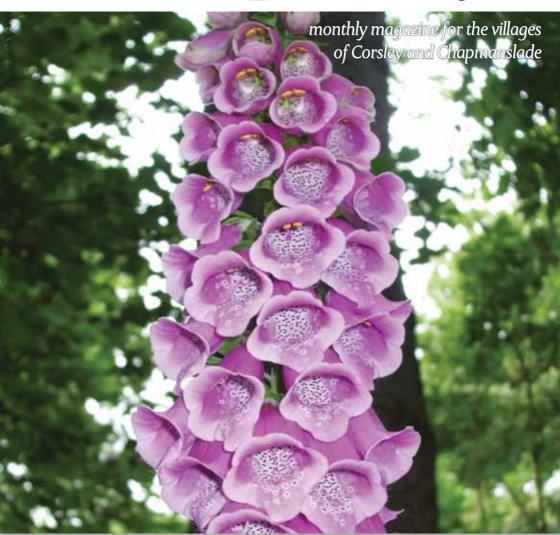
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Deadline

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

Diary Dates

July

Thursday 2nd

Loose Women visit to Borehill Biodigester OPEN TO ALL Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 4th

Corsley Litter Pick – 10.00am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Barters Farm development public consultation – 9am - 1pm, Chapmanslade School Little Cuckoo's Summer Fair – 12 noon - 3pm, at the Pre-School, Lyes Green

Tuesday 7th

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

Thursday 9th

Warminster mobile library

Corsley WI – OPEN Meeting – 'The history and work of the RNLI' - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 15th

Corsley Gardening Club - garden visit to the Old Rectory garden, Limington – 2.30pm

August

Saturday 1st

'The Three Muskateers' (Elizabethan Evening) – Corsley Manor

Tuesday 4th

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

Sunday 9th

Family Treasure Hunt – 2 - 5pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – Corsley WI Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 16th

Chapmanslade Croquet, Boules and Cream Tea

Monday 31st

Corsley Show



For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit

www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 4th July – do come along and help keep our village beautiful. Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

Ringing News

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great deal to pay. With grants, donations, fund raising

I'm sure we'll find a way! It was agreed the monies raised the

weekend of the Fayre Be put towards the cost of this, 'Thank you! So pleased you care!' We will continue ringing as best we can, no fears.

The bells will sound for all around, for many, many years

Marion Moldon

Walk of Life update

Walk completed

Shattered, but happy! After seven hours, my walk was complete and just over £1,500 had been raised for the Cancer Unit at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

Thank you so much for your donations to this fantastic amount. It will all go towards creating a better environment for patients and staff alike, hopefully making what is a devastating, lifechanging experience a little easier.

Many thanks, once again.

Ben

ps - already training for next year!

Corsley Show

August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August

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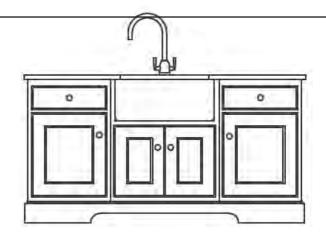


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Playing Field news

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As the children know, we have replaced some of our old play equipment, originally paid for by Colonel Gough, as it had reached the end of its safe life with a number of other items. These came from the old Corsley School play area. Our thanks to the Parish Council for offering them to us and Acres Supply for doing such a great job moving and installing everything in doubleauick time. We have also moved the pizza oven from the old school and it has proved very successful at a number of events.

This included the annual Corsley versus Chapmanslade cricket match for the 'Bridge Trophy'. This year we held it on a Sunday rather than the usual May bank holiday Monday, giving those of us getting a little old for that sort of thing time to recover before aging back to work! Corslev retained the trophy and it was wonderful to see so many villagers, young and old, having a

great time. Our thanks to all the helpers, cooks and bottle washers for providing the wonderful match tea and barbecue afterwards.

We have also had lots of rentals this year including Dave Jones' birthday party. Happy Birthday again Dave! We are happy to rent out the pavilion and field for events and it was great to see so many people brought up in and around the village together again, enjoying the field.

As you'll see from the advert on page 13, we are having a Treasure Hunt on Sunday 9th August. We have been running events every month thanks to a Health and Wellbeing grant. These events have all been free and whilst I appreciate that we all have business lives and commitments, it would be areat to see as many individuals and families as possible come along to support us.

We are also planning to build a veranda on the front of the pavilion, probably in the autumn. This will be a village build, as the pavilion was itself, so keep a look out for the planned date to come along and help. The veranda will be useful for expanding the space we can use at events and will also be a great place for the kids to hang out whatever the weather. There is a drawing in the pavilion of our plans, or feel free to contact Marion or me if you want to see what we have planned.

Neil Carpenter

Bob's bafflers

Not easy this month...

Who was the 20th century UK Prime Minister when the following took place?

- The outbreak of World War One
- The outbreak of World War Two
- 3 The abdication of Edward VIII
- 4 Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer
- 5 Decimalised currency replaced pounds, shillings and pence
- 6 September 11th attack on the World Trade Center complex in New York City.
- 7 The death of Queen Victoria
- 8 The Channel Tunnel was officially opened
- 9 John F Kennedy was assassinated
- 10 Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space
- 11 The Queen's Silver Jubilee
- 12 Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon

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- · Entries must arrive 31st July 2015 at the latest.
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- · An entry fee of £3 per story should accompany all entries, so please enclose either cash or a cheque made payable to 'Corsley Show Society (H&C)'.
- · You may send in as many entries as you wish but you must include a free for each story.
- · All work must be original and should not have been published before. Tanslations are not acceptable.
- · Entries must be in English.
- · Copyright remains with the writer but the story should be available, if selected, to be published in an anthology.
- · All authors should be over the age of 18 years and stories should be suitable for adult reading. No children's stories please. There is no theme. All styles and genres are welcome but no erotica please!
- · Submit hard copy entries only. A cover sheet should accompany each story including author's name, contact details, story title and word count. The author's name should not appear on the story document.
- · All entries will be judged anonymously by four independent judges.
- · Failure to comply with the rules may result in disqualification, which will be at the discretion of the judges.

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- · Entries should be typed in 12pt in a clear typeface and have double line spacing.
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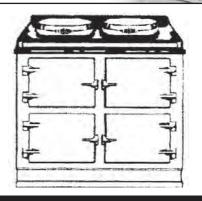
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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

There has been one quarterly meeting in June, with the main agenda items being briefings and discussion on broadband in Corsley and the parish accounts, plus routine updates on the steetscene and footpaths. There was also an informal meeting with the CEO and Land Agent of Longleat to exchange views on local issues, attended by the Chairman and Clerk.

Superfast Broadband in Corsley

Over recent years concern has been raised spasmodically about the poor broadband service in and around Corslev and the difficulty that this presents in making best use of the internet and the many services available for both business and pleasure. The disadvantages suffered by Corsley residents have become more apparent in recent times through the steps taken by BT Sport to provide their sports channels only through the internet and no longer through BT vision boxes.

The Government has a policy of making fast broadband available throughout the country. Its aim is to provide broadband speeds of at least 24 Mega-bits per second (Mbps) to 95% of the country by 2017, with £780m to be provided to stimulate the necessary commercial investment (locally, broadband speeds are around 4/5Mbps). The precise meaning of 95% is unclear, but what is clear is that Corsley is not part of any current upgrade plans.

To guote from Wiltshire Online, the County's project for upgrading broadband:

"We are looking at opportunities to extend our coverage to include additional premises such as yours that are not planned for upgrade. We are constantly reviewing our progress and processes to ensure maximum time and cost efficiencies. Any cost savings made will be re-invested into the project to extend our coverage further.

In addition, Wiltshire Council has recently secured further funding from central government for a phase 2 rollout of superfast broad band. We have started consultation with commercial broadband providers to establish where we are allowed to invest these additional funds. However, it is still very early days and we will not be in a position to advise which communities will be able to benefit until mid-2015. The phase 2 funding will follow on from the end of the current phase and so we will be looking to upgrade communities in 2016/17."

The PC is in the early stages of investigating whether there might be a village consensus on the need for better broadband service. which the PC could promote, and the possibilities for earlier provision assuming that Corsley is not in the 5% who get nothing. To this end the PC invited Hugh Deed, of Lyes Green, an experienced IT professional, to brief the PC on the issues. The main points of his briefing were:

With the exception of those who have dedicated or satellite links, everyone in Corsley has to use BT lines and equipment (irrespective of internet providers). The nearest BT exchange is Chapmanslade.

BT are allegedly looking at upgrading this exchange but there is no timescale for this.

Chapmanslade have a cable option via Virgin by virtue of the High Street providing an east west fibre-optic cable route. Virgin have no plans currently to extend this into Corsley.

If the parish could show there was a 'market' for either cable or fibre in the village then this might persuade suppliers to bring forward any plans they might have for its introduction.

Without superfast broadband, users will be unable to avail themselves of all the advantages and opportunities that the increasing use the internet provides. Mr Hugh believed that superfast broadband would become as basic a requirement as water or electricity supplies and its lack could have a deleterious effect on attracting new residents to the village and house prices. Ideally speeds of 25 Mbps and upwards should be available, compared with the current speed of around 4/5Mbps.

There is precedent for communities to part fund the expansion of fibre optic networks. A small village near Bath, where some 70 inhabitants had paid £1,500 per head to have superfast broadband installed, was cited as an example of what a small local community could achieve.

After some discussion, the PC agreed that there could be a case for a full scale survey in Corsley to establish broadband needs and views on its achievement. If you are dissatisfied with your broadband speed and believe we need to argue for a better service to be delivered to Corsley in the next two years then please let us know by sending an email to me or John Willcox (corsleypc idw@aol.co.uk). The more responses we receive, the more likely it is that the PC will be able to promote the cause and if there

are other 'experts' out there who would be willing to advise the PC, that would also be very welcome.

Parish accounts

Copies of the Audit Report and the parish Accounts for 2014/2015 were tabled and approved for distribution to the External Auditor. The internal audit report and presentation of the receipts and payments account was approved. The accounts will be published on The Bridge website and the two parish noticeboards after scrutiny by the External Auditor.

Streetscene

Sturford Lane mud

This problem is being addressed.

Lay-by rubbish bins

Concern has been expressed at the removal of a rubbish bin from a Corslev lav-bvs and the subsequent information that the Local Authority will no longer replace any bins that are removed and/or destroyed. Simon Jasper, Streetscene Coordinator, had a bin that he would put in the lay-by affected. The PC recorded its great appreciation of the heroic and on-going efforts of the Corsley Litter Pickers and it was agreed the Clerk should write thanking them for their sterling work.

Hedge at Lane End

For some considerable time, it has been evident that the hedge just east of the junction of Lyes Green and the A362 is obstructing sight of traffic coming downhill on the A362 from Corsley Heath. Simon had been advised that the owner of the hedge had been served with a cutting notice.

Footpaths

Gill Parkinson continues her sterling work looking after Corsley footpaths and provided the following report:



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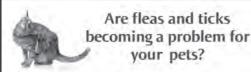
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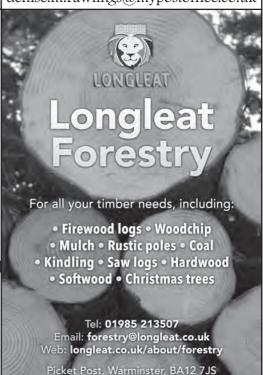
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The Ramblers Association had made enquiries regarding the replacing of styles with kissing gates. Gill agreed to liaise with the ramblers in identifying any that would be suitable and any inputs from readers to Gill please.

The tree which had partially blocked a footpath entry between the Cross Keys and Pool Farm has been cut up for firewood.

An offending tree at Temple is in the hands of Wiltshire council, who will survey it and then take appropriate action.

The path from old post office has been cleared and its is recommended that it is used as much as possible to prevent regrowth and blockage.

Wiltshire will survey at the steps at Chatter Alley/Sturford Lane, when highways confirm completion of the road work.

In general, at this time of year, it is appreciated that a lot of the paths are difficult to walk as they are deep in hay. People are less keen to struggle through and many paths appear not to have been walked for a time. This of course will now change as they are being cut and please keep your feedback coming in, particularly of you see evidence of the new Green Bin policy leading to fly tipping. Gill is always on the lookout for help with footpath maintenance and extra pairs of ears and eyes.

Longleat

Michael Birnie, Land Agent, and Bob Montgomery, CEO, met informally, with myself and John Willcox on 4th June to have a general discussion about Corsley issues. The discussions focussed mainly on the issues around Longleat customer traffic, both to the main attractions and the Caravan Park, but also touched on broadband.

Improved traffic management remained a key part of Longleat's medium and long

term strategy. For the main attraction traffic, the aim is to get the traffic off the public roads as efficiently as possible thus avoiding any queues. This was being accomplished by better ticketing and entry processes and in the last few months, despite the increase in the number of out of season attractions. this seemed to be working.

Ticketing policy was also at the heart of the strategy for the Caravan site traffic. The Caravan Club have a long lease on the current site, some 20 years remaining, and there are no plans to move the site elsewhere on the Estate. However, the intention is to try and establish a new ticketing strategy where visitors are encouraged to buy Longleat tickets at the same time as booking a site pitch. A new barrier has been established between the Caravan site and the fun castle, to prevent unpaid entry, and it is hoped that over time there will be a sufficient migration to combined tickets for the main entrance to become the main caravan entry point. Exit could then also take place away from Corsley lanes.

Longleat are also looking at potential ways of improving their broadband service. Their plans are in their infancy, but we agreed that we would share aspirations and progress to ensure that any opportunities for joint leverage could be exploited.

Quarterly Meetings

Mondays 7th September and 7th December. All meetings 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room.

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village notice-boards and the Bridge web site for these.

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

Biology: changing the world

Why should we vaccinate our children?

Professor Nigel Brown, President of the Society for General Microbiology writes about the immense benefits of childhood vaccination

Since 1998 there has been a lot of debate about the safety of vaccination. This originated with a paper that argued that the triple Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccination in infants is related to autism. There have also been statements

that vaccines contain toxic compounds and that vaccination overloads the child's immune system. Such has been the public concern that levels of vaccination have fallen considerably.

These low levels of vaccination have caused problems. In a group that has not been vaccinated. a disease, such as measles

or whooping cough, can spread from child to child quite easily. However, if most children are vaccinated, the disease is unlikely to spread. For example, in a class of 40 schoolchildren a 70% vaccination rate means that on average 12 children are not vaccinated and could catch the disease. A 95% vaccination rate means that only two children are not vaccinated and if one falls ill, there are 11 times fewer opportunities to pass the disease on.

The 95% vaccination rate is considered by experts to be the level required to prevent epidemics. This is known scientifically as "herd immunity", although I prefer the term "community immunity". The levels of vaccination against measles

> in Swansea prior to the 2013 measles epidemic fell below 70%. This was an epidemic waiting to happen. Many children were immunised during the outbreak, bringing levels up to the 95% required for "community immunity".

So why did vaccination rates fall? A paper appeared in The Lancet by Andrew

Wakefield and others in 1998 suggesting a link between MMR vaccination and autism. That study has now been shown to be falsified and Wakefield has been struck off the medical register. The paper has been withdrawn by the Editor of The Lancet. It was simply incorrect.

Some people have suggested that vaccines may be toxic, due to the mercury-containing preservative, thimerosal. This is not the

case; thimerosal is present now in very few vaccines, and is not toxic at the concentrations used. Others have suggested that the sheer number of vaccinations an infant receives may overload the immune system. This is also not the case; by the very act of breathing, a child inhales many hundreds of things that raise an immune response.

Some people say "Measles is not a serious disease" or "Surely it is the right of every parent to decide whether to immunise their child?". For those who think measles is not serious, read Roald Dahl's open letter (http://bit.ly/16bEYVY) about the death of his daughter from measles. As to parents' rights, the decision of many parents not to immunise allowed the Swansea measles epidemic. However, there are some people who cannot be vaccinated – very young infants, transplant patients or others on

immunosuppressive drugs – they need "community immunity" to protect them, so that it is unlikely that they come into contact with an infected individual. In my view, therefore, it is not just a personal decision to vaccinate your child, but it is a socially responsible one.

I was once asked if parents who refuse to vaccinate their children are selfish. My response was simple: "Yes, unless there is a proven medical reason not to vaccinate their child".

Nigel Brown

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. If there is a biological topic that you would like him to write about, or if you have questions about this article, please contact him at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

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Corsley **Tennis Club News**

The Ladies 'A' team played Trowbridge 'B' at the Memorial Playing Field and won by six sets to two. Alison Plummer and Jenny Bishop combined effectively, while Sue Brewster and Jean Lillywhite showed great tenacity. The squad deserved this victory and is progressing well.

The Club held its Ladies Doubles tournament on a warm Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Flaying Field. Twelve ladies contested some close sets, after which Jane Snedden and Sonia Glenn triumphed by a

clear margin. Jane's all-court skill was backed up by Sonia's consistency.

Jenny Bishop and Rebecca Young were runner's-up, while Diana Hale and Rebecca Bennett finished third.

A special mention goes to Lydia Kington, who displayed verve and confidence on her debut. The event was devised by Sonia Glenn with her usual alacrity.

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Dear Friends,

So, the view from the study window today is green and sunny! Thank you God! I am doubly thankful because I have just returned from a holiday in Shanghai where our daughter lives, and if you have ever been there you will know why I came home with a renewed appreciation for our surroundings and the peace and quiet of the countryside.

So back to our little benefice, which actually covers quite a few miles from end to end. I thought I would use this month's letter just to bring you up to date with what we are doing as a church. Our vision for the church here is for a strong Christian community that is outward in its focus, always looking for ways in which to share God's love and serve the local community. We are so very fortunate because we are building up a benefice team of people who share ministry with me in one way or another. We have our wonderful Associate Priest, Di Britten, Licensed Lay Minister John and several hard working Lay Pastoral Assistants and Pastoral Visitors who visit those who are ill, run the toddler group and the monthly coffee morning to name but a few. We also have a number of people who are involved in leading services on a regular basis. Obviously we want those people to feel supported and equipped to do this; leading a service of worship is important and it needs to be a positive and life-giving experience for everyone. To that end we will be running a deanery worship leaders course - deanery means in partnership with some of the other groups of parishes in our area – to train those who feel called to this ministry.

All those who minister in our churches in whatever capacity, are DBS checked and appropriately supervised and we have the requisite safeguarding policy in place which outlines the way we work, in line with the diocesan policy. Our Safeguarding Officer is Marion Muston who looks after this area for us and who would be the person to contact in the event of any safeguarding issues.

Marion is also our new Benefice Administrator, working from the benefice office in the vestry at St Margaret's Church, Corsley. We have had a massive clearout so the office is now a comfortable, welcoming space complete with telephone and broadband. Marion is working on a part-time, voluntary basis and is usually in the office on Monday mornings should you wish to contact her (01373 839026 or administrator@cleyhillchurches.org). Please do come to our coffee and cake open office day on Monday 13th July from 9.30am – 12noon, when you can meet Marion and see what we have been up to. It will take a while for us to make the transition to using Marion in the most efficient way. It would be really helpful if you could direct any enquiries for baptisms or weddings to Marion in the first instance; funerals should still come to Di or myself.

Finally, if you haven't looked at our website lately, do so immediately! Ian Buick has done a wonderful job in reorganizing and updating the site, which will continue to evolve over the coming months. Visit the website at www.cleyhillchurches.org.

So much to be thankful for!

Love and prayers, Pauline

July Church Diary

Sunday 5th July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity
8am at St Mary the Virgin: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

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Sunday 12th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity
9.30am St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Eucharist
10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist
11am at St Mary's, Temple: Matins for Sea Sunday

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Monday 13th July

9.30am to 12.30pm at the Benefice Office, St Margaret's Church, Corsley:

Coffee and Cake social get-together

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Thursday 16th July

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

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Sunday 19th July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity
9am at St Mary's, Temple: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship and Patronal Worship
10.30am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist
11.15am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham Reunion Service



Sunday 26th July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity 9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Morning Worship 10.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Pet Service

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Sunday 2nd August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity
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: Morning Worship with
Baptism

Church Pastoral Group

The Church Pastoral Group, which includes the Lay Pastoral Assistants, has recently been reformed. We would like to know if there is anyone in the Parish who would appreciate a friendly visit for whatever reason. For further details please contact Alan Hopkinson on 01373 832393.

Financial Matters

Fairer Share

Each Parish pays to the Diocese an amount of money known as Fairer Share. The actual amount to be paid is based on how many "members" are in the Parish and a judgment of the Parish's ability to pay. This is an attempt for the richer Parishes to help out the poorer Parishes. It should be pointed out that per member the difference is not huge! This year our Share is £30,342. At the end of June we had paid £15,342 thanks to the hard work and commitment of many people who support our Parish. Virtually all of the money received by the Diocese is used to either pay the clergy or to provide training for clergy.

Planned Giving

A very important part of our income is regular giving to help us to pay all our bills. Not only do we have the Share to pay but we have to meet all the costs of running the three churches. We encourage everyone to make regular payments ideally via standing order.

Gift Aid

All donations to charities, and we are a charity, can attract Gift aid tax relief. This means for every £1 donated we can claim 25p in Gift Aid. For our Parish this year this will swell our income by an estimated £7,000!

Cheques

Banks are becoming very pedantic about the name of the payee on cheques. All cheque payments for our Parish should be made out to 'Corsley & Chapmanslade PCC'. If the cheque is monies for a special fund or purpose please attach an explanatory note or instruction but please do not add anything extra to the payee.

50/50 Club

We run a very successful Club where members pay £24 per year and twice a year we have a Club Draw and 50% of the member's subscriptions is returned as prize money – in actual cash!! At present the subscriptions total £2600 so at each Draw we hand back £650 in cash prizes. There currently is a first prize of £200, two of £100, three of £50 and four of £25. Obviously the more members we have the bigger the prize pot so why not join. You can pay monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually as suits you.

Bell fund

Our wonderful six bells are truly historic with the oldest dating from 1739. They were last given a full service around fifty years ago and we need to have another full service and retuning. This will cost around £12,000 but on the basis that they should not need another service for another fifty years this is "only" £240 per year. If you love our bells and want to contribute please contact any of the bellringing team or the PCC treasurer.

Congratulations and Welcome

We welcome into the church family Lea Dobson, baptized at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade on June 21st.

Congratulations to Michael Cooksey and Claire Barnes who were married at St Mary's church, Kingston Deverill on 30th April.

Our prayers are with the family of John Skinner whose Thanksgiving Service was held at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill on 16th June, and the family of Marjorie Long of Corsley.

Benefice Office

The Benefice of Cley Hill Villages consists of two Parishes – Corsley and Chapmanslade with three churches, and The Deverills with Horningsham with four churches. We have established an office at St Margaret's Church in Corsley which will usually be open on Monday mornings from 9.30am. Contact Marion Muston at the office on either 01373 839026 or cleyhilladmin@gmail.com.

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Corsley WI June News

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

The speaker at the June meeting of Corsley WI was a local farmer, Paul Jeenes, whose talk was entitled Aberdeen Angus and Waitrose. Paul began breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle in 1990 with a pedigree herd of just 15 females from England and Scotland, building this up over the years to 100. Paul now sells breeding stock to other farmers and has been a supplier to Waitrose for 17 years. Aberdeen Angus cattle are black, easy to look after and all the feed of grass and grass products is produced at home on the farm. They are easy calving, have a good temperament and produce high quality meat. Each animal has its own passport and its DNA is registered so that the pedigree can be traced and there is an audit trail back to the farm. Aberdeen Angus is the breed of choice of Waitrose, Marks & Spencer and other leading supermarkets and is the best-known brand name for meat on the high street. On behalf of WI members and visitors, Graham White thanked Paul for his very informative talk.

Anne Carruthers read the report of the Annual General Meeting of the WI held at the Royal Albert Hall recently. The resolution put forward at the meeting, which was 'This meeting calls on HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and



personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals, in order to advance health and well-being', was discussed but no vote was taken. There were some suggestions for changes to the wording and it was felt that the subject required more in-depth investigation before proceeding further.

The competition for a picture of a cow was won by Di Dowling, with Jenny Candy second and Rosemary Collins, third.

New events organized by the Wiltshire Federation are an afternoon in September with Heather Stanning MBE, 2012 Olympic Rowing Gold Medallist and Army Officer, a holiday in Kent in April 2016 and a performance by the Kennet Accordion Orchestra in October. Full details available at our meetings.

Everyone is welcome at our next open meeting on **Thursday 9th July** at 7.30pm in Corsley Reading Room, when Robin Silman will give a talk on the 'History and the Work of the RNLI'. The competition is for a boat.

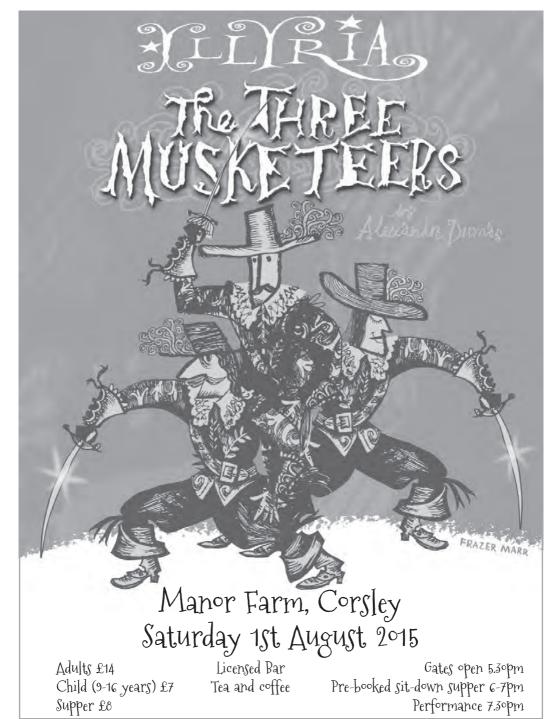
We are very pleased to welcome new members to our meetings. If you would like to know more about Corsley WI or any of our activities, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

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

Bridge Club Coffee Morning Gardening Club Lunch Club First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room

Third Wednesday each month, venues to be announced Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

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



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Members are also invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on 26th November 2015 at the Reading Rooms.

We hope you will want to take advantage of the membership and tickets for 2015 for local residents. These are lower than the advanced ticket prices that will be offered on the website but are only available until 7th August 2015.

Please complete the form opposite and return it to Marion Moldon at the address above. A stamped addressed envelope would be much appreciated.

We have added space for offers of help, either on the day or just prior to it. Even if you could only spare an hour it would greatly assist in the efforts needed to ensure the smooth running of the show.

Yours sincerely

Marion Moldon Membership Secretary

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pay and wave goodbye to that garden waste. However, my aim is to change your mind and allow you to see the goodness that your garden waste has to offer. After working at Acres Supply for almost a full season now I have many useful tips that I can use to sway your mind towards going green this July.

My first tip is to see the potential that your grass clippings have to offer. Instead of heading straight for the bin, place the clippings under your hedges and around flower borders. This

technique, commonly known as mulching and prevent your soil from drying out. Whilst on the subject of grass, let your grass grow that little bit longer; raise the cutting height of your mower, but still mow as often as your normally would for this time of year. Again it will shade the soil and prevent it from drying out and it'll leave you with a reduced amount of clippings to deal with.

Another annoyance in the garden is sticks and twigs. You can spend forever picking

things up, but the garden will always have something more to offer; use this your advantage! Take the twigs and make your own canes. Why buy them when they

are laid out on the ground in front

of you?

If that garden waste is still lurking around after all your attempts to wave goodbye to it, why not try a compost heap or bin? Waste such as lawn clippings, garden weeds and raw vegetable peelings can be placed on the heap and leave you with a compost that can later be spread on your garden. Cover the heap to increase heat, maintain moisture levels and allow the best environment for the

decay process to occur. You can also add a product called 'Garotta' that we sell at the garden centre; it speeds up the natural process and ensures the process is simple and easy. And what's even better is that its harmless to pets and any wildlife you may have in your garden.

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As you will know, we are now fortunate to have a defibrillator in each of our villages, at the Royal Oak in Corsley and The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade. Hopefully they will never need to be used but it is reassuring to know that they are there. In the event of a heart attack, the presence of a defibrillator in the immediate vicinity raises the chance of survival dramatically.

Our defibrillators are part of a network that now exists in the Frome area with a total of over 20 installations being located in and around the town. Frome is the first town in the country to have such an extensive network. The Friends of Frome Hospital have been the driving force in this initiative and they should be congratulated on their efforts.

On Saturday 26th September we will be hosting an awareness event to show Corsley and Chapmanslade residents how the defibrillator works and to explain the procedure to be followed when a heart attack is suspected. This will be held at Chapmanslade Village Hall between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm and will include demonstrations at regular intervals throughout the morning. The Chapmanslade Loose Women have kindly agreed to provide refreshments and all proceeds from the morning will go to the Friends of Frome Hospital Defibrillator Maintenance Fund.

We will give you further details of this event in due course but in the meantime please put the date in your diaries. Please contact John Helliar (Corsley) on 832803 or John Lewis (Chapmanslade) on 832875 if you have any queries about our defibrillators.

John Helliar and Phil Jefferson

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(yes, that's you Corsley!)

We would like to work with all the parishes in the Cranborne Chase AONB to help promote major parish events, on our website events page, and also to promote them on our social media channels, which get a lot of coverage. If you would like to have a paragraph on the Parishes page of our new (currently in development) website, along with a link to your online parish magazine, please let me know. So far we have had a response from the following parishes: Coombe Bissett and Homington, Cranborne and Edmondsham, Damerham, Donhead St Andrew, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Mere, Pimperne, Sutton Waldron, Tisbury, Upper Deverills, Blandford and Wilton Town Councils.

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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.

Our theme this term is 'The Lightouse Keeper's Lunch', a wonderful story all about a Lighthouse Keeper and some naughty seagulls! The children have learnt about lighthouses and their purpose and have made their own versions with craft materials to take home.

We have a very busy summer term ahead of us which started with our Summer Trip to Brokerswood on 25th June. We explored the woods, rode the train and enjoyed a picnic - we even had some crusts left to feed the ducks!

Our next event is our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July. Please do come along and support the preschool! We will have a barbecue, tombola, raffle, lots of games, a bouncy castle and even pony rides! There has also been a rumour that Peppa Pig might make an appearance! Last year's event was a great success and an important fundraiser for us. The Summer Fair is also our last big get-together before we say goodbye to our school leavers...

...which leads us to our final event, our Graduation on 17th July. We will be saying farewell and good luck to 12 of our four year-olds this summer, who are all off to local schools. We will miss all of them and wish them the best of luck.

17th July is the last day of term for us, so we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to meeting some new faces in September!

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10am - 11.30am For more information, please contact Hayley on 01373 832298 www littlecuckoos@hotmail co uk

Paid-for green bin collection dates

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Wednesday 26th August

Chapmanslade

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Curiouser and curiouser...

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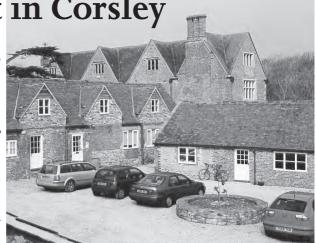
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Whitbourne Chapel

Godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Timothy 6.6)

Ron Stone's story, part two



In January 1945, Ron received a letter from a Frome girl, offering to be his penfriend. Eileen was only sixteen, but they corresponded for the rest of his Service days and met when he was demobbed in 1946. Three years later, they

were married in Locks Hill Gospel Hall.

Eileen wasn't a Christian when she and Ron met, but she was converted to Christ at St. John's Church in Frome, after listening to a sermon there. For six weeks, she didn't tell Ron about her new-found faith but he knew, from the change in her, what had taken place, long before she told him!

Ron and Eileen had five children, four girls and son Pete, with whom Ron now lives. All the children are baptised believers and between them, they have twenty arandchildren, many great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Four of Ron's grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren, attend Whitbourne Chapel, along with Ron's daughter Jenny and Jenny's husband, Chapel Secretary Ray Mead.

Eileen died three years ago, filled with love for her Saviour to the very end. Her funeral Service, at Whitbourne Chapel, was a wonderful occasion, despite the sorrow everyone felt that day. Ron often says he hasn't lost his wife - he knows exactly where she is and one day he'll be joining her in Heaven.

Ron puts his long life down to fresh air and exercise. That isn't to say he hasn't had health problems; he lost an eye in a farming accident many years ago and his hearing isn't so good these days. Nonetheless, last time he and I walked along the river at Great Elm, Ron spent over an hour pausing to speak with everyone we met – and his feet stood the strain far better than mine did! When Lasked him for the secret of his good health, he quoted, "Godliness with contentment is great gain".

Grave words!

One sunny Sunday morning, when I was at Chapel early, I took photos of the graveyard. I found the gravestone for Ann Garrett, who died on October 21st, 1872, aged 59 years. Engraved with her details was this poem:

Death little warning to her gave, But auickly sent her to the grave. Serve Christ the Lord without delay, For no-one knows their dying day. Are there any descendents of Ann Garrett and her family, still living in Corsley or Chapmanslade today? Please let us know!

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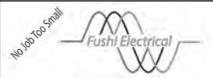


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Tales from the passenger seat



It is nice, at times, to inject a bit of humour into driving lessons; we can work hard but at the same time make lessons enjoyable and fun whilst still maintaining the serious nature of what we are doing. I do have to be careful, when passing a humorous comment, that it's to a pupil who will understand that I'm not being serious we're all well aware that not everyone has a sense of humour!

Comments from me cursing 'wretched learners', if we happen to come up behind one, and suggesting that 'all learners should practise in fields', is not something I would say in the presence of every pupil.

There are some pupils to whom I suggest that over the next four lessons we will be learning wheelies, handbrake turns, how to leave tyre marks in the road, plus abusive language and gestures towards other drivers. Such a surprising comment from an established driving instructor helps relax a pupil who may be feeling particularly nervous, and for others, it's just a bit of fun – seconds later we're getting on with the serious stuff. Sometimes I have to be attentive and work out if a pupil is being serious when they ask 'at what point do we learn handbrake turns?', 'Am I allowed to drive through red traffic lights whilst I have a learner sign on top the car?' 'When will I be learning how to text and steer without crashina?'

Faced with such genuine questions, my replies must be suitable, without making the pupil embarrassed by what they will eventually come to realise was not the wisest thing to have said.

It is always nice that a pupil does as they are told, but ultimately the idea is to get them independent in thought and action. Some have such a strong belief system that if I suggested they drive onto someone's lawn and destroy the rather nasty coloured roses because I found them offensive - they actually would. So comments by me, and the general conversation during lessons has to be matched to the personality of each pupil.

Fear and panic whilst driving can affect a pupil's behaviour. They will do the most irrational thing that they would never normally dream of doing. Closing their eyes to assist going through a very narrow situation is not good. Neither is it a good idea to grab the keys in a blind panic and switch the engine off because it has started to rain. Applying the handbrake in order to change gear is not uncommon amongst this, thankfully, very small percentage of pupils.

All the above are genuine comments and actions, but it is incumbent upon me to be able to teach the least able, and not just those who find it easy. Many nervous pupils find it reassuring to hear of some other pupil who has made far worse mistakes than they are making. Many are convinced that they are quite simply the worst pupil I must have ever had and I am able to convince them that they most certainly are not.

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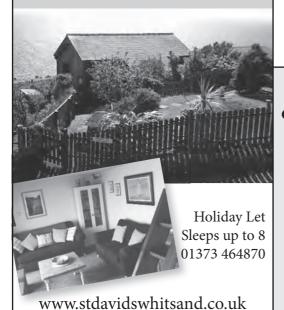
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> Early mornings and evenings are the best time to see the wildlife such as badger and deer, but do check your clothing and uncovered leas and arms after walking in long grass or woodlands to make sure that ticks have not attached themselves to you or your dogs, the sooner they are removed the better. Judith Helliar

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Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

It's not uncommon to hear this sentiment expressed amona people in close relationships, particularly by

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When your 'OK-ness' is entirely contingent on someone else's wellbeing, though, this is problematic. Firstly, it burdens the other person - you are making them responsible for your welfare and that's not really on. Your welfare is your responsibility, not theirs and putting it on them may encourage them to lie about how they really are; make them more likely to say, 'I'm fine' (and don't get me started on the use of the word 'fine'!) when they're anything but.

Secondly, it does rather suggest that you have nothing in your life other than that person. Nothing else at all? Really? We all need variety - different ideas, influences, energies, interests. We all have moods, good and bad, and times when we are less available to others – one person can never be all that you need. Overly relying on one person creates pressure on the relationship and diminishes you both.

And what if the other person is really very much not OK and is getting worse? What good does it do to go down with them? How does it help them? If you maintain your own sense of yourself, your own energy, if you can be OK even when they are not, you

have more to offer to that suffering someone as well as building your own resources on which to draw. It also models for the other person the idea that you can be supportive, loving and kind as well as independent and strong, an idea which may be new to them. It shows that looking after yourself isn't selfish, it's healthy. It might encourage them to do it too and, who knows, they might start to be more OK as a result.

One final thought: if you're focusing solely on another's wellbeing, you aren't focusing on you. Why not? Are you avoiding something? Is there something not OK? Try not to be frightened of the not-OK bit. Instead, you could try finding out more about it. Then you can start to change it. And once you do, you'll have even more good stuff to offer.

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