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

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

Diary Dates



July

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – making ice-cream: cow to cone – Palette and Pasture Ice Cream Parlour, Trudoxhill (booking essential)

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm

Wednesday 14th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 15th

Corsley Tennis Club Over 70s Tournament – Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 18th

Corsley House Gardens Open Day – 11 am to 4 pm, garden open to the public (by timed ticket only)

Wednesday 28th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

August

Sunday 1st

Elizabethan Evening: HMS Pinafore – performances at 2.30 pm and 7 pm, Corsley Manor

Tuesday 3rd August

FREE Coffee Morning – 10 am, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 5th

Tennis Camps 12 noon to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (booking required)

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Wednesday 11th

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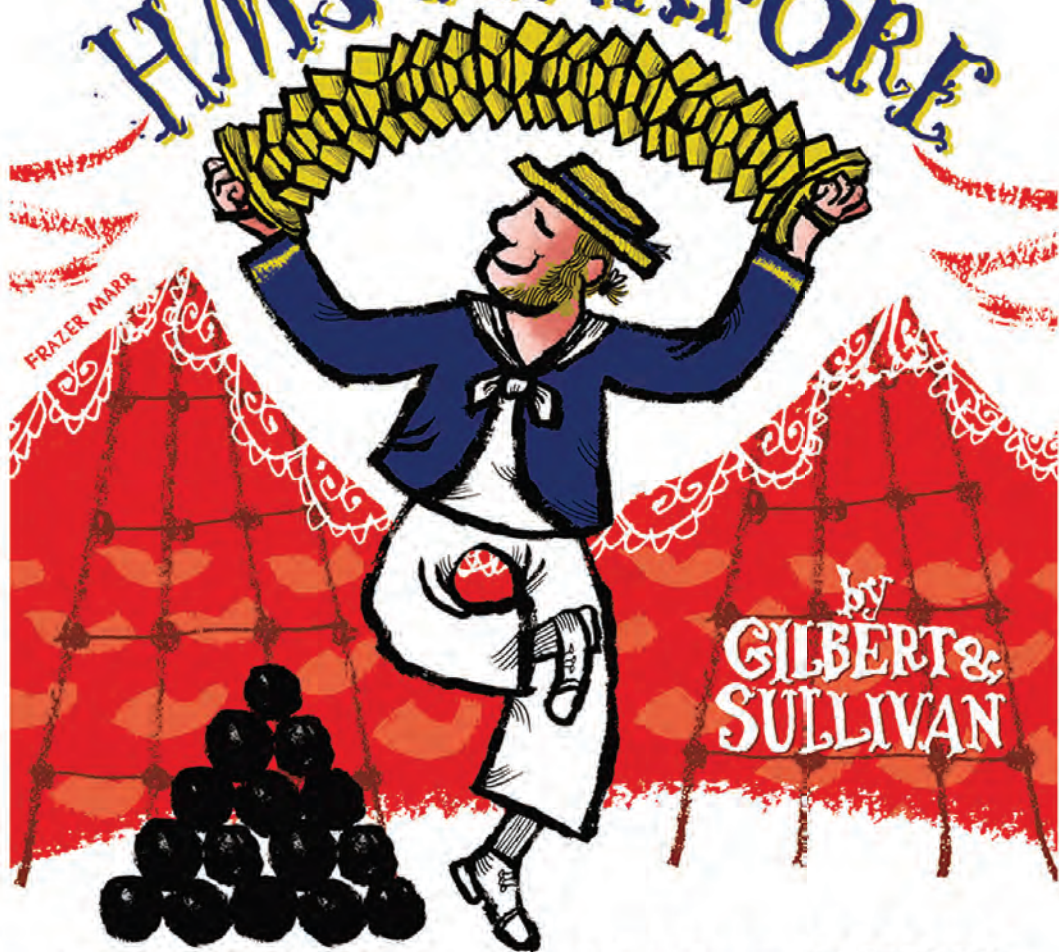
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- 1 What is the only Prime Number between 89 and 101?
- 2 The House at Pooh Corner. Who was it built for?
- 3 Who said, what is translated as, "I think therefore I am"?
- 4 Which Club's football ground is passed by the crews in the University Boat Race?
- 5 The name of which four letter US State contains three vowels?
- 6 Who composed the music to 'Land of Hope and Glory'?
- 7 Who was Bishop of Johannesburg (1985-86) and Archbishop of Cape Town (1986-96)?
- 8 In which year did Radio 1 first broadcast?
- 9 Which surname connects these three? The current host of Radio 2's breakfast show, the American comedienne married to Desi Arnaz and a member of the 1966 England Football World Cup winning team
- 10 Which major London landmark is thought to be named after the civil engineer Sir Benjamin Hall?
- 11 Which four-letter word can follow tor, cur, deter and grandpa?
- 12 Which part of Superman gets longer when he is exposed to Red Kryptonite? (carefull!)

Answers on page 40

Chapmanslade Traffic Group

Traffic and road problems have once again come to the boil in Chapmanslade and a meeting was held to explore a way forward. COVID-19 restrictions meant that attendance was limited but there was a massive response and it has been agreed that every Chapmanslade resident can contribute to the work towards finding answers.

There are many different issues that affect so many residents in different ways. After some discussion it was decided that the way forward was to gather data on each of these issues so that we had a better understanding of each problem and could present those problems to the necessary authorities and help suggest solutions.

A number of smaller working groups have been set up to find out more information before our next meeting later in July.

We will also be setting up a system of recording 'near miss' events relating to the road and this is where we will need help from every Chapmanslade resident. We continually hear reports of these dangerous 'near miss' events and they go unreported. By recording and analysing these events we hope to better understand the problems and be able to present data to back up requests for road safety improvements

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Corsley WI

June news

A round-up of June's meeting and news of what's to come



“Always buy a good gin then you won’t need flavours in it!” This was the advice given to Corsley WI by Mildred (Millie) Freeman, the Lady Historian, during her Zoom presentation on ‘Mother’s Ruin: The History of Gin’.

Giving a long and detailed history, starting back in the 1100’s, Millie described how spirits were first used to preserve fruits and herbs in the Middle East. Some 200 years later, juniper berries, used in what we know as gin today, started being used by apothecaries in Europe during the bubonic plague. And when Europeans first started to learn about distillation, a predecessor of gin, known as genever, began being made in the Netherlands; jenever, the Dutch word for juniper.

Genever was brought to Britain in the 1600’s by British troops who had served alongside the Dutch against Spain in the Eighty Years War. The soldiers were given genever each day before going into battle – hence the term ‘Dutch courage’.

The name, we’re told, was shortened to ‘gen’ on its arrival in Britain, and first recorded as gin in the early 1700’s. Britain was a beer-drinking country prior to gin’s introduction; beer was drunk by the working classes in preference to the unclean public water supply. But a sharp increase in the price of beer, due to taxes on grain, prompted a move to gin and so began the Gin Craze of

the early 18th century. As large swathes of the population became addicted to gin and female addicts were incapable of caring for their children, the concept of ‘mother’s ruin’ was born.

It was during Victorian times that gin became more sophisticated and the lowly gin shop became a gin ‘palace’. This is also when tonic was introduced, thanks to Jacob Schweppes and the Victorian navy. While naval officers were given a daily tot of rum, sailors were given gin and, when sailing to the tropics, quinine too. Quinine is bitter to taste and not improved by the addition of gin alone. But, thankfully, in the 1870’s, Schweppes started mixing carbonated water with quinine and sugar to produce tonic water. As a result, by adding tonic water to their gin, topped with a slice of lime to ward off scurvy, the Victorian navy constructed the drink many of us enjoy today.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th July** – making ice-cream: cow to cone – and is being held at Palette and Pasture Ice-cream Parlour, Pyle Farm, Trudoxhill. Numbers are strictly limited (COVID regulations), so places must be booked with Alice Helliard. In August, the meeting is combined with the WI’s Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show on Thursday 12th.



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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Parish Clerk, John Willcox, rounds up the PC's activity in June

The Parish Council returned to their 'normal' meeting place in the Reading Rooms for their June quarterly meeting.

Baytree Close

The PC had asked for an update from Wiltshire on the progress of the further development planned for Baytree Close. As a result of this, Christine Brown, the Residential Development Project Manager, Housing Assets and New Developments, the officer in charge of the development kindly offered to come to the PC meeting.

Christine gave a brief overview of the planned development. It is planned to build eight houses on the site; two adaptable bungalows, five two-bed houses and one three-bed house. It is anticipated that full planning permission will be submitted within the next few weeks. There had been some issues with drainage/sewage, but it is hoped that these are now resolved. The preferred solution is for the treatment plant at the end of Birchwood Close to be used. The dwellings will be prefabricated off-site so once permission is granted and construction can start, the period of construction will be very much reduced compared to traditional methods. The homes will be carbon neutral and have air source heat pumps and solar photovoltaic panels.

Access to the development will be off the A362. The design of the access will be consistent with the safety requirements necessary when the access/egress is on to a trunk road.

Christine explained that there is a process for the allocation of the houses; prime

amongst these is that potential applicants should be on the Wiltshire housing list. Three months before completion, the details of the houses will go on the Homes For Wiltshire website, eligible candidates can then 'bid' for houses. Whilst there are a number of criteria, a local connection carries a lot of weight.

Councillors were reminded that in the previous discussions with Christine and her team it had been suggested that a hybrid planning application could be put in which would include a plot for a new village hall. Following discussion it was agreed that, in light of recent events – the circulation of a questionnaire regarding the future of the Reading Rooms and the subsequent responses – the proposed application for the Baytree development should not include provision for a village hall site.

Co-option to the Parish Council

Notices seeking applicants for co-option had been put up on the notice boards, in the June edition of *The Bridge* and on *The Bridge* website. It was agreed that a reminder should be put on the village Facebook page that the closing date was 14 June 2021. Any applications resulting were to be considered at the occasional meeting, which had been planned to be held on 28th June 2021.

Streetscene

David Ball, the PC rep for streetscene, reported on discussions he had had with officers of Wiltshire Council regarding issues at the Sturford Lane junction and the possible improvements that might be possible.

It was agreed that an application be made to the CATG for funding, accepting that there would be a requirement for a PC contribution should such a bid be successful.

Audit

The necessary documents for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return were scrutinised and approved. These will be made available on the The Bridge web site in due course.

Annual Parish Meeting

The details of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) were finalised. *Post-meeting update: in the light of subsequent events ie the government's decision*

to continue the current COVID-19 restrictions, the PC has taken the decision to postpone the APM until further notice. When face-to-face meetings can take place with no restriction on numbers attending, the PC will plan to hold a public meeting

Dates of future meetings

(as currently planned)

Quarterly Meeting 6th September

Quarterly Meeting 6th December

Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7.30pm)

*John Willcox
PC Clerk*

Cinema Corsley needs you!

Cinema Corsley had its premier in November 2016 showing 'Far from the Madding Crowd'. Since then, we have held 33 film evenings showing a wide variety of films such as the National Theatre's 'The Audience' Staring Helen Mirren, The Eagle Huntress, Free Solo, an incredible film about Alex Honnold's free climb up El Capitan in America and our most popular film, 'Paddington 2'.

We have held special events including 'Memories of Corsley and Chapmanslade' when we invited David Parker and Colin Thomas from Available Light Productions to show and talk about their film, 'Maud Davies, Death of a Sociologist'. Jane Howells who wrote the introduction to the Maud Davies book 'Life in an English Village' and John Chandler, a local historian who took part in the film were also there to answer questions. Supporting the evening we had put together an exhibition of kindly lent local photos.

Another successful evening was 'Secret Spitfire', the story of how sections of the Spitfire were made in Frome, supported by a selection of WW1 Pathe news film clips depicting life here at home, including a

memorable clip about how elephants were being used to help with the harvest.

Since the film evenings started, we have made £3330.00 profit which has all gone to maintain and run the Reading Room.

Running all these evenings has been a dedicated group of volunteers. It has been a lot of fun debating which films to show and trying to make sure we show a wide variety to suit different tastes. Talking of taste, we have tried and sold many many ice-creams and bottles of wine!

Many thanks go to our dedicated and enthusiastic audience, particularly when we were learning how to use our new equipment and without whom none of this would have been possible.

I now feel that this is the right time to hand over to someone new so that they can bring fresh ideas to the cinema evenings. You will not be doing it on your own and ideally you will bring some friends with you to help out.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I write on the most glorious summer's day and as always feel immensely grateful and privileged to live in a place where we are surrounded by such beautiful countryside. Usually there is nothing I like more than to be outside, walking Betty along the lanes and footpaths, admiring the livestock and marvelling at the trees, wildflowers and grasses that adorn the verges. At the moment however, I am constrained by a few health issues which prevent me from enjoying walks with such gay abandon; on the advice of my physiotherapist I must only walk on a flat surface and use a walking stick to take some of the weight off the tendons in my back. All this is very annoying; obviously I am very grateful to be able to access physiotherapy, but never before have I realised how much I take the complex workings of the human body for granted.

I suspect that when our bodies are working well most of us don't give them much thought and the saying that 'youth is wasted on the young' is probably true. As we age there is inevitable deterioration; our bodies insist on being noticed and we are forced to face the alarming fact that we are not immortal. My son would say the effects of ageing are not inevitable and that I should be doing weight training and go to a gym. Well I probably should to be honest, but I just can't face it.

The Christian tradition over the centuries has not really taken a very positive view of human bodies seeing them merely as a sort of 'container' for the soul, which was deemed far more important than wilful 'flesh'. When human life was quite short and often brutal, with the promise of a better afterlife in heaven as the reward for good behaviour, then I suppose this way of looking at things was understandable. We don't see things that way now and I hope most of us have left behind that unhelpful binary view of human life. We know so much more about the workings of the human body now and we have some understanding of how our minds/bodies/ emotions, etc., work together to make us who we are.

We do still find echoes of former unhelpful attitudes rising to the surface now and again; until relatively recently women's bodies particularly, were considered 'unclean'. Given that birth is the central metaphor of the Christian tradition it is incredibly rare to hear a sermon that includes anything to do with the actual somewhat bloody experience of bearing a child. I'll never forget the sharp intake of breath and look of horror on the faces of the congregation of one of my previous churches when I mentioned this in a sermon, I think they thought I was going to give a blow by blow account of the whole incredible, but messy, business!

I came across a poem the other day by Nayyirah Waheed that really spoke to me about how we need to give our bodies the respect and attention they deserve:

And I said to my body, softly, "I want to be your friend."

It took a long breath and replied, "I've been waiting my whole life for this."

I love the idea of making friends with our bodies, maybe it sounds daft to some. We live in an age when ironically there has never been more attention and pressure around having the 'perfect' body, never been more adverts for products and procedures to disguise the signs of aging. When God created man and woman to inhabit the Garden of Eden he 'saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good'. Let's give thanks for the intricate miraculous beautiful creation that is our body, and let's enjoy it and treat it with love, care and compassion in all its glory and brokenness.

Love and prayers, Pauline

July Church Diary

This diary has been prepared on the basis that the Government 'Road Map' is going to follow the delayed plan. Live services have resumed in both churches and St Margaret's Church will be connected on Zoom, for anyone not attending in person. All the necessary COVID-19 health protection measures are in place.



Sunday 4th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion at Kingston Deverill

9.30 am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley

10.30 am Morning Worship at Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 11th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Family Communion at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Kingston Deverill



Thursday 15th July

10 am until 12 noon Church and Community Coffee Morning
at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade



Sunday 18th July

11 am until 5.30pm Corsley House open Garden

Timed ticket only. Please see the next page



Sunday 18th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Eucharist at Brixton Deverill

No Matins service at St Margaret's Corsley due to the Open Garden event



Sunday 25th July James the Apostle

9.30 am Eucharist at St Philip and St James Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist at Longbridge Deverill

Dates for your diary

Church and Community Coffee Mornings have now resumed, and will take place every third Thursday in the month at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade from 10 am until 12 noon.

Order your tickets now!

There are plenty of afternoon time slots still available

Corsley House Garden Open to the public

All proceeds to go to Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

There will be an Open Garden event at Corsley House on Sunday July 18th. This is a unique opportunity to see the amazing renovation and enhancements the owners have been undertaking.

Entry to the event will be with a timed ticket

Corsley House is a significant listed 18th century Jacobean and Greek Revival house in Corsley. It enjoys extensive outbuildings and grounds which have been lawned over since its early 20th century eminence. The works to the landscape have been bringing the Corsley House garden back to its former glory while also accommodating the needs of contemporary living. Among the developments is a romantic wave-form garden to the southern lawn that captures the spirit of the regency period in a contemporary way, paying homage to the internationally renowned American architect and sculptor Maya Lin, best known for her design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. The work has been carried out by prestigious design and build firm Miles Water Engineering, one of the companies who have been involved in the creation of the just-opened RHS Bridgewater Garden.

Opening hours

Opens at 11am with the last entry at 4 pm (timed tickets) and the event closes at 5.30 pm

You are welcome to stay as long as you wish after your timed entry.

Tickets

Please contact either chogtickets2021@gmail.com or phone 01373 832 074

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There will be guided tours of the Kitchen Garden and the historic outbuildings.

Refreshments

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Can you help?

We have vacancies for a Churchwarden at St Margaret's Corsley and a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish. John Helliard has retired as Churchwarden and Richard Dean as a Lay Pastoral Assistant. They both deserve the biggest thank you from everyone in the community, for their service and dedication over many years and we wish them both a well deserved rest. Rev Gay Maynard is currently the person to contact for anything related to St Margaret's.

Join the 50/50 Club!

For only £24 a year or £2 per month, you can join the Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 50/50 Club. Half of the payment is returned as prizes, with the other half supporting church funds. There is a £100 prize to be won each month! It is possible to pay by cash, cheque or standing order. If you would like to take part, You can sign up with Neil Britten on 01373 832515.

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St Philip & St James'	Ian Buick	01373 832318
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Corsley Tennis Club News



A summer of tennis activity is now well underway. In hot sunshine, tournaments have been taking place, showcasing amazing talent, breath-taking rallies and hard-fought games. No, it's not just the French Open but the club's own men's and women's events. Our thanks to the 17-year-old who joined the women's tournament, taking the average age down considerably! The refreshments were also par excellence – who would not run about a court enthusiastically hitting a ball for several hours in return for strawberries, homemade ice cream and custard-filled doughnuts?

The 27th June saw the American Tournament, in which we changed partners throughout the afternoon, collecting individual points as we went. The scoring is complex and the results unexpected!

On the 15th July, the over 70s have their own tournament. Many collective years of tennis experience and enthusiasm on court. Do not imagine this is an event without intense rivalries, drama and excitement.

For children and young people, Jon Dilena will be running half day Tennis Camps for three Thursdays in August (5th, 12th and 19th) at the Club from 12 noon to 3 pm.

On those same days from 3 pm to 4.30 pm we are running Tennis Fun 4 You sessions. These are free for all children aged 5-11 from Corsley or Chapmanslade, generously supported by the Corsley Parish Council. See ad on page four of this edition of The Bridge, Jon Dilena's website or the club website for more details and how to book.

Jon also tells me that it

has been a long time since Corsley tennis club has had a junior champion, so this year on the last coaching day of term six, Saturday 17th of July, the lesson will be dedicated to a tournament for three age groups: tots, ages 10 and under and teens. This tournament is for participants on the coaching programme. Sounds like another exciting event not to be missed!

Later in the morning of Saturday 17th July, once the single court is no longer in use for junior tournaments, one of our members, Hayley Whitten, is taking part in the Dementia UK Tennis-a-thon – challenging herself to play tennis for as long as possible to raise money for that great cause. Unless others volunteer, Hayley will be playing against a relentless ball machine or wall. So if you want to join Hayley on court for a little hit or game on the day, you can contact her in advance on 07872 600077 to book a time slot or take your chances and just turn up on the day to see if she is still standing; a few spare rackets will be available for both juniors and adults along with differing tennis balls to suit all abilities and ages.

If you would like to support the Dementia UK cause, donations can be made through the Facebook fundraiser www.facebook.com/donate/515933819716149/ or small cash donations can be made on the day.

See you all on and around the courts.

Liz Garrett
Club Secretary
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Memories of Corsley School

Chicken chasers

David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...

On my first visit to Corsley School, amongst the many good impressions I gained, it was the presence of animals in the school that really struck me. Few schools ever went beyond a few goldfish or maybe tadpoles in a tank which, although providing a valuable experience to the children - who were able to observe the magical metamorphosis from black blobs in a clear jelly to the four legged juvenile frog – did not offer the children an opportunity to interact or take responsibility for the animals themselves. It was very different in Corsley School, tadpoles were in the school pond where they belonged, but this school had a cat in the classroom and chickens in the garden!

Mog, the school cat, was a stray who took up residence in the school one day and was promptly named after Jan Pienkowski's famous fictional witch's cat. Mog spent most of the school day in one or other of the classrooms and even occasionally in the school



office. The children loved him and although he rarely deigned to sit on anyone's lap, he was always most attentive in lessons and was particularly interested in the 'goings on' to be seen on the screen of the school's new microcomputer the famous BBC 'B'. A cat flap was installed in the school house kitchen door which allowed Mog an indoor space overnight and weekends and he was officially on the school roll as 'Mouser' and paid with accommodation and two meals a day! When old age finally took its toll he was ceremoniously buried in the school garden, with the whole school (and a few parents) in attendance.

We also had five hens, who lived in what had once been the children's outdoor toilets, but was now a store shed and chicken house. Year Six children were responsible for looking



after the chickens, who fed them, kept their bedding clean and fresh and collected their eggs each day (for sale to parents or for children to make cakes in the school kitchen with Mrs. Snelgrove or Mrs Edmunds) The children loved them, each had its own character and had been named by the children. At playtimes and dinner times the chickens made themselves scarce in the school garden or in their run, but for most of the school day they had the freedom to roam the school grounds. This rarely caused any problems, although I remember one occasion, toward the end of the school day, when the classroom door burst open and Sarah burst in to shout 'Mr Ball, come quick, Becky's fallen in the school pond and she can't get out!'

Becky and Sarah had gone out to 'round up' the chickens near the end of the school day and put them in their run for the night. This was always great fun as, of course, the chickens knew what was going on and did their best to evade capture! Becky had been chasing one of these hens around the school pond and had slipped and fallen in. At that time the pond was in the lawn at the front of the school house. It was a circular bowl shaped structure about 75cms deep at the centre. Once in, she just could not get out, as the 'bowl' shape and the slimy algae on the curved walls gave no grip to scramble out. I grabbed her hands and pulled her out and, with no harm done, first one and then all of us, began to laugh. Then a rather wet, but still giggling Becky disappeared to change into her PE kit ready to go home! This wasn't the only memorable incident involving those chickens, but more on that next time!

On the Buses

Wiltshire Council have contacted Chapmanslade Parish Council about the government's national bus strategy 'Bus Back Better' There is a limited amount of funding available in the next 12 to 18 months to improve or extend existing bus services or add new. Wiltshire council are asking for suggestions or improvements that would help more people in our community use public transport.

Bus services in Chapmanslade have for many years been inadequate and under used, but as plans evolve to tackle climate change we will have to address how we make our journeys to local towns and beyond.

I have already had contact from many residents who would benefit from improved bus services and facilities and I am reaching out to anyone in Chapmanslade who has suggestions for improvements.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Tim Humphreys reports on the PC Activities in May & June.

With the easing of lockdown restrictions on 17th May, this (finally) enabled the PC to convene the first meeting of the re-elected council on 20th May followed by the June meeting on the 10th.

Council meeting of May 20th

In compliance with government guidance relating to the ending of virtual meetings after 6th May, this was timed to comply with the prescribed timeframe following the election on 10th May. A COVID-19 risk assessment had been prepared to ensure prescribed precautionary measures were respected for attendees' safety. There were two members of the public present.

Key points

Council election: having been re-elected, the councillors agreed on the following roles:

Chair	John Lewis
Vice Chair	Phil Holihead
Footpaths and Multiuser	
Pathways and Parish Plan	Adam Oakley
Traffic and Pavements	Phil Holihead
Representative for the	
Village Hall	Tim Humphreys
Liaison with the school	
(for community matters)	Colin Bell
Parish Steward Liaison	Charles Thackway

Declarations of Acceptance of were completed by councillors in the presence of the Clerk

- The Council welcomed the election of Bill Parks as our newly-appointed Unitary

Authority Councillor.

- Council payments were agreed in relation to (i) establishing the website that is now independent from that of the village (Aubergine), and (ii) operating expenses to The Bridge.
- Various draft policy documents for the Council were approved (model financial regulations, standing orders, data protection, complaints, financial risk assessment), with others to be further reviewed over the coming months (Freedom of Information and Model Publication Scheme, and Code of conduct).
- The Council noted their awareness of villagers' concerns over recent near-misses between cars and pedestrians outside the school. The wider question of traffic management through the village is a subject of increasing prominence within the community.

Council meeting 10th June (held at the village hall)

The PC met in person, with our new Unitary Authority Councillor Bill Parks attending and one member of the public.

Key points

- Councillor Bill Parks was congratulated on being elected. He emphasised his interest in proactively supporting the Parish Council in its various endeavours.
- The Clerk reported that the new PC website was now live, access being via the link

<https://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/>

- Documents would still also be uploaded onto the Council section of the village website for a limited period of time whilst links between the sites are established.
- Planning:
Planning Appeal:
AAP/Y3940/W/21/3270865
Application 20/07799/FUL
Ganders Heath Farm Lane.
It was agreed the Council would submit a response by the given deadline (June 15th) re-confirming their objection to this development.
Planning Application:
PL/2021/04199 FUL
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Construction of Attenuation Pond. No objection was raised to this application on the proviso run-off water did not contain any treated sewerage.
- MP Andrew Murrison Community rewards request – a draft submission by Cllr. Phil Holihead, prepared from previous submissions for Wiltshire Life, was approved for nomination of the COVAG Group.
- A parishioner request for road markings within Cley Hill Gardens was discussed; this follows a series of incidents with reversing vehicles causing damage to one property and risk to welfare of pedestrians and children. Road markings were not considered to be an effective solution, and Cllr Holihead agreed would be asked to consult with the CATG board for guidance with support from Cllr Parks.
- Council payments were agreed in relation to security software (McAfee) and for insurance.
- The Annual Internal Audit report, AGAR documentation and written report for the internal audit, supportive documents for completion of the Audit Accounts Statement and Governance Statement were discussed and accepted agreed. This

concluded the annual returns obligation, and document copies will be posted on the previous and new Council websites (refer below).

- A recent incident relating to an unruly, non-approved gathering on the village hall grounds had been managed and the participants moved on peacefully.
- A report of potential drug dealing as witnessed in the village had been reported to the Police who have spoken with suspected individuals.
- An initial discussion took place regarding the value of an Escalation/Emergency Plan being required in respect of management of potential future risks within the village, and how concerns can be most appropriately dealt with. This will be further considered against an example template available at County level.

The following items were tabled for consideration at future Council meetings:

- A draft response to the Neighbourhood Plan Survey
- The PC's further response to the Climate Strategy Engagement meeting hosted by Wiltshire Council and what the Parish Council should be doing to support this - particularly in respect of carbon emissions.
- Outcome of the pending Strategic Planning meeting of Wiltshire Council that will consider the Westbury Incinerator application.

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on 8th July.

Full draft minutes of the meetings currently remain posted on the Council section of the village website <http://chapmanslade.org.uk/parish-council/> and the new dedicated site <https://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/>

Tim Humphreys
Parish Councillor

Walking through lockdown

Take the high road...



We aren't off to Scotland, but Heaven's Gate! Have wellies with you if it's been wet, a sun hat and a drink if it's hot, and park in Knockatt Coppice car park on the Horningsham Road; the trail to Heaven's Gate begins across the road. This isn't a suitable dog walk, as there are sheep in a field part-way.

Cross the road carefully, as car speeds are fast here, and walk on the gravel path. It meanders along the grassy area, but straightens out when you reach the fir trees further on. When you see the double gateway onto Heaven's Gate ahead, there's a cross trail first. Turn right, but only because I find this muddy diversion soothing and solitary. Walk to the end, where there's a huge open field ahead of you, beyond a gate and fencing.

Turn left here and go through the five-bar wooden gate there, instead.

You're now on Heaven's Gate, with the viewpoint area to your left. If it's quiet, sit, have a drink and study the view. Don't look just at the house, study the wider landscape and see how much you recognise.

When you're ready, stand with your back to the view and go right-ish, looking for a slightly-downhill grassy track (NOT down towards the estate, mind), used by walkers and dug up by moles; it leads to a wooden five-bar gate. Go through and there's a path before you, winding downhill through trees. Follow the path carefully, if the weather's been wet; it'll be muddy and slippery in places. Go downhill on the main worn track and, eventually, you'll reach a stile and another

wooden five-bar gate, into a massive field stretching below you. The gate has a sign on, about pregnant ewes and dogs on leads.

Follow the grass trail through the field to a wooden kissing gate at the bottom; there's a stone marker, too, with 'Huntly's Gate' carved on it. Go through the kissing gate and you'll have views across to Horningsham Church and school on the right, where the hedges have gaps. The track becomes a tarmacked lane where a cottage and its garage are. This walk follows a track beside the garage on the left, but if you want a longer walk, just follow the lane forward to a crossroads and explore! Remember: downhill is towards Horningsham, but 'take the high road' and you should find your way back up to Knockatt Coppice and your car!

For this two-to-three-mile walk, though, turn left up the muddy path beside the garage. The climb here's steep, but you'll finally reach a plateau, after passing a gate at your right. There's a house's car parking area on your right next, then a cross-trail. Take the wide



stony track left and climb uphill yet again. On both sides will be areas flattened by tractors, but not proper tracks. When you wonder if you'll ever see flat land again, you'll reach a bend in the winding track and there's a tractor-width trail on your right. Go that way. It'll be muddy – perhaps very! – but there's some relief from climbing for a while. There are fir trees to your right, deciduous trees and shrubs to your left and, if you're really quiet, you may spot deer here. When this track becomes truly muddy and squelchy, it'll climb as well; keep going and you should see and hear traffic ahead. That's the road to Horningsham, with copper beech trees at its right.

At the roadside, look across it for a gap in the weeds to your right and head there. Do it carefully; traffic moves at silly speeds here. Follow the narrow mud track through the trees, with a high mesh fence on your right and the road at your left. The parked cars at Knockatt Coppice will become visible ahead. If you need facilities and food, get in your car and head for the Lakeside Garden Centre at Crockerton; their café does excellent lunchtime snacks and teas.



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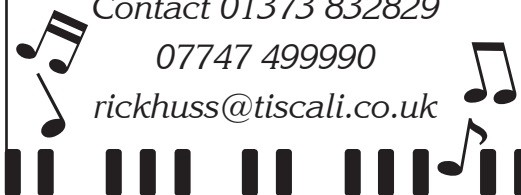
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Whitbourne Chapel

'The Son of Man must be lifted up...' John 3:14

Preachers for July

- 4th Trevor Brain from Operation Mobilisation
11th Colin Chapman from Ebenezer Chapel, Melksham
18th John Hobson from Clink Evangelical Church
25th Andrew Coxhead, local landscape gardener

Lifted up...

"Shall I have one?" "Will I feel anything?"
"Will it really hurt me?" "Will I be alright afterwards?" "Were you alright afterwards?"
"Will it actually work?" "I'm not going to because I don't believe in them!"

So the conversations may have gone over the last months or so and the subject has been a simple injection in the arm of your choice. But it could make a big difference to your life. We could spend a lot of fruitless time discussing whether the situation we find ourselves in is from God or just man-made. What we need is an injection.

It reminds me of the account of an event in the lives of the children of Israel, on their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. They had sinned against God and He sent poisonous serpents into their camp. Anyone bitten by a serpent would die.

The children of Israel asked Moses to ask

God to take away the serpents. God told Moses to erect a brazen serpent on a pole and to tell the people if they were bitten, all they had to do was go and look at the serpent and they would live. I wonder what conversations ensued in that camp.

Maybe you think this record is far-fetched, then be careful because the Lord Jesus spoke of it. A man called Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night and Jesus said to him, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3 vv 14-15). In John

12 v 32 Jesus tells His followers that, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me". This

He said signifying what death He should die. So come on, let us all get protected. Heed, too, the words of the hymn writer Amelia M Hull who was born in Exmouth, Devon:

There is life for a look at the Crucified One

There is life at this moment for thee;

Then look, sinner, look unto

Him and be saved,

Unto Him who was nailed to the tree.

Look! look! look and live!

There is life for a look at the Crucified One,
There is life at this moment for thee.

Ray Mead

Whitbourne Chapel Secretary



Please remember:

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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

June eventually arrived like a dream,
with warm and sunny weather

After the wet, cold spring weather, when crops were late being sown, slow to germinate and grass crops late to be harvested, we suddenly found the countryside was alive.

The warm conditions created heavier crops of silage, the cereal crops, especially maize, were planted and showing green shoots within 10 days and the barley grew and took on a golden appearance

All the farm staff were so relieved that the vet was at last able to give a clear result at the TB test, which now allows us to move and sell livestock

Our hope now is that all the wildlife around the farm are all healthy and farm and wildlife can safely share the countryside.

Farmers are now facing the many changes of leaving the European Union and having to find new trading partners with whom they feel have the same food standards. The support of the general public is so vital to British food producers and farmers; so you'll know your food is safe.

May I remind dog owners to regularly worm their dogs and always to pick up their poo, take it home for disposal and not to leave it in plastic bags hanging from bushes or lying on the ground taking months to breakdown and an easy way to infect other dogs and walkers.

The countryside in June was bursting with flowers, some flowers like elderflowers can be harvested for home made drinks or to dry for



medicinal purposes.

It becomes more obvious as the summer progresses that the ash trees are really suffering from the ash dieback disease. Over the last few years we have noticed branches not coming into leaf but now it is really obvious that the trees are now dead and will have to be cut down for safety reasons. This will mean a great change to our hedgerows and woodlands, losing shelter for birds and animals and great environmental loss.

July will find fruit forming in orchards and hedgerows, seeds ripening for early harvest and hopefully the return of holidays and days out to enjoy country fetes, shows and farm open days. Do support them where possible as it is a way to learn how well our animals and our countryside are loved and cared for.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Re-opening

Following the Government's announcement on 14th June we now anticipate normal re-opening no later than 19th July. As reported last month, to support regular users in returning and encourage local residents to book, we are pleased to be able to reduce our hire fees by 50% until 1st January 2022.

Corsley Cinema needs you!

Cinema Corsley had its premier in November 2016 showing 'Far from the Madding Crowd'. Since then some 33 film evenings have been held showing a wide variety of films. The combination of ticket and bar sales has brought in over £3000 in very useful income to the Reading Room.

For these cinema evenings to continue, the organising group needs new members and someone needs to take over from Jackie Jasper. Please read the separate item, from Jackie, about this elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge and consider offering to lead or get

involved. You do not have to become a trustee to undertake this role, Jackie happened to be both.

New Trustee

I am pleased to announce that Mark Richards, resident of Birchwood Close, has joined the trustees.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details on all the above and more. To hire see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

FREE Coffee Morning

This is moved to Tuesday 3rd August at 10 am with FREE coffee/tea and biscuits for all! Come and meet forgotten village members!

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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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!

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- 3 Rene Descartes
- 4 Fulham FC
- 5 Ohio or Iowa
- 6 Edward Elgar (Lyrics by A C Benson added in 1902)
- 7 Desmond Tutu
- 8 1967 (30th September)
- 9 Ball (Zoe, Lucille, Alan)
- 10 Big Ben
- 11 Rent
- 12 His hair

Local organisation adverts

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

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