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July 2023

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

File types

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

Advertising:

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

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Deadline

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

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

July

Tuesday 4th

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

Thursday 6th

Rights of Way Meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall – everyone welcome!

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

Crafternoons – 3.15 to 5.15 pm, Three Horseshoes (in the gallery)

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – tour of Corsley House garden – meeting earlier at 6.30 pm. £3 for non-members

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 19th

Defibrillator Training – 6 pm to 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room – open to all residents of Chapmanslade and Corsley (see page 37 for full details and how to book)

Thursday 20th

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

Public meeting to discuss the future of St Margaret's Church, Corsley – 7 pm, at the church

Friday 21st

Family Summer Social Evening & Rounders – from 6.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 22nd

Coffee Morning and bric-a-brac sale raising funds for Chaima Christian Institute, Maridi – Church of St Lawrence, Warminster

Wednesday 26th

Crafternoons – 3.15 to 5.15 pm, Three Horseshoes (in the gallery)

Sunday 30th

Robin Hood (Elizabethan Evening) – 6.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley, BA12 7QE

August

Tuesday 1st

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

Wednesday 2nd

Wellie Walk (Messy Church) – meeting at Heaven's Gate car park at 11.30 am



Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th

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

Thursday 17th

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

Friday 18th

Family Summer Social Evening & Rounders – from 6.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 25th

Printing with Leaves workshop – 10 am to 3 pm, Mells Tithe Barn (see page 25 for full information and how to book your place)

September

Saturday 2nd

Corsley Fayre – 12 noon to 4 pm, Corsley showground, Deep Lane

Corsley Ceilidh – 7.30 pm to 11 pm, at the Corsley showground, Deep Lane

Sunday 3rd

Illyria Presents 'Pride and Prejudice' – 4 pm, Heywood House

Tuesday 5th

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

Tuesday 12th

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

Thursday 21st

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

October

Tuesday 3rd

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Wednesday 18th October

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday 15th November

Wednesday 29th November

Rights of Way in Chapmanslade

We will be holding a long-overdue Rights of Way meeting at the village hall in Chapmanslade on Thursday 6th July at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and we hope to talk over a big range of topics with help from Wiltshire Council officers and Councillor Bill Parks.

Among the topics being explored are:

- Footpath maintenance and care
- Footpath Stiles and Gates
- Footpath wildlife
- Circular walks
- Signage
- Multi-user paths
- Cycle path links to local towns

Please try to make it - we will have tea and coffee and hopefully we can open the bar as well. If you are unable to make it but would like to know more or make any comments please contact me. Adam Oakley
cllradamoakley@gmail.com 07504 192656

Crafternoons from July

After 18 months of experimenting, using two different days of the week each month, we have decided to now only meet on Wednesdays. This is the day that most of us are able to gather, therefore we will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from now on. We have also decided to start and finish slightly later at 3.15 to 5.15pm as this should be less of a clash with school pick up time and easier for those who need to be able to park their car.

So – our meetings in July will be Wednesday 12th and 26th 3.15pm to 5.15pm in the Three Horseshoes Pub Chapmanslade. If you haven't joined us before you would be very welcome – bring your own knitting, craft or sewing or just come along for a chat. We are hoping also to do some joint crafting for a table sale.

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 The ballet Swan Lake was set to music by which composer?
- 2 Bertie Bassett is associated with what kind of traditional sweets?
- 3 “The course of true love never did run smooth” is a famous line from which Shakespeare play?
- 4 Which British city has suburbs called Morganstown, Thornhill, St Fagins, Grangetown and Splott?
- 5 What type of creature is served in restaurants as Bombay duck?
- 6 What is the correct name for a seven-sided shape?
- 7 Colombo is the capital of which country?
- 8 Verdigris is a coating that forms on which metal?
- 9 Where is Jane Austen buried?
- 10 Often used in the fashion industry, what does the French phrase “pret a porter” mean?
- 11 With which of the five stones he had in his pouch did David kill Goliath?
- 12 5 is grey, 10 is red, 20 is blue, 50 is orange, 100 is green, 200 is yellow and 500 is purple. What am I talking about?

Answers on page 40

Road Closure Notice

Ref TTRO 8750

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily, to all vehicles, the length of roads specified in the schedule to this notice.

The Order, which previously came into operation on 14th November 2022 will now recommence on 3rd July 2023. It is required to enable carriageway micro asphalt dressing and associated maintenance works. Access will be maintained where possible although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The closures are anticipated to take place between 3rd July 2023 and 29th September 2023.

- Cley Hill Lane, Corsley; from its junction with Deep Lane to its property known as Cley Hill Farm. No alternative route is available.
- B3414 (Part), Warminster; from its roundabout junction with A350 to its junction with Furnax Lane. Alternative routes via A36 – B3414 (opposite direction is unaffected).

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Corsley Tennis Club News



It's been a great month for Tennis – both on the court and on the screen and we have Wimbledon coming up! Probably time to check out how players are ranked and decide which will be the best games and the toughest battles or just clear your diary and watch it all.

Here in Corsley, the junior coaching has started on its second course and the adult group continue to improve. We had to postpone the men's doubles tournaments because there was a rare and rather brief shower at just the time it was due to start. It's a tough call on whether to wait it out or not, but that gives the participants a few more weeks to practice and as we said at the time 'the Pimms will keep'.

A match against Frome ended in defeat for Corsley but I'm told it wasn't a walkover and it was good to be playing a club that is so close in distance. Other matches are often in more distant parts of Wiltshire, so travel can take a considerable time.

With such hot weather, it seems a good time to remind all members or guests who play to keep drinking water. It doesn't just keep you safe but also ensures you play to your best.

Here's a few other tips for safe and enjoyable tennis from a website called 'Tennis Connected'

- Always use sunscreen when playing outdoors and wear a hat when its sunny
- Wear the correct footwear: one of the most common ways in which tennis players can hurt themselves is by slipping over on the court while running from side

to side to reach the ball in time, but wearing the right shoes can help you reduce the risks

- Use a racket that's right for you: not only will it harm your game if your racket is not right, it may also lead to injuries. The wrong weight can harm your shoulders and arms, or the wrong tension or an uncomfortable grip could cause issues with your wrists
- Before playing any game of tennis, take a moment to check over the court for any debris. There are brooms on the courts so you can sweep them clear. And if the court is wet or slippery, don't play – it's your call
- A small warm-up session can make a real difference in terms of preventing muscle strains and injuries later on
- Stop playing if you feel any pain: sprains, strains, and even concussions can occur in tennis if you fall or get hit by the ball, so be sure to listen to your body and take the necessary action if you notice any issues.

If you do have an accident, please report it on the accident report forms in the first aid box in the pavilion. There's a post box just below there where you can put your completed form

Thanks – do have a safe and happy game!

See you on court.

*Liz Garrett
Secretary*

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With the belief that every act of giving counts, #GiveAShift invites people from all walks of life to participate, whether they can spare an hour, a day, a week, or a month. This flexible approach recognises that everyone's time and lived experience are valuable resources that can make a significant difference in the community.

Rowena Midgley, Head of Retail for Dorothy House said *"Volunteers are the backbone of our organisation, and their contributions are essential to our mission of ensuring that everyone has access to outstanding palliative and end of life care in our community."*

There are countless ways for volunteers to get involved through the #GiveAShift campaign. Opportunities range from till operators, customer service and back of house roles. *"Our goal is to make volunteering accessible to everyone. We understand that people lead busy lives, and it's not always easy to commit to long-term engagements. With #GiveAShift, we hope to inspire individuals to take that first step, give what they can, and experience the joy of making a positive impact on the lives of others."* She continued, *"Whether you are a student, a professional, a retiree, or someone simply looking to make a difference, there is a place for you in our volunteer community. Together, we can create a stronger, more vibrant Wiltshire that benefits us all."*

For more information about the #GiveAShift Volunteer Recruitment Campaign or to get involved, please visit www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/give-a-shift/ or contact Sarah Kampaugh at Sarah.Kamphaug@dorothyhouse-hospice.org.uk



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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from a two week trip to Brooklyn New York to see our youngest daughter, her partner and our three-year-old grandson Yago. As you may imagine, it was very different to Longbridge Deverill! I had a wonderful time and it was so lovely to spend time with Yago playing cars and reading books amongst other things. At this point you might be thinking that Yago is a peculiar name for a little boy. Actually, we all call him Yagi, his father is Spanish which kind of explains things.

I've never really been enamoured with my name, in my teens I managed to change it to Polly which I much prefer, however when I met Ian he said he felt like he was talking to a parrot so that was that. In hindsight I should have just stuck to my guns, but I wasn't very assertive way back then.

Names are really important aren't they and it's interesting to see the waxing and waning of the most popular names. Knowing someone's name immediately alters the nature of our relationship with them, our perception of them is changed; they are no longer a faceless homogenous other, they are living breathing human beings just like us.

When the baby church was coming into being in the century after Jesus's death and resurrection, they had to work out what it meant to be a follower of Christ, or The Way, as they called it. St Paul wrote some great letters to a number of those churches encouraging them and helping them, because just like our church today, we get it wrong sometimes, well we get it wrong a lot of the time to be honest, because we are human and humans lives are messy. Some of Paul's writing can be a bit convoluted, but now and again he comes out with a real gem. In his letter to the Galatians, he writes:

'There is no longer Jew nor Greek, no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.'

We are, every one of us, a child of God, this is what it means to be human. And it gets even better; God knows each and everyone of us human beings by name. In the book of the prophet Isaiah, we read:

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

The above passage doesn't promise that nothing bad will ever happen to us, and goodness knows we've seen some terrible acts of violence these last weeks, but it does promise that nothing can take away this incredibly intimate relationship we have with God. How extraordinary that God who created the cosmos knows you and me, by name.

In our messy, heartbreaking world, in our joys and in our sorrows, whoever we are, whatever we have done, we are known and loved by that divine being who gives us life and in whose arms we die when our lives are done.

With love and prayers, Pauline

Church Diary July

July 2nd: 4th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

9.30 am Eucharist St Margaret's Corsley

10 am Morning Worship Longbridge



July 9th: 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist Kingston



July 16th: 6th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist Brixton

11 am Matins Corsley



July 23rd: 7th Sunday after Trinity

10 am St Margaret's Patronal Festival Celebration with Bubbles and Cake.
Corsley

10 am Eucharist Longbridge



July 30th: 8th Sunday after Trinity

Benefice service

10 am Horningsham

Church and Community Events July

Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th July 10 am – 12 pm, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Crafternoons

Wednesday 12th. July. & Wednesday 26th July
3.15 – 5.15 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade, in the gallery

Baptisms

Owen Dobson
18th June, Chapmanslade

Weddings

Abigail Blagdon and Stefan Lines
3rd June, Longbridge Deverill

Claudia Temple Pederson and Thomas Vickers
10th June, St Margaret's

Funerals

Gwen Curtis
5th June, Chapmanslade

Barry Walgorski
7th June, Longbridge Deverill

A top-down photograph of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a golden-brown beverage, topped with a dusting of brown powder. The cup sits on a light blue-grey saucer with a silver spoon resting on its left side. The entire set is placed on a dark, textured wooden surface.

Church and Community Coffee Mornings

**Third Thursday of each month
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Colin Bell reports on the Parish Council's latest activities

The Chapmanslade Parish Council (PC) met at 7.30 pm in Chapmanslade Village Hall on 8th June. Councillor Phil Holihead chaired the meeting at which there were four other councillors present. As always, at the start of the meeting members of the public were welcomed to the meeting and the councillors were invited to declare and record any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Key points from the meeting

Members of the public and the PC recognised and thanked members of the Corsley village community for coordinating and hosting the annual cricket match between the two villages and took great pleasure in recording a rare Chapmanslade victory. Unanimously, all who participated agreed that this was an enjoyable and memorable community event between the two neighbouring and supportive villages. Did we mention that Chapmanslade won?!!

The potential for additional Councillors to be co-opted to the PC was discussed. It was noted that all applications were welcomed and that the deadline for applications was 9th June 2023.

Councillor Oakley provided an update on the Chapmanslade Village Public Consultation meeting, which was held at the Village Hall on 25th May. Councillors agreed that the level and quality of engagement from participants was very positive. A significant number of welcome suggestions were made

in relation to potential projects and initiatives, which could be funded through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding which the PC has secured. As a next step, the PC agreed that the most popular and feasible suggestions would be explored further. A process to consider the viability and estimated cost of suggestions would be developed. Plus, it was agreed that enlisting the active support of designated 'Project Champions' would be an effective approach when moving any selected initiatives forward. Please don't hesitate to contact members of the PC for further details, with any questions and if you would like to get involved.

Planning application

PL/2022/05269 - Full Planning Permission

Application to allow for the continued occupation of the consented temporary agricultural workers dwelling (pursuant to application ref. 18/09857/FUL) for three more years. Sienna's Valley Farm, Huntenhall Lane, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AS.

The PC objected to this application based on previously recorded factors, which include that the proposed dwelling is outside the permitted village development boundary and within a designated Special Landscape Area, and that the temporary dwelling has already been in place one year beyond its previously approved date. During the open session of the PC meeting, based on the same principles, members of the public voiced their objection

to this application.

PL/2022/05299 Full Planning Permission

Siting of a proposed temporary mobile home for a Rural Worker, additional stables, and a menage. Land at, Huntenhull Green, Chapmanslade.

The PC objected to this application based on a number of factors including concerns relating to the principle of development, highway safety, drainage and the potential negative impact on the visual landscape and in connection to biodiversity and sustainability. In addition, the objection was based on the site being outside of the permitted village settlement boundary and within a designated Special Landscape Area. During the open session of the PC meeting, based on the same principles, members of the public voiced their objection to this application.

Finance

The PC financial management and bank reconciliation for the year ending 2022, the 2023 CIL funding and the 2023 PC accounts were discussed and agreed.

Code of Conduct

As is good practice, the PC reviewed its Code of Conduct which sets out the general principles and standards of Councillor conduct. As part of the commitment by

Councillors to represent parishioners and residents, all Councillors agreed in compare the detailed Code provided by the Local Government Association with a more pragmatic version that might suit a small PC like Chapmanslade. A decision on format is yet to be made but all Councillors agree with the importance of adhering to and working within the framework of an agreed Code of Conduct. Further details of the adopted PC Code of Conduct and other policies can be found on the PC website

www.chapmansladepc.org.uk

Meeting minutes

Minutes of this meeting and other PC meetings can be found on the PC website: www.chapmansladepc.org.uk

Next Parish Council meeting

The next Chapmanslade PC meeting will be on 13th July 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Chapmanslade Village Hall. As always, members of the public encouraged and invited to attend. For further details please contact the PC Clerk via

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All members of the Chapmanslade PC look forward to welcoming you.

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Corsley WI

June news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the June meeting



Corsley WI welcomed a large number of guests to 'Talking Tapas' at the Reading Room in June. The speaker was Heather Pottow, from Upton Scudamore, an enthusiastic lover of all things Spanish.

Heather began by talking about the culture and traditions of various Spanish regions.

She explained that tapas were originally covers to put on top of drinks, sometimes thin slices of bread, but over time the word evolved to mean small servings of food and appetisers served with drinks.

Heather spoke about ingredients and talked about the Spanish tradition of leisurely meals as social occasions with large bowls and dishes of food shared at the table. Before the meeting Heather had made a delicious Tortilla del Campo which we all sampled. Then we enjoyed making and tasting Pincho de Sandia, a Spanish snack served on cocktail sticks. This version used mint, watermelon, ham and cheese; perfect on a lovely summer evening.

We were also treated to a cookery demonstration: how to make Chorizo en Sidra, the key ingredients being chorizo and cider. Northern Spain has many apple orchards and still, dry cider is produced in large quantities. To serve it as a drink the glass is held in front of you and the other hand, holding the bottle, is raised as high as possible before pouring. Heather poured in the more

normal way as she added it to the cooking! Within minutes the delicious food was ready for everyone to try with a chunk of crusty bread. Copies of the recipe were handed round the audience, so sales of chorizo and cider seem likely to rocket locally as we all have a go at making it at home.

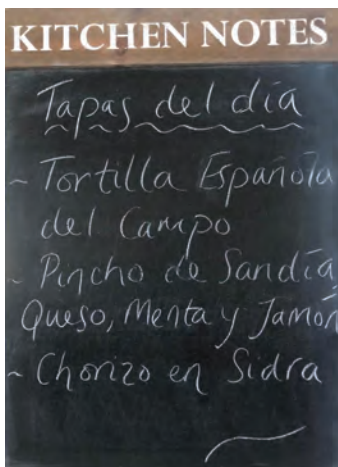
As well as cider Spain does, of course, produce some excellent wines. To accompany the food Heather had recommended a Cava which, unlike Prosecco, is produced in the same way as champagne. The Rosé version proved a popular choice!

Heather has a cookery school offering private, bespoke lessons for individuals through to small groups (maximum 5). She also provides online recipes and video tutorials which can be found on her website www.talkingtapas.co.uk or on IGTV,

Facebook and Instagram. Her enthusiasm was infectious and we went home inspired after a lovely evening.

Next month we are meeting in the gardens of Corsley House, on 13th July, for a tour led by the Head Gardener. The meeting will begin earlier than usual, at 6:30, as we hope to make the most of a warm summer evening. Non-members are welcome to join us (£3)

For more information about this, or to discover what else is planned in the coming months, please contact Alice on 07989 339632 or email alicecambridge40@gmail.com



The Future of St Margaret's

7 pm, Thursday 20th July at St Margaret's Church

When's the last time you visited St Margaret's Church? A happy family wedding perhaps? Possibly even a concert? – it does have excellent acoustics and a fine organ. Maybe a funeral to remember a well-respected and loved family member or neighbour? Did you come to the Carol Service to get into the Christmas spirit? What about Remembrance Sunday? – a very poignant service to remember the villagers who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Maybe you've never had a reason to enter via the magnificent double doors at its west end. But you will have seen it as you drive across Diver's Bridge or enjoyed the view as you come down Deep Lane – it's an impressive sight when the sun is shining, especially with the flag flying and, if you're lucky, you'll hear the church bells ringing.

Whether you are a believer or not, the village church is for everyone. It is part of the fabric of the community, to be there when it is needed.

But for it to be there, St Margaret's needs more friends: to look after her, to care for her and give her some much-needed TLC.

All are warmly invited to a Cheese & Wine evening on **Thursday 20th July at 7pm in St Margaret's Church** to learn about the current situation the church finds herself in and find out how you can help maintain this important village asset. We need your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm so that St Margaret's can play a bigger role in contributing to the life of our two villages.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Mike Attenborough, Di Britten,
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Support for students at Chaima Christian Institute Maridi, South Sudan

We are holding a coffee morning at The Church of St Lawrence, Warminster on Saturday 22nd July in aid of the students at Chaima. We are also going to have a table sale of good pre-loved items and would be grateful for contributions. Please contact me if you have anything you would like to donate. If you are in town that day why not come by and have a coffee break with us!

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Go through the barrier at the

car park end and you're on a tarmac trail uphill again; think of the good this exercise is doing you! The cricket pitch is at the top of the incline, but walk along its right edge till a T-path crosses yours. Go through the gap

in the hedge ahead, joining the path right, alongside Selwood Academy's fence, back onto Berkley Road. Turn left, keep walking and eventually, Forest Road is on your left. Frome Valley Cleaners is on the far side on the junction with Clink Evangelical Church; I go there for Wednesday Coffee Mornings. Call in if you're free and it's Wednesday; you'll be made very welcome!





Afterwards, leave the Church and cleaners and turn right, crossing Forest Road and going downhill at last! At the bottom of Forest Road, there's a mini-shopping centre on the right, as you cross a road bridge over a stream (if it hasn't dried out!). Turn left past the stream, onto a tarmac path through grassland, with houses on your right. Stay on this path till it goes left and takes you past exercise machines. My three great-grandchildren enjoy playing on this equipment, as well as in the children's area! Orange-hued Frome Hospital is on your right and a path after it takes you right, along the front of the Surgery buildings. Use the crossing, heading through the car park to a tarmacked path ahead with an iron gate. Go that way, to the B3090.

There's no crossing, so cross carefully and go left, turning right into Spring Road cul-de-sac. Keep going, past homes and a

traffic barrier, until you reach a curved building on the left. Welshmill Road is there; cross and find a wall-gap through to the leafy riverside walk. Now go left towards Frome centre, pass under a scaffolded railway bridge and you're back in the car park. Head right across that and over the footbridge into the shopping mall, turning left at Ellenbray shop. Walk to the Market Place, use the crossing and go right, up to the market fountain.

Turn left up Cheap Street, admiring the different shops and avoiding the central water channel! When Cheap Street reaches a road, there's a disused well across to your right, with steps on the right of that; climb them, admiring the 'Stations of the Cross' at your left. These are usually paintings or carvings inside a church, but here they're sculptures, alongside church steps once used for Processions of the Cross. Climb the rest of your steps and go left, into St. John the Baptist Church.



Descend the steps and cross the road, turning left downhill. Pop into the ‘Silk Mill’ derelict complex and look round the art installations, because these buildings are a last remnant of Frome’s once-abundant industries. Return to the road and walk downhill, crossing to go left into the shopping precinct,

with Marks and Spencer’s Food Hall on the right. There’s an impressive Georgian building next, possibly once Frome’s Court House. Walk on and you’re in King Street, heading for the Market Place. Go right there, use the crossing and the car park is through the mall and right. As a bus-user, though, I pop into the George Hotel for facilities and snacks, till my bus arrives!



Remember the ‘Doom Painting’ in St. Thomas’s church in Salisbury? Well, there’s an arch painting here, too, smaller and simpler. A portrait of Bishop Thomas Ken is in a side chapel, Bishop of Bath and Wells during the Monmouth Rebellion (1685). Ken was removed from post for refusing to swear allegiance to the then-King, James II, and spent his last years at Longleat. Leave the church by the main entrance, turn left and left again, on the path between the old and new graveyards. When you see wide steps down to a road ahead, look left and Bishop Ken’s tomb is attached to the church’s end wall.



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'Absent from the body, present with the Lord.'
2 Corinthians 5, verse 8

"The Lord gave me joy in the good times and in the bad times."

I had the privilege recently of being invited to the Family Service and Thanksgiving Service of a lady I have known for many years.

So why am I writing this narrative? Well, firstly I want it to be an encouragement to any Bible-believing Christian who is seeking to share their faith with those around them, in what may seem very small insignificant ways. Perhaps you may want to open your home for an Alpha Course? I want it to be an encouragement for any who may be like the ones in the Johnny Cash song 'Man in Black', and I quote, *'those who've never read or listened to the words that Jesus said'*. I am also writing it to encourage anyone who might take a service, the Lord can bless you.

It was 1973 and the lady was 34 years old, so we were told, and her life had not been easy. There were three sets of people who were about to change her life forever.

Firstly, there was the Christian farmer and his wife who opened their home to host a 'Squash', (too many people in too small a space) who met to sing choruses and listen to a Bible message.

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Then there was the speaker, who related a story Jesus told about a Prodigal Son.

She was affected by something she heard and asked the speaker to visit her and her family, for a chat about the Gospel. She began attending a church and would go around her village to visit her friends, to tell them what had happened to her. She held coffee mornings in her home and they would talk about the Gospel.

Her son testified 'there was like a mini revival in the village'. The summer would see a Christian camp for children and young people held in one of her fields, as she desired for them to hear the stories of Jesus. There was one boy who was really badly behaved, but another one of her sons told me she would not send him home as she wanted him to hear of the love of Jesus.

Her Pastor told us that on his last visit she told him the words at the heading of this story.

There are three things I know about her. She found real faith in the Lord Jesus. She lived her life seeking that others might come to know him. She is alive for evermore. Paul the Apostle put it this way: 'absent from the body, present with the Lord' (2 Cor 5 v 8).

Ray Mead
Chapel Secretary



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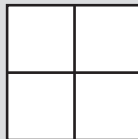
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Messy Church

Wellie Walk and Picnic

Wednesday 2nd August

Meeting in Heaven's Gate car park
at 11.30am

The Messy Church Team invite you to join them with a Wellie Walk in Longleat forest with the theme 'Stewardship and Caring for God's Creation'. We will meet in the car park and walk together to Heaven's Gate. We will have some things to look for and collect as we walk, we will make a labyrinth with things we have collected, we will have a game and we will share in some reflections of the things we have found and give thanks through song, story and prayer for the glorious gifts God has blessed us with.

Please bring your own picnic.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Be prepared for whatever the weather will be!

Other dates to save

- Church Messy Tent @ Kingston Deverill Fete, Saturday 19th August 2 pm to 4 pm
- Corsley Fayre, Saturday 2nd September 12 noon to 4 pm
- Something new! Quest4Faith? Second Tuesday in the month September, October and November. For all faiths and none – an informal evening to discuss the questions many of us have (not all at once!) meeting 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Three Horse Shoes, Chapmanslade. More details to follow.

We look forward to welcoming you to any and all of these events.

*The Thrive/Messy Church Team
Trudi, Janet, Judy, Gay, Louise and Clare*

Corsley and Chapmanslade Community Defibrillators

You will no doubt be aware that we now have three Life Saving Defibrillators in Corsley and Chapmanslade. They are positioned outside the Royal Oak and the Cross Keys in Corsley and at the Three Horseshoes Pub in Chapmanslade. These state-of-the-art units have been installed and are available 24/7 for use in the event of a cardiac arrest situation. The defibrillators have been designed to be used by people with little or no medical knowledge. The unit will automatically monitor the casualty and 'talk' the helper through all the procedures until the arrival of professional medical help.

Many people are however, very unsure and nervous how they would react if they had to use a defibrillator on a relative, friend or stranger. This has been recognised by the Friends of Frome Hospital who oversee the units. As a result a **free** training session is being held at the **Corsley Reading Room on Wednesday 19 July from 6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

If you would like to attend please email me at:

malcolm.westgate@btinternet.com
to reserve a space.

*Malcolm Westgate
Defibrillator Maintainer for
Corsley and Chapmanslade*

A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

As I write, it's mid June and we really have seen summer already with temperatures in the mid twenties for 2-3 weeks and, with only two inches of rain in the last six weeks, the countryside is looking more like the end of a dry summer in August.

After the very wet spring when the work in spring, such as ploughing and planting of arable crops, potatoes, maize and winter root crops was practically impossible due to the fields being waterlogged, work was eventually completed rather hastily.

As soon as the sun shone, the grass was cut for silage, and ploughing and drilling went on until 10 or 11 o'clock at night to make up for lost time.

The later grass crops were made into haylage or small baled hay appreciated by horse and pony owners and also gave the opportunity to enjoy making a crop that gives so much pleasure in the making by farmers; the smell reminds everyone of times gone by when there was so much enjoyment in seeing the crop cut and harvested.

Now, six weeks in to nearly drought conditions and extreme heat, poor germination and little growth of newly-sown seeds, there is poor regrowth of the cut grass.

A huge amount of drinking water is needed in this hot weather, especially those animals producing milk to feed their young,

The cows are especially big drinkers of our own spring water but, thankfully, there appears to be a good supply.

Late May and June have seen most sheep shorn; it's essential for the sheep's welfare

as those woolly coats will make the sheep overheat and any dirty areas on the sheep will attract flies.

We were fortunate to hear a cuckoo calling to its mate, but only on one occasion this spring, but we have noticed a big increase in buzzards and red kites.

The local hedgehog has had its young in a neighbour's garden and it is regularly tracked as it runs around our lawn on its nightly visits. This dry weather has made it look for recently-moved moist soil where worms and small insects can be found.

As July arrives, the harvesting of winter cereals start, beans and peas and early oil seed rape keeping the arable farmers and contractors working long hours.

Thanks to the efforts of our local Parish Council we have had some replacement kissing gates and improvements to the surfaces of some of our bridle paths, we've also had some really necessary white lining on some of the fairly dangerous road junctions.

We must appreciate all our volunteers in the village who help keep our villages the lovely places we have chosen to live and work in.

It is essential that we offer our time and energies to maintain buildings and public areas for future generations to enjoy

Enjoy the July weather, whatever it brings and, where you can, take your children and grandchildren out into the countryside to enjoy what we have on our doorsteps, which is free, healthy and educational.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



Coffee Mornings

The next Coffee Morning on Tuesday 4th July (10 am – 12 noon). Come and join us! Following that, the next date is Tuesday 1st August so put it in your diary now!

Dates for your diary

Defibrillator Introduction – Wednesday 19th July, 6pm to 7.30. Get confident so you know what to do if the need arises. See advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge for more details.

Xmas Fayre – Saturday 11th November

The 'Make Music' event planned for 21st June was cancelled. For events such as this it is

crucial to have enough advanced ticket sales to know we have pretty much met the fixed costs. This was not the case for this event despite many people expressing interest, they seemed to have other engagements – perhaps because it was summer. We may try with Wiltshire Rural Music again later in the year or early 2024.

Bookings Officer

Gill Parkinson has decided to stand down from the trustees after some 13 years. One of her key roles was as booking officer/lead. I am pleased to say we have found a replacement for her in that capacity and the changeover is planned to happen in early July.

Our thanks to Gill for her service to the hall in so many ways over the years.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up-to-date information and more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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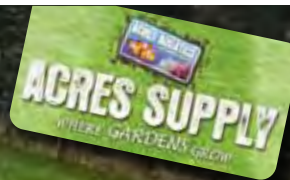
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