia Glenn with a smoothness that makes silk resemble sandpaper.

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Three Open Doors

The Church, the Priest and the Parish

By the time you read this issue of The Bridge the interviews for our new Priest-in-Charge will have taken place. We hope that this time we have been able to appoint a new incumbent.

For a Parish or Benefice selecting the right person is incredibly important. For our Benefice we need a Priest who will have an empathy with the rural environment and the people who live and work in the villages. A Priest who will be able to connect with our existing congregations, but also reach out to others in the area who might join in the life of the church in our Benefice.

But the church can be involved in many other facets of village life. The church, and its Priest, can provide a meeting place for the community and we do support other local organisations. The church can be a place filled with great joy when there is a baptism, and of course when we all have the joy of witnessing a wedding of someone known to the village. But it is not all joy, sometime it is with sadness when we have to say “goodbye” to someone we may have known for many years.

For nearly a year the Parish Team has ensured that the life of our Church has continued even though we had no Priest. We have learned a great deal about what really happens behind the scenes and we hope to report next month that we do indeed have a new Priest.

The Parish Team

July Church Diary

Sunday 6th July: Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

Following the main service there will be an opportunity for private prayer with our Pastoral team if anyone wishes

3.30pm to 5.30pm at Chapmanslade School

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Sunday 13th July: Sea Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley

Matins



Thursday 17th July

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 20th July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist



Sunday 27th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley

1662 BCP Holy Communion

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Parish Worship

Collection for Warminster Foodbank



Sunday 3rd August: Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

Money Matters

In common with many organisations we have to raise the funds to continue our work in the Parish. There is a major cost in paying for the clergy who operate in our Parish. We also have three churches we need to maintain. We incur costs for such boring items as insurance, electricity and water. To pay for these costs we have the following methods of raising the necessary funds.

Planned Giving

This is a scheme where our supporters give a fixed amount on a regular basis, usually through a bank standing order. We are able to claim 'Gift Aid' on all financial donations to the Church.

Donations

Donations however large or small are welcome at any time. Should the donor wish, a donation might be specified for a particular fund.

Legacies

We can provide the necessary information should anyone wish to leave a legacy to the church in their will. A donor may specify that the legacy may be for a specific purpose.

Fundraising events

We usually have three main events annually. The May Fayre, a stand at Corsley Show and a Christmas event.

50/50 Club

Members pay £24 per year per membership and the income is split 50/50 between the Church and the prize pot. At present the prize pot totals £1300 per annum. Each person may have multiple memberships if they wish.

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If you want further information please contact the relevant person listed on the next page.

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PCC Treasurer	Keith Muston	01373 832755
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For information on how to join the 505/50 club

50/50 Club	Neil Britten	01373 832515
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Electoral Roll	Michael Taylor	01373 832566
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Church Events for your diary

Corsley Show

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August

The theme of our stand this year will be the "Garden Party".

If you can help with any items for our stand please contact either Stella Bayman on 832230 or Judith Helliard on 832803.

Copy for 3 Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com subject 3ODs or phone 01373 832755.

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Corsley WI

June News



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

Corsley WI were pleased to welcome a Commander of the Royal Navy to give the talk at the June meeting. Arriving straight from her work at Portsmouth, Commander Eunice Widdows, known professionally by her maiden name as Commander Eunice Marland, began her Royal Navy career as a Welfare Officer, helping to 'drive' ships and navigate. Later she became a Commanding Officer, a Logistics Officer and is now a Naval Barrister dealing with disciplinary matters and crime.

Eunice commenced with a quiz about the Royal Navy. The first question was how many Navy personnel are there in total? The answer is about 30,000 and their duties include fisheries protection, defence against drug running and piracy, help with international relations and natural disasters, search and rescue and ceremonial duties, to name but a few. About 95% of our economic activity, imports and exports, depends on the sea, so the protection offered by the Royal Navy is of vital importance. Whilst they are at sea, a ship is completely self-sufficient, with its own doctor and dentist etc., everyone is well trained for any emergency such as a fire on board. There are two new aircraft carriers due in service soon, the Queen Elizabeth and the Prince of Wales and both have facilities on board equivalent to that of a small town. Eunice ended her talk by saying how tiring it could be on board a ship,

going up and down ladders all day when there are 12 decks to climb! Elisabeth Irving gave the vote of thanks.

Caroline Higham read the very good delegate's report from Boreham WI, of the NFWI Annual Meeting held in Leeds attended by over 5000 women. There was a 98% majority in favour of the resolution this year to encourage members to make their wishes known on organ donation. Did you know that the WI campaign from 1954 to 'Keep Britain Tidy' reaches its Diamond Anniversary in 2014? The WI celebrates its Centenary next year and will be featured in a television programme on BBC2 in Spring 2015 with various events being planned throughout the country.

There are several new workshops planned and a visit to The Royal Hospital at Chelsea. Details are available at our meetings. The competition for an evening bag was won by Di Dowling with Mary Purchase second and Val Benbow third.

New members are always welcome. Would you like to join us at our next meeting at 7.30pm on 10th July at Corsley Reading Room? A member of the bike team will give a talk about 'Blood Bikes'. These bikers are able to deliver blood urgently to a hospital where it is needed. The competition for members is for a cup and saucer.

If you require further details please contact Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

"Thank you" to the Warminster Area Board

A hearing loop has been installed at the Corsley Reading room. The costs of the loop were fully funded by the Warminster Area Board so our thanks go to them. Some people cannot hear well at meetings or when having a conversation in a hall. The loop changes that and lets them hear what is being said.

That funding was granted to the Reading Rooms some months ago and more recently the Area Board have also agreed to fund some of the costs of installing wifi in the Reading Rooms and to make a contribution to rebuilding the wall on the lane which has become unsafe through the passage of time

and which has been substantially damaged by ivy growing under and around it as well as through it.

It is really helpful to have the support of the Area Board in improving the Reading Rooms and adding facilities which make it possible to offer more activities to the community.

Over the next couple of months Gill Parkinson and Hugh Deed will be coming along to coffee mornings to talk about the opportunities wifi could offer and to ask what IT education users might be interested in.

Dick Collins

Chairman of the Management Committee

All at sea for the Elizabethan Evening 2014

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Saturday 2nd August at Manor Farm, Corsley

What salt-laden surprises await all those coming to another unbelievably brilliant Elizabethan Evening, albeit in the uncommon month of August and not our usual June?

One of Gilbert & Sullivan's finest pieces will be performed, with a cast of many and live musical accompaniment.

Offstage our patrons will be able to enjoy the glorious surroundings of Manor Farm, once home to the little known band of landlocked pirates, the Corsley Corsairs, led by the fearsome Big Black Pete and his 3 feet, the downfall of many a maiden.

Our more discerning and quick off the mark patrons will be booking their supper as well for the evening. Those requiring liquid refreshment can come over to the

Salty Swallow Tavern where a fine range of thirst quenchers will be available (and also unfortunately the host's home-made cider).

But what of the Foreplay I hear you say? Fear not, my petit chou-fleurs!

A tale of do, being daringly done will unfold before your incredulous eyes as the CdaC theatrical troupe re-enact the tales of the Corsley Corsairs. Black Pete and bevy of bountiful mermaids and miniscule scallops will parade before an astonished audience. Taut leather will creak across bronzed thighs and more besides...

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Sage advice for...

The herb garden

If you have a piece of land in your garden you're unsure what to do with, then how about creating a herb garden?

Herbs can serve lots of different purposes from healing properties to cooking supplements and remedies, but more importantly in terms of your garden they smell nice and look good.

When planning a herb garden think about the herbs you use most often and consider the position and aspect you wish to grow them in; it's a myth that all herbs can tolerate full sun.

Commonly used herbs such as sage, thyme and rosemary love full sun but herbs like rocket, parsley and sorrel prefer a partially shaded site. If you're unsure, the rule of thumb is that if the foliage has a silvery/grey sheen to it then it would prefer a drier, more free draining position.

All herbs are easy enough to grow from seed but if you require a more instant display, ready for use, then all good garden centres stock a range of herbs from which you can choose.

Before buying do some research as each herb has its own use; basil and oregano are perfect for pasta and tomato based dishes, where as rosemary is a wonderful accompaniment for roast lamb.

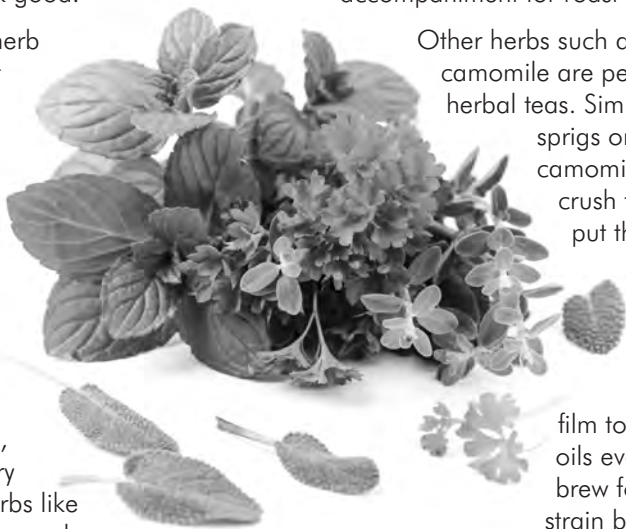
Other herbs such as peppermint and camomile are perfect for making herbal teas. Simply pick about 5/6 sprigs or in the case of camomile use the flowers, crush them slightly and put them into a mug.

Pour over boiled water which has been left to cool slightly, cover with cling film to stop the essential oils evaporating, leave to brew for 5 minutes and strain before drinking.

If you don't have the room in the garden for a herb patch, they grow perfectly well in a range of containers, from hanging baskets and window boxes to troughs and tubs. Just remember to water them well in the hot weather to prevent them drying out.

So why not check out a chervil and sniff out a sage...

*Rob White
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley*



We will remember them

Commemorating and remembering the seventeen

During this centenary year of the beginning of The Great War, Malcolm Holley sows the seed of an idea...

On a simple bronze plaque attached to the gate pillar of the Corsley War Memorial playing field is inscribed a list of seventeen names.

These are the seventeen men aged eighteen to thirty eight from Corsley who gave their lives in the course of the 1914-18 war; the war to end all wars, or so they thought at the time.

All but one now lie in foreign fields. Only Stoker 2nd Class, George Mead made it back and is interred in St Margaret's new graveyard beneath the distinctive Portland headstone. George was only eighteen and died just three weeks before hostilities ended.

Even with such a comprehensive resource as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission database, it has not yet been possible to accurately identify the details for all those commemorated on the plaque. The

case is made more confusing as some of the names also appear on the war memorial in Chapmanslade. At the time of the First World War the Southern parts of Chapmanslade were part of Corsley.

There seems to be little interest in a big commemoration of the Villages' war dead - so how shall we commemorate seventeen of Britain's finest now that we are in this centenary year?

I believe something simple and fitting that may last another hundred years - seventeen of Britain's finest trees - the Oak, each to be named after one of the fallen.

I would like to hear from anyone interested in hosting a spot for one or more of these trees and who would look after it for its first few years as it establishes itself. Ideally I would like to get some in this autumn and in the following four years.

Malcolm Holley
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Corsley Campanology

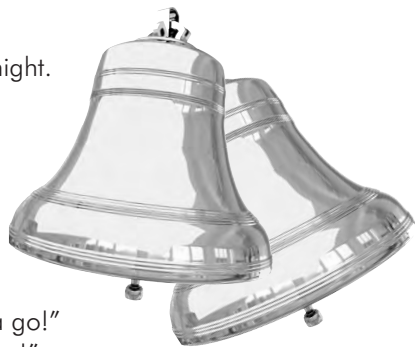
A friendly invitation to Harvest Supper night
Brought lovely new acquaintances, as you would think it might.
The conversation varied on many different things,
What hobby each takes part in and all the fun it brings.

As you might well imagine, bell ringing was my choice.
I spoke of the activity with passion in my voice.
The challenge of the actions to keep the bell just so,
To ring in rounds with others is quite difficult you know.

How pleased I was when someone said, "I'd like to have a go!"
"You can!" I said, "I'll speak to Dick, I know he'll not say no!"
Jane came along one afternoon, Dick teaching the beginnings
Of what you need to know about the basics of bellringing.

The tail first, the sally next, both, one after the other.
A rest between to get one's breathe and totally recover.
Jane mentioned this to her friend Ann, she wanted to try too.
Dick got a call, "Will you teach me?" "Of course, Jane can bring you!"

We now have two new learners. They've got the bug, I'm sure.
So if you're tempted, have a go, there's always room for more.
Don't sit and wish to try your hand at something that is new.
Just contact Dick on 789 or me on 672.



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we don't yet knit our belly button fluff
into jumpers or compost our own poo
but what we do is reduce our impact. We
super-insulate our house (mainly second-
hand materials), we change to low energy
appliances and lights when the old ones
die, we recycle, we don't eat brown rice
often (methane is 21 times more deadly to
the atmosphere than CO₂)

We're also intelligent enough to know
when we're being sold or conned into
believing subsidies for onshore wind
turbines will actually solve anything.

Trees not turbines are a better solution
for our area. We can save as much CO₂
through planting and growing lots more
trees in our area, than growing lots more
turbines in fields. Trees maintain and
enhance the appearance of the English
countryside and produce useful materials
during and at the end of their lives as
well as places for other (non-human)
inhabitants of this planet to live, and let's
not forget its not just our planet.

And after all, if like me, you like making
love outdoors would you prefer to do
that under the dappled shade and rustle
of trees or under the flickering light and
whooshing of a turbine blade...?

Malcolm Holley

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Robin Chapman, Vice-Chairman presents a round-up of the Quarterly PC meeting held on the 9th June.

Five Councillors attended along with three members of the public attended for part of the meeting.

Old School Playing Field (OSPF)

The Councillors gathered on the OSPF to review future of the area where the grass is cut short for playing field activities and the area where trees have been planted. Also the boundary of the whole site was viewed. Steiner Academy is due to leave and there will be a need to identify who will use the playing field and for what sort of activity. This will be open to all parishioners and comments will be sought by the Parish Council and discussed.

The area where trees are growing was viewed. It was agreed that it will be necessary to ensure that there is sufficient space between the trees to allow a mower to cut the grass, the trees to develop and to control the weeds. Some trees may have to be removed and hopefully they will find a new home elsewhere in the Parish.

The boundary hedge on the north and east sides have grown quite high. It was agreed that the hedge's width may need cutting back to leave space for the trees growing close by.

The Council then re-assembled at the Reading Rooms for the remainder of the Agenda.

Steiner Academy Frome (SAF)

The Chairman of the Governors, Guy Marson, was invited to give the Parish Council an update on the immediate future of the SAF which planned to leave Corsley Centre at the end of its current term. He said that contractors for their new school in Frome's old Victoria Hospital will not be able to complete their work in time for the start of the 2014-2015 term in September. He said SAF were taking actions to extend the stay in Corsley Centre until their new site is available. His contingency plan is to stay for the autumn term. These plans include an extension of the Parish Council's lease on the OSPF and car park. There are other aspects such as extension of the Planning Consent by Wiltshire Council and making provisions for extra 26 pupils. He did not expect there to be a big increase in the traffic flow to the Centre because 17 of the 26 are siblings of current students. It is thought the remainder will travel on the school bus. He said he would keep the Parish Council informed as events developed.

Longleat Estate and Caravan Park Traffic

A meeting was held on 3rd June between members of the Caravan Club management, Neil Britten, Robin Chapman, Mike Taylor of Lane End and John Phillips of

Longhedge. It was established that Longleat Estate controls all the traffic entering and leaving the Estate. Further that Estate is responsible for the brown road signage and the implications these have for traffic flow and management. Following a discussion it was agreed that the next step was to discuss the flow of caravans again with the representatives of the Longleat Estate.

Parish Accounts

The Annual Return for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2014 was approved by the Council.

Planning Application -14/03800/FUL

This Application is for 'Change of Use' of the Corsley Centre, when SAF have left, to a private dwelling. The Parish Council had no objection.

Kissing Gate

Under any other business it was reported that a Kissing Gate into the show field had been installed. The Show Committee will be asked if they want a plaque put on it at their expense.

Future Parish Council meetings in the Reading Rooms

Quarterly Meeting
1st September, at 7.30pm
Corsley Reading Room

Quarterly Meeting
8th December, at 7.30pm
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To determine the Precept for 2015-2016

*Robin Chapman
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Mary Eliza Mead (nee Turl)

of High Street Chapmanslade

Mary died at The Royal United Hospital Bath on June 4th, in her 95th year.

Beloved widow of John Albert Mead, mother of Tony and Trevor, mother-in-law to Gillian and Margaret, wonderful grandmother and great-grandmother who will be sadly missed by all who knew her

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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

At Little Cuckoos, the children are enjoying the lovely sunny days playing outside and watching a variety of plants growing in the new vegi-planter.

Our bug theme continues and has been explored through song, craft and close-up examination of model and real insects.

Many of the children attended and performed bug songs and confidently re-enacted The Hungry Caterpillar story at our Summer Fair on Saturday 14th June. We were delighted to welcome friends, families and villagers and were supported by the Rural Police Team and John Hellier who spent time with the children exploring a tractor. We raised around £550 which is being put towards the purchase of new IT equipment.

As the summer term continues it is a busy time with a trip to Longleat, sports day and at the end of term a grand finale in July with a graduation ceremony for the children moving on to school in September.

The Tuesday Toddler Group is looking for a new volunteer to run the group from the 8th July. It runs term-time only between 10.00am and 11.30am and is a great way to meet other parents and children whilst enjoying the Little Cuckoos facilities. Please call Denise on 01985300853 for more information.

Once again we would like take this opportunity to thank all the Little Cuckoos children, their families and everyone who continues to support us.

A massive thank you to Keith Snelgrove for making a wonderful new sandpit lid! Your help is hugely appreciated by all the staff and children at Little Cuckoos Pre-School.

Denise White
Chair Little Cuckoos Committee

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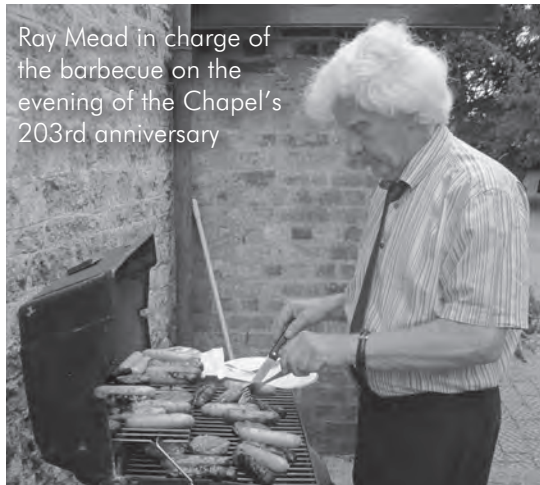
Whitbourne Chapel

“Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary..?”

Congratulations!

Earlier this year, I attended the 175th birthday at a Chapel in West Lavington. It was great to hear the story of their building and to join in their praise and worship.

Last month, we celebrated Whitbourne Chapel's 203rd birthday and we performed a play, 'The Story of the Carpenter'. The carpenter in question was Richard Parsons, who preached at Whitbourne early in the 1800s. His work led to the baptism of six people and the building of the Chapel in 1811.



Ray Mead in charge of the barbecue on the evening of the Chapel's 203rd anniversary

day! By the time this wonderful man died, in 1853, the Chapel's debt was cleared.

Also in June, members of St. Mary's Church in Frome celebrated their 150th anniversary with a Flower Festival and refreshments for visitors – the floral displays were lovely.

It's good to celebrate Church and Chapel anniversaries and to remember we're part of a long tradition of worship to God.

Descriptions of Jesus

The Way

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

The land the Chapel stands on was donated by a Mrs Mears of Frome, at a rent of ten shillings a year, but the land was hers only for her lifetime; the next owner wanted £150 for it. With other costs incurred in purchasing the land, the total required was £700...

Richard Parsons, then Chapel Pastor, regularly walked from his home in Stormore to Devizes, Chippenham, Salisbury and London to raise money; he once walked back from London to Salisbury in a single

Quiz on the occupations of Bible characters

- 1** Zebedee was a ?
Matthew 4.21
- 2** Jubal was a ?
Genesis 4.21
- 3** Alexander was a ?
2 Timothy 4.14

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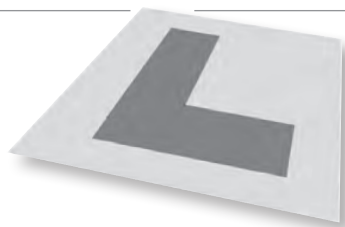
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Tales from the passenger seat



Are there national tendency's that are stereotypical of a particular country that can be observed when a person is learning to drive ? Well, my own experience is a definite yes. There is a country from where, without fail, all the pupils I have taught have asked, in all seriousness, what level of bribery would be found acceptable by the examiners in order to obtain a full UK licence.

I get pupils from another nation where you are expected to drive fast and aggressively and to do anything less is not only a sign of weakness, but also displays gross insecurity. To drive slowly is to demonstrate you are a learner, and the higher the level of speed, the greater your degree of competence. 'Bumpers are there to be used' is their philosophy.

From another nation, I have either had pupils who are extremely able, and who perform to the highest standard, learning to drive in far fewer lessons than the average UK pupil, and in doing so, reaching a much higher degree of competence, or, pupils from the same country are the worst, most incompetent, least able people, who remain at the dangerous and totally lethal stage for far longer than almost any UK pupil would find acceptable. In no case have I found a pupil from this particular nation who is of average ability and who learns in a similar number of lessons to UK pupils. It is either far more, or far less.

There is a nation from which I have never had a competent driver. This particular

nation seems to produce people who are physically uncoordinated and therefore struggle for a very long time to master controlling the car, whether it is steering, or changing gear, or being able to use the clutch in a smooth manner. Braking, even after a high number of lessons can, without warning, be a sudden and very worrying stamp on the pedal. Such pupils also do not really ever 'get' or understand the general concept of what driving is all about. They get as far as they can in terms of controlling the car, but invariably fail to grasp that their actions may, and will at times, have a serious consequence for other road users. They are perfectly OK with changing lanes on a roundabout without checking, signalling or displaying any concern for anyone else on the road; stopping in the most dangerous of places is deemed acceptable because it simply does not occur to them that cars behind will find their action dangerous. They are amongst the most polite and friendliest people I have met, yet always their driving is insular; they are concerned with what they are doing in the car, but never concerned, nor aware of, what may be outside the car...

All the pupils (and it is a lot) that I have taught from the above countries, have all passed, I have a lot of experience teaching a wide range of pupils and employ diverse strategies to make learning easier for them.

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Countryside Matters

Over half way through the year, and what a variety of weather we have experienced!



Thankfully nature has its way of putting things right, but it doesn't stop some of the headaches it brings...

The month of June saw the second cut of silage made, if you were lucky enough to get the first cut in early May. Sadly for some it was mid June before they could get onto what had been water-logged ground for months. Although heavy crops have been harvested, the nutritional value will be low.

The sheep were glad to get rid of their woollen coats during June, most farmers use contract shearers to carry out this work as they are much more capable to do the job safely, quickly and efficiently. Sadly by shearing all the wool off the ewes they lose their familiar smell and the lambs take a while to make contact with their mothers again, but the familiar call or bleat will soon bring them together again.

After 20 years of growing maize I am still amazed at the speed it grows; from a seed the size of a fingernail planted in early May it will certainly be knee high by the 4th of July, and will continue growing to about 8ft by mid to late September

Many local farmers are still very much affected by the lack of cattle and calves sales due to Government legislation over TB in their herds or in neighbouring herds. The financial pressures continue to increase, with the knowledge that although they still have last year's calves on the farm, the cows will soon be producing this year's calves which will need feeding and housing. The problems don't go away just because TB isn't on the headlines of our national newspapers

Some of our footpaths are looking rather overgrown particularly where they are fenced off for the safety of the walker – it is not always possible for the land owner to graze or cut it. Occasionally the local authority will organise volunteers to clear the overgrowth, but the best way is to use the footpaths regularly and don't expect to find it in the same condition it was in 3 or 4 months ago!

May I suggest we all make use of our footpaths as often as we can – it is a wonderful way to enjoy our countryside

Judith Helliar



What are the stones for?

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

In my practice room I have a collection of stones, pebbles

and shells and a tray of sand. They're not decorative; they're tools. It might seem a bit odd but they can be really useful and produce profound results.

Traditional talking therapy involves contact with the emotional world, of course, as well as with the intellect as this is what we all use to process new ideas. Sometimes, however, the emotional core of an issue is hard to reach; sometimes the intellect prevents us from getting to the core of the matter. It defends the vulnerable emotional part of us very efficiently and often without our even being aware of it. This is great for our survival through tough emotional times but, if there is damage there, we do well to gently access that damage and begin to heal it.

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objects – whatever they signify – can provide surprising insights as can the choice of the objects themselves. People usually need very little enquiry from me to explain what they have done and to draw new conclusions about the situation they face. Some years ago a colleague once recounted the story of a client choosing a small stone to represent the self which she then buried almost completely in the sand. The therapist gently asked what it might be like to bring that stone to the surface so that it could be seen. This simple question brought many tears for the client and there followed an exploration of the client's feelings of needing to hide and of the possibility that she might not need to remain hidden forever. Powerful stuff indeed. Just from a stone and some sand.

This kind of work doesn't appeal to everyone and I'm careful to ask clients if they would like to try it if I think it might be helpful to them. It's absolutely OK if they don't want to, for whatever reason. Usually, though, people are keen to have a go once the relationship between us is established and they know I'm not suggesting something wacky just for the sake of it.

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