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From the Editor

Well, summer's sort of here – the birds have their first broods of chicks, the trees are decked out in the most vivid green and my runner beans are on their way up their canes! There's only 3 months until the Corsley Show, so get your fruit, flowers and veggies growing ready for the horticultural competition and start planning your art and craft projects.

Viv Thomas
Editor

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or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 19th June.**

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

June



Saturday 1st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30

Saturday 8th

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

Elizabethan Evening – The Comedy of Errors – Manor Farm, Corsley

Sunday 9th

Corsley Cricket Club – match against Dinton (at home)

Monday 10th

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

Thursday 13th

Warminster mobile library (see page 37 or times)

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 16th

Corsley Cricket Club – match against Deverills (away)

Wednesday 19th

Little Cuckoo's Pre-School Open Day – 10am - 2pm, at the school

Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Mid-Summer Walk – 7.00pm, meet at St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Saturday 22nd

Chapmanslade School Summer Fête – 2pm, at the school

Sunday 23rd

Corsley Cricket Club – match against Keevil (away)

Wednesday 26th

Pie & Puds Lunch – 12.30, Corsley Reading Room

Diary Dates

Thursday 27th

Warminster mobile library (see page 37 for times)

Sunday 30th

Corsley Cricket Club – match against Witham Friary (away)

July

Wednesday 3rd

Corsley WI annual summer outing – Weymouth

Thursday 4th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed

Sunday 7th

Chapmanslade Fête and Barbeque – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 11th

Warminster mobile library (see page 37 for times)

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 13th

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

Big family fun day and sleep-over – Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 14th

Big family fun day – Corsley Memorial Playing Field

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

Thursday 18th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes

Saturday 20th

Big re-launch of Horningsham Youth Club – 12 noon - 5pm, Horningsham Village Hall

Sunday 21st

Morris Register (West Region) 100-village road run through Chapmanslade and Corsley

Thursday 25th

Warminster mobile library (see page 37 for times)

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August

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 10th

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

Sunday 11th

Croquet and Boules – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Bank Holiday Monday 26th

Corsley Show

September

Monday 2nd

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

Saturday 7th

St Margaret's Flower Festival (and tomorrow, Sunday 8th)

Sunday 8th

St Margaret's Flower Festival

Mystery 450th Anniversary event – see future editions of The Bridge for further information

St Margaret's Church – Songs of Praise Special

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 25th

Soup and Ploughman's Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

October

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

November

Thursday 14th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

December

Thursday 9th

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

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School



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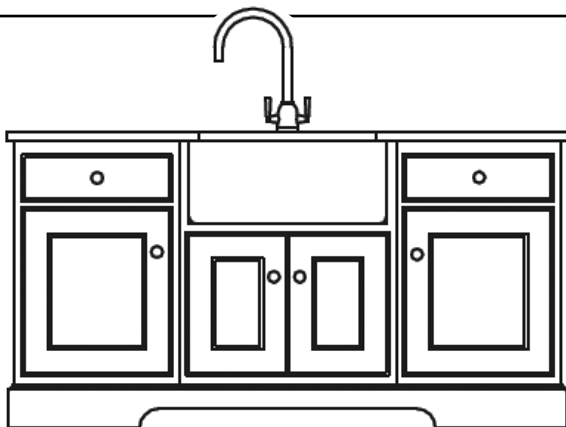
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I would like to thank all my many friends for their kind thoughts and cards during my bereavement and my stay in hospital. I am recovering well and soon hope to come to village activities again.

Nesta

Can you help?

Mai Osborn left some stamped addressed envelopes at the Barbers drop-off. If you have been posting copies of The Bridge to Mai, please contact David James (832443 or thebridge832@gmail.com) and he will arrange to get the envelopes to you.

Work wanted

Hi, I'm 15 and looking for some part time work to fund my horse and my horse riding. I am available at weekends and every day as of June 14th as I will have finished my GCSEs. If you think I would be suitable for babysitting your kids, walking your dog, or exercising your horse or your child's (as I am only 5ft and 6 stone), please call me on 07548 636217 or email me at freya.sbx@hotmail.co.uk

Mid-Summer Walk Thursday 20th June

New time: 7.00pm

Meet at St. Margaret's Church, Corsley for a summer walk of approximately 1½ hours. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Phone Judith Helliard on 01373 832803 for more information.

LIGHT BITES

Come along to the Reading Rooms, Corsley on Wednesday 26th June 12.30pm, and join us for **Pie & Puds Lunch**. Meet friends, old and new and enjoy a couple hours of friendly company and a good natter. If you would like to join us for the **Pie & Puds Lunch**, please let us know.

We make no charge for our Lunches, but any donations go to various charities, such as Dorothy House, Samaritans Purse, Warminster Food Bank, the Children's Society and the English Literacy Project in Maridi, South Sudan.

We are having a break during July and August but will be starting our Soup and Ploughman's Lunches again on 25th September, at the Corsley Reading Rooms.

To reserve a seat for the **Pie & Puds Lunch** please ring 832650, 832490 or 832059

May Fayre thanks

The May Fayre on May 18th was a great success and we had a very good attendance. There were the usual attractions and some unusual – maggot racing being strangely popular. Our thanks to everyone who supported us and those who worked so hard to make it a great day.

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which animal's name means 'river horse' in Greek?
- 2 In which novel did Fleming's James Bond make his first appearance?
- 3 What would a lepidopterist collect?
- 4 What type of dancer was Mr Bojangles?
- 5 Adam Faith starred as which Cockney spiv in ITV's comedy crime drama?
- 6 Name the spiral molluscs often found as fossils
- 7 Mozart's 'Magic Flute' is set in which country?
- 8 Mozzarella cheese comes from which animal?
- 9 What is the hardest substance in the human body?
- 10 In which year was the Magna Carta signed at Runnymede
- 11 Which scale measures an earthquake's effects at one place?
- 12 Which dance move took Little Eva to No 2 on the UK Charts in 1962?

Answers on page 48

Googlies spotted in Corsley!

At the beginning of last month lots of these little stones with googly eyes on them started to appear all around the lanes and walk ways of Corsley. Over the last few weeks friends and neighbours have been monitoring their whereabouts and now there has been over twenty different sightings. We have named them 'Googlies'! Standing just 6cm tall, the Googlies seem to like hiding up trees, on signs and even on phoneboxes; trying to find them makes a walk around the lanes even more fun. If you know anything about these Googlies we would be interested to hear from you, or if you spot one email a picture to info@acressupply.com



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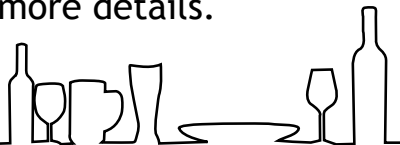
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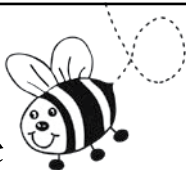
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Horningsham Youth Club will be re-opening in September 2013 and to promote it a Fun Day is being held at Horningsham Village Hall. All young people from 10yrs to 19yrs (and parents) are welcome. The entertainment will include

- drumming
- animation workshop
- cupcake decoration
- art workshop
- free running parkour
- climbing wall
- live band
- assault course
- B-B-Q

Entrance is free! Why not come along, enjoy the afternoon, find out more about the youth club and offer your ideas on the future activities of the club.

The Youth Club will start in September, the meetings will be held on alternate weeks between Horningsham Village Hall and

Warminster Development Centre for Young People.

All young people from Horningsham, Crockerton, The Deverills, Corsley, Chapmanslade, and Maiden Bradley are welcome.

Transport to and from the Horningsham Village Hall or Warminster Development Centre for Young People can be provided by previous arrangement, free of charge.

The new Club will be led by Sandra Samuel, the Youth Development Coordinator – Warminster Area, from the Integrated Youth Service - Youth Work Team, employed by Wiltshire Council and will be affiliated with the Warminster Development Centre for Young People.

There will be various activities available such as: cooking classes, woodcraft skills, photography classes, various sports, bicycle reclamation, etc.

For more information, contact either:

Sandra Samuel, Youth Development Coordinator Warminster Area
01985 218561 or email: sandra.samuel@wiltshire.gov.uk or

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August Bank Holiday Monday 26th August

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An especially good deal is family membership (2 adults + 3 children) for £15. Adult membership is £6, senior citizens £4.00 and children (aged 7 - 16) £2.50. Children up to the age of six have free entry.

Your membership card also gives you fast-track entry so you can avoid the queues at the pay gate.

For more information, or an entry form, please contact me Marion Moldon, Corsley Show Membership Coordinator on 01373 83267

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**After the success of the children's sports day
we were asked to do something for all the family**

For those of you, young and old, who want to enjoy some activities at the playing field, please reserve Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July in your diaries.

We are planning a weekend of activities for everyone.
The harder of you may like to camp overnight at the playing field with your families.

The weekend will consist of sporty activities on Saturday afternoon, followed by quieter evening activities including writing workshop, BBQ and camp fire.

Those that wish to can sleep-over in tents on the field and get together again for breakfast on Sunday morning.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

May briefing

Round-up of news from the May PC meeting
with a plea for volunteers to step forward.

The Parish Council is currently looking for two volunteers who are willing to be co-opted onto the council to bring our numbers up to the required seven. The posts will be for the next four years, i.e. until May 2017. We are seeking residents who wish to play a part in looking after the best interests of our village and those of everyone who lives and works here.

If you would like to express an interest in serving as a Parish Councillor, please write to
Mrs M House
Chapmanslade Parish Clerk
68b High Street, Chapmanslade
Westbury, BA13 4AN
or email julian_house@o2.co.uk.

Please include with your application a brief statement about yourself and why you would like to serve as a Parish Councillor. Please make sure your application reaches the clerk before Thursday June 13th, as all applications received will be considered at the Parish Council meeting on that date.

Chapmanslade Parish Council currently has 5 members; Dennis Barnard, Jill Willmot, Francis Morland, Phil Jefferson and newly

appointed Adam Oakley. They will serve for the next four years. Please see the advert (left) for two additional members. Could you be one of the people we are looking for? If so, please get in touch with our clerk.

At our May meeting we decide to wait until we are up to full strength before appointing a chairman and vice-chairman for the year. The agenda for the May meeting included further consideration of the Sunrise Festival and its implications. We also discussed the Community Speedwatch arrangements. We have been involved in this initiative for two years now and similar schemes operate all over Wiltshire. We also learned that a mobile speed indicator sign will be placed in the High Street at regular intervals from next month and that Somerset County Council has agreed to enhanced signage at their end of the village with the aim of slowing traffic down. The "virtual gates" at the Westbury end of the village and the various additional signs placed by Wiltshire Council, which were in part funded by the Parish Council, have received much favourable comment.

Much of the Parish council's work involves considering planning applications before they are dealt with by Wiltshire Council, the planning authority. Over the past few months the council has had a number of

controversial applications to consider and on several occasions we have not been happy with the final outcome. Last month we looked at an application to knock down and rebuild no 101 High Street. We were satisfied with the proposals.

The Parish Council noted with sadness the recent deaths of Midge Morgan and Vera Rayner. Both of them had been stalwarts of our community for many years, Midge

as a member of the church and Vera as a member of the WI. Vera's husband had been Chairman of the Parish Council, too. They are much missed and we thank them for what they contributed to our community.

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Thursday June 13th at 7.30pm**. We meet in the School Hall. The meeting is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Phil Jefferson

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre and Table Top Sale

Many thanks to everyone who supported our May Fayre at Chapmanslade Village Hall last month. The fine weather was a real bonus and meant that we had a record attendance. There was a great atmosphere and it was so good to see so many people, young and old, from both villages, enjoying each others' company whilst they browsed through all the stalls. And, of course, the cream teas were extremely popular.

It is part of our church's mission to be at the heart of the Corsley and Chapmanslade community. We strongly believe, too, that there should be plenty of 'fun' in our fundraising so in both respects we believe the Fayre was a great success.

We are still counting the proceeds as The Bridge goes to press but the amount raised was in excess of £1,100 – a real boost to the church's finances. Particular

thanks, therefore to everyone who came along, to everyone who donated plants, raffle prizes and cakes and other produce, to all the stallholders and to the army of helpers who worked behind the scenes to make sure the Fayre went smoothly. Many thanks, too, to Mr Basinger-Adams, Head Teacher at Chapmanslade School, who encouraged his pupils to take part in the miniature tray garden competition. 24 gardens were entered, all of them of a really high standard. Many thanks to everyone who entered the competition and congratulations on your efforts. Rev Payne had a truly difficult job to select the winners but her choices were Cerys Jelly and Holly Hutchinson (1st equal) and Kelis Bailey (commended). A special prize was given to Mrs Foster, a parent, who had knitted the most exquisite and beautiful woollen miniature garden.

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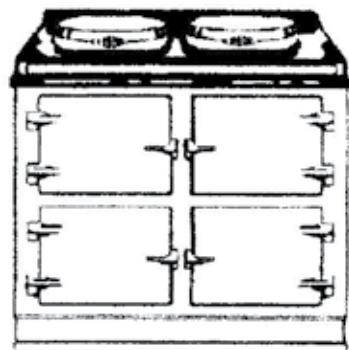


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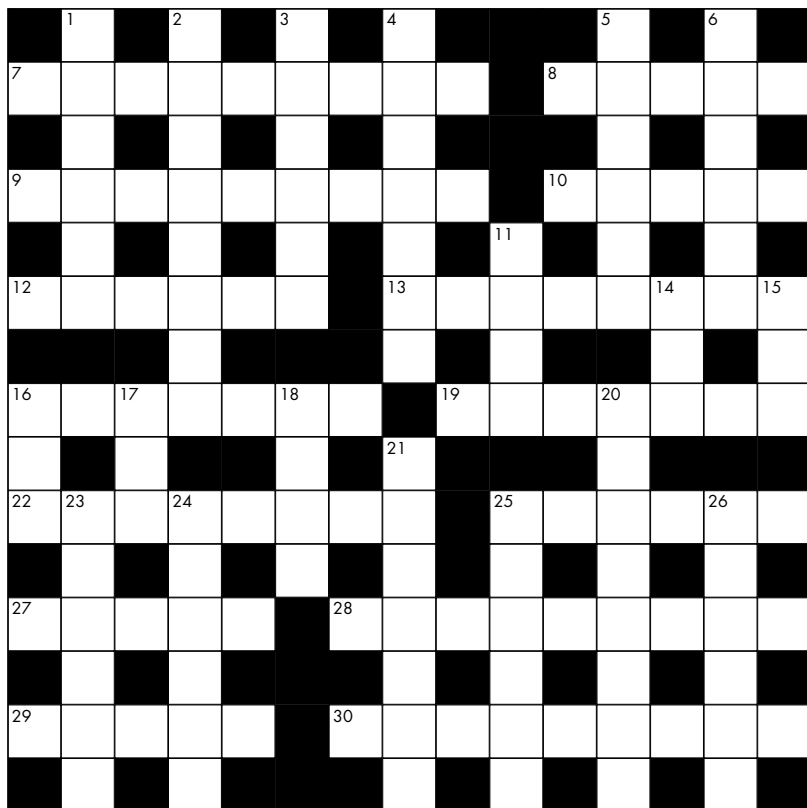
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Clues across

- 7 Wide combo on the www! (9)
- 8 Fed up with chess? Certainly sounds like it! (5)
- 9 The solace she disturbs keeps the pumps on! (9)
- 10 Ship's ability? (5)
- 12 The extension where the Princess Royal embraces Mark Phillips
- 13 Potters about, given direction with premonitions (8)
- 16 & 20 dn Gambling in Moscow can be a deadly affair (6, 8)
- 19 Dark complexioned, yet shy about a blemish! (7)
- 22 The Lagonda I crashed now looks oblique! (8)
- 25 Crikey! It's so messy eating biscuits (6)
- 27 Subject of twitch, surgery included (5)
- 28 Give a repeated greeting? Why not, he's sleeping! (9)
- 29 Provides rest for Dan about four (5)
- 30 Able to take part with Norman Tebbit initially (9)

Clues down

- 1 Resident in the sea? Poor Child! (6)
- 2 The negligent show concern to a smaller degree (8)
- 3 Zeal displayed by graduate up in flames? (6)
- 4 Met punk – scruffy? Yes! (7)
- 5 Blaspheme about nothing at the golf venue (6)
- 6 See 14 down
- 11 Mature into a boring, rowdy adult (4)
- 14 & 6 dn Trawlerman's gain? (3,6)
15. See 16 down
- 16 & 15 dn Evening contentment for the shepherd, maybe (3,3)
- 17 Cleo's killer's up in the health resort (3)
- 18 Relatively haunting ingredient (4)
- 20 See 16 across
- 21 Hallo! Clive Owen's initially ruined by booze! (7)
- 23 Press 99? That's totally unexpected! (6)
- 24 Instrumental ragout I cooked losing nothing (6)
- 25 Exuberant in the aviary? (6)
- 26 Brian's first when its wet, clever chap! (6)

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Corsley Tennis Club News

Courts

Hopefully by the time this goes to print the resurfaced double courts will be painted and refurbishment completed. The painting has been held up for some time by the unseasonably cold wet weather.

Tournaments

Looking forward to the tennis club events this year the American Tournament, weather permitting, should have been completed by the end of May. **Sunday June 9th** is the Ladies Doubles at 2pm. **Sunday June 30th** is the Men's Doubles at 2pm.

Due to other events happening on the playing fields, the Mixed Doubles tournament will now take place only on **Sunday 21st July** and not on the 14th.

Tournament details are displayed on the notice board and if you wish to take part, please just add your name to the list.

The Club sessions are well under way starting at 10.00am on Tuesdays and

Sundays and on Friday evenings from 6.00pm. Adults wishing to have a go, or take up the racquet again, are always welcome to come along.

Sonia Glenn

Scoreboard

The Ladies' B Team entertained Bath Ladies' B on a breezy evening at the Memorial Field. Though the visitors won all eight sets, the Corsley Ladies competed strongly.

Isabel Lewis defended stoutly while her partner Sue Bruce hit some sweet passing shots; however, their opponents displayed greater variety and aggression.

Diana Hale and Marie Cusworth demonstrated superb colour coordination and played steadily but Bath had superior control of the tricky conditions and finished as worthy winners. It is unlikely that Corsley will come up against many other teams as good as Bath and there is definitely no shame in this defeat.

Cake Monster

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 8th June. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson, 01373 832845

Corsley litter pickers

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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

Last year friends, with whom I shared my holiday, introduced me to the quiz programme 'Pointless'. Somewhat to my surprise, I have found it quite addictive. I am amazed at the facts people know and can lift from the recesses of their minds, particularly when the subject is something about which I know nothing. We get a good many opportunities to test out knowledge if we follow any of the wide range of radio or television quizzes. How pleased we feel when we know the answers!

The popularity of pub quizzes and Quiz events to raise funds is obvious too. We either like or loathe them, but does this trend reveal something of our naturally competitive nature I wonder? When we call out an incorrect answer at the television, it's of no consequence. If we are part of a quiz team, making an error lets out team mates down. We may feel awkward but it's all part of the fun of the occasion and we can laugh at our mistakes.

However, none of us like to be wrong, whether in something inconsequential like a quiz, or something more significant. We have those 'internal conversations' trying to make sense of what has occurred and to justify or rationalise our decision or action. When we know we are in the wrong, perhaps the most crucial question is what we do about it. Saying sorry, asking forgiveness isn't always easy, and even when that happens, society and individuals are not always ready to forgive. We have seen this in political and financial matters in recent years. Perhaps society needs evidence of the biblical understanding of a real change of heart and direction to accompany an apology. Then our modern desire to scapegoat and apportion blame may be tempered by allowing a new start and the putting right of wrongs.

In the meantime, happy quizzing if that's your forte!

With every blessing
Norma Payne

June Church Diary

Sunday 2nd June: First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

The bells will be rung from 9am



Tuesday 4th June

7.30pm - Post Alpha. Details from Richard on 832594



Sunday 9th June: Second Sunday after Trinity

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

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins



Tuesday 11th June

10.30am – Time to Think. Details from Phil on 832845



Sunday 16th June: Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Eucharist

Sudan Medical Link Summer Fete

2pm, South Canonry Gardens, Salisbury



Tuesday 18th June

7.30pm - Post Alpha. Details from Richard on 832594

Thursday 20th June

From 10am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church and Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 23rd June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Parish Family Worship
The bells will be rung from 10am



Tuesday 25th June

10.30am – Time to Think. Details from Phil on 832845



Wednesday 26th June

12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms
Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch - details Pat on 832650



Sunday 30th June: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill
Benefice Eucharist



Sunday 7th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Chapmanslade
Eucharist
The bells will be rung from 9am

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Church Events for your diary

The History of St Margaret's Church in Flowers

As part of the celebrations to mark the 450th anniversary of Manor Farm we shall be organising a very special weekend on the 7th and 8th of September in St Margaret's, which is next door to Manor Farm.

Over the weekend there will be a Flower Festival and the weekend will culminate with a Songs of Praise service on the Sunday at 6pm. In addition there will be displays of local historical interest.

If you can assist before the event with providing information or artefacts (wedding dresses, christening robes, historic uniforms, photographs, tools of trades/professions) or can assist at the weekend itself would you please contact Judith Helliar on 832803 who is leading the team for these celebrations.

Copy for 3 Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at
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Corsley WI May news



'Local Radio and Me' was the subject of the talk given by Phil Jefferson to the ladies of Corsley WI at their May meeting. Phil was involved with local radio stations as part of his work in schools and local government during his career. Phil mentioned some of the programmes on the radio in the days before everyone had a television, which many of our older members remembered and in those days it was usual to listen to the radio whilst doing chores. Phil gave us an insight into his experiences with various radio stations and the famous people he has met over the years. Jean White gave the vote of thanks.

As their resolution this year, the WI is urging members to support their local shops and make the high street their destination of choice for goods and services. Jean White read the proposal which is to be voted on at the AGM, asking decision-makers to work collectively at all levels to help bring an end to the decline of our high streets and to ensure that they flourish and provide a focal point for communities. Part of our meeting was given to a discussion about our town centres and the reasons for their decline. Many people need to use a car to go to the shops or the banks, particularly those

living in rural areas, but parking charges discourage people from spending very much time visiting town centres. Members thought that more effort should be made by local councils to make town centres more consumer-friendly. All agreed that we would support the resolution.

The competition for an old radio was won by Anne Carruthers, with Hilary Vallis second and Jean White third.

There are still places available on the coach for our **trip to Weymouth on 3rd July** and it is open to anyone who would like to come with us. For more details and to reserve your seat, please call Carol on 01373 832446.

There will be an open meeting on **Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm** when Nora McMin will tell us about 'Women Working at Bletchley Park', visitors and new members are welcome. The competition for members is for a World War II memento.

You do not have to live in Corsley to come to our WI, we also have members from Chapmanslade, Warminster and Frome! If you would be interested in joining us to see what we do, please come to our meeting in Corsley Reading Room or contact Carol on 01373 832446.

Non-members are very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per programme
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760	

Shiver me timbers

Ahoy all ye land lubbers! Here at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, we had our first Dress Up Day of the term with a Pirate themed lesson. Some of our salty sea dogs loved getting into character for this session, sharing their hilarious and creative ideas. All the children had a great time learning how to walk and talk like a real pirate for the day.

In such a positive atmosphere, not only do we teach our students valuable communication skills by speaking loudly and clearly, we also encourage them to express themselves creatively. Every child has an imagination and sometimes they just need that little nudge to indulge in it and share that with others. This is something we really embrace at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy.

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

The lesson started off with some really enjoyable pirate themed speech exercises, to get all the children (AND the teacher Kathryn) into character. Straight after we set sail for the movement section of the lesson in which we gave the children some ideas of the types of pirates on the ship. Like a deck hand scrubbing the deck, to a worried pirate navigating through the storm, as well as the bossy booty hogging pirate captain. This helped them think about the characters they could play in our pirate play later on, as well as give them ideas on how to move around the room and interact with others. It really showed us what a bunch of inventive buccaneers our students can be!

So before I walk the plank, I just have enough time to tell you a bit about our summer show, and how we are looking for students throughout the term to join us and be part of our professionally written "Rent-A-Crowd" production.

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When to lay turf

The best time for laying turf is in the autumn or spring when the weather is not too wet or cold. Bear in mind if laying turf in the spring that your new lawn will need extra watering during any dry spells over the summer. Rolls of turf should be used straight away so if you can't lay your turf lawn immediately, store them in the shade and do not let them dry out, watering them lightly.

Preparation

Preparation is key when laying a turf lawn and should really begin at least a month or so in advance, to give the soil plenty of time to settle. Choose a fine day when the soil surface is fairly dry and clear the site of all existing plants, grass and weeds. When laying turf it is essential that the ground is level and firm so once the site is clear, fork it over, breaking up clods with a rake and take out any large stones. Firm the ground with your feet, taking small overlapping steps with the weight on your heels and then rake the soil a few times. Do this in different



directions until the soil is crumbly in texture and level.

Laying turf

When laying a turf lawn start at one end so that you face the bare soil and always work from a plank of wood or board rather than damaging the newly laid turf. One good tip for laying turf is to lay in staggered rows, in a similar pattern to a brick wall, making sure there are no gaps in between. Once all the turf has been laid, tamp it down firmly with the back of a rake and brush fine topsoil into the joints. This will help the lawn to establish quickly.

Aftercare

Leave a new lawn alone for the first few days to allow roots to develop. After laying a turf lawn you may need to water frequently, every few days, until the turf has rooted into the soil below. Otherwise, water when the weather is dry, every couple of weeks. Take care not to over water as this can lead to shallow rooting and encourage weeds. Once the grass is about 5cm high it can be given its first cut with the mower blades set high.

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2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

Eponymous Baffler

Answers:
1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
That one was easy, right?
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Sure you can name three consecutive days, yesterday, today, and tomorrow!
5. The letter "e" which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.
How did you do?
I'll be getting Alzheimer's any time now.

Coming soon...

Corsley and The Bridge website

Have your say on what goes in, and what stays out!

There are moves afoot to create a website dedicated to Corsley and The Bridge. If you have ideas on what you'd like to be included please let me know via the usual methods (email or drop off your suggestions at Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply). The website will in no way replace The

Bridge, rather it will be an addendum to it, with access to the archive, diary dates, PC minutes and agendas, a business listing of advertisers, clubs, societies and activities, etc.

Viv Thomas
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We look forward to seeing you all there.

For performance and optional supper tickets contact me good lady Claire, on **01373 832113**.

Sir Loin de Rump

Corsley Parish Council

May briefing

The Chairman's précis of the Annual General Meeting

The major PC event in May was the AGM, held on Monday 13th. Two members of the public attended! The main purpose of the AGM is to elect, annually, the Chair and Vice Chair; myself and Robin Chapman, respectively, were elected to these two positions.

The other principal item on the agenda was to co-opt new Councillors to fill the two vacancies after the May elections. Initially, five people expressed an interest, but this reduced to two formal applications and I am very pleased to welcome Simon Jasper and Mike Bird to the Council. We also welcomed John Willcox as our new Clerk. John has set up a Parish Council email address corsleypc_jdw@aol.co.uk.

One of the major aspects of Parish Council business is to communicate effectively and maintain liaison with other village organisations. To aid the latter, each PC councillor has agreed to act as a contact cum liaison point for the key village bodies and this list is published on page 27. As far as general communication is concerned, at the moment, apart from word of mouth, our major means are through this

monthly feedback and via the two village noticeboards, one on the back of the bus shelter at the triangle at the Heath, and the other on the wall of the Cross Keys pub. Regrettably, neither of these is in good material state and it is not possible to use them to post anything other than single sheet notices. (Gill Parkinson has kindly volunteered to repair the boards). With the exception of records of closed meetings, all PC minutes are public documents and are available for inspection. Partly with the aim of making such documents as these more publicly accessible, moves are now afoot to start developing a PC/village/Bridge website and I will update progress via these monthly briefings.

On the subject of communication, I must offer an apology for a glaring typo in my March notes where I twice referred to the "A36" rather than the "A362". It is clearly the latter which we expect to be repaired this financial year, but still await formal confirmation. I should also add that we intend to try and get Wiltshire Council to devote some thought to the road safety of the A362 on the bends approaching the junctions to Upper Whitbourne and Longhedge when they develop the scope of the A362 repair.

Neil Britten
Chairman Corsley Parish Council
email: corsleypc_jdw@aol.co.uk

Quarterly Meeting	Monday 10th June	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 2nd September	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 9th December	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

Sea Sunday

**11.00am, 14th July
St Mary's, Temple**

Our Matins service will celebrate Sea Sunday and our speaker this year is Julie James who works as a volunteer Ship Visitor in Southampton and Poole for the Mission to Seafarers. All are welcome and if you have, or had, a connection with the sea, you will be especially welcome.

David Carruthers

**The mobile library service
visits next on:**

Thursday 13th June

10:10 - 10:30

Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

The next date for this round is:

Thursday 27th June



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.

Little Cuckoo's have been busy fundraising for the pre-school this month with a table top sale in Chapmanslade village hall and another Bag2School collection (which raised £175) - we hope to have another collection later in the year. A big "thank you" to all those who contributed and helped with both events.

The annual Cuckoo's school trip is planned and we are off to Upper Row Farm in Laverton which the children are very excited about. My son had his 4th birthday party there in March and we all had a great time. The owner of the farm was brilliant showing the children around and answering their questions. We met and learnt about lots of animals including 2 lambs who were less than 6 hours old! So we are all off to visit the farm again and enjoy another lovely day there.

The farm visit links in well with our topic this term of 'vehicles'. The children have been learning about all types of transport, big and small including tractors which have proved to be their favourite! We hope our local farmer will come to the school in his tractor to give the children a close up view of these big strong machines which we are sure will bring great excitement for the children!

Lucy Harnell

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm

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Take a trip down memory lane...

One man and his Morris

This year's vintage Morris road-run gets longer than ever before – take some time out to watch the cars trundle through our villages.

May I introduce myself first?

At 78, I'm the baby of the Hale family. All eight of my brothers and sisters were born in the little cottage at Landhayes, featured on the cover of 'Crocodiles and Chicken Chasers'. I was born in the cottage at Thoulston on the A36 Warminster/Bath road.

In 1939, along with my brothers, I would walk across the fields to Corsley school until one of them committed some misdemeanor either at the school or at Divers Bridge – after that we continued our schooling at Chapmanslade.

Now the reason for this article.

My main hobby is Morris cars from the '20s and '30s. Their first car was produced on March 29th 1913, making this year the centenary. I am a member of the Morris Register – a club catering for members of cars or vans manufactured before 1940. Several club members of the West Region organise road runs each year and 3 years ago I organised a 50-village run to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary.

This year we will be doing a 100-village road run on **Sunday 21st July** to celebrate the centenary. Starting at the Frome Flyer from 8.45am, this run will see Chapmanslade as the first village, followed

by Corsley, turning left at the church/Corsley Centre and on up Deep Lane. Turning left or right at the junction will depend on whether Wilts Council have resurfaced the road! If we turn right, we'll go through the Heath and Lane End down to the Frome by-pass and on to Maiden Bradley (we prefer to use country roads).

From there, the route is (briefly): the Deverill valley, Wylve valley, Nadder valley, Amesbury, Upavon, Alton Barnes, Etchilhampton, Lydeaway, Urchfont, Earlstoke, Bratton, Steeple Ashton, Poulshot, Sandy Lane, Biddestone, Castle Combe, Tiddlewink, Kington Langley, Charicutt, Studley, Calne and finish at the Attwell Wilson Car and Motorcycle Museum – that should be 146 miles!

I am currently the proud owner of a 1936 2-seater Morris 8 and a 1938 Morris 8 2-door saloon which I have shown at the Corsley Show for many years. As my wife sadly died recently, I will be selling the 2-door Morris, as the 2-seater will be all I require now.

*Tony Hale
Morris Register Member*



At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

The new season began on a bracing April afternoon with the Double Wicket Tournament.

After some tight contests with keen fielding, James Bishop and Mervyn Parrish emerged as worthy winners. In the final they each hit a six and compiled a formidable 53 runs. Their opponents, Phil Wood and Will Lewis, replied with a creditable 34 but never quite

reached the asking rate. In the semi-finals, James and Mervyn defeated Doug Furlong and Isaac Wood, while Phil and Will beat the precocious pairing of Adam Ledbury and Bryce Furlong.

The event was seamlessly orchestrated by Roy Pearce and an honourable mention goes to Glyn Newton for his competent wicket-keeping.

Cake Monster

Fixtures for June

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June 16 Deverills (a)

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23rd	Mr J Coxhead, retired builder
30th	Mr R Short, Frome businessman

A stressful time of year?

The Chapel's young people are looking forward to the long summer holidays (and hoping for better weather than they had last year!), but this is actually a stressful time of year for students of all ages.

My grandson Ben is eleven. He's currently working hard to get good results in his SATS tests; he's also preparing for a change of school after the summer break. Another of the Chapel youngsters, Harry, is facing the same prospect – SATS tests and a change of school.

The Chapel's teenage students are facing similar challenges, taking exams whose results will affect their future job prospects and their career choices.

I remember the stress of such times for myself, the realisation that I didn't understand some of the questions for my 11+ exam, and the sadness of only gaining two 'O' levels at the grades needed when I was sixteen, instead of the hoped-for six passes.

We wish all students and their families every success in their endeavours; let us remember them in our prayers.

ABC of God's promises

K for "Knock and the door will be opened to you."
Matthew 7.7.

Prayer

Our prayer this month is a verse from one of the Rev. George Herbert's hymns. He was the brother of Lord Herbert of Cherbury, wealthy, a brilliant scholar and gifted musician. He could have had an influential career at court, in government or in university circles. Instead God called him to serve as rector in a small church at Bemerton near Salisbury where he was much loved and regarded almost as a saint. He has left us a wonderful collection of poetry. He died in 1633 aged 39.

*Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything,
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Tales from the passenger seat

Having been a driving instructor for almost 30 years I thought readers might enjoy reading some of the things I have experienced.

From time to time, pupils will ask me whether males or females are more nervous when it comes to learning to drive. The ladies reading this will be most pleased to learn that I have found the majority that are most nervous are male. Women will more readily admit to being nervous, but in reality, despite attempts to conceal things, out of the top 100 most nervous pupils I have taught, around 70 were male.

One lad was so nervous it took him 15 lessons before he could speak coherently whilst driving. Up until then he was shaking, gasping for air, could just about manage a nod of acknowledgement to something I said, was invariably dribbling, and of course totally exhausted at the end of lessons. Poor lad. Softly, softly, gently, gently was the order of the day. Once he had gained personal confidence in his ability, things started to settle down and normal service resumed. "Confidence comes with competence" is one of my regular sayings.

Another lad was someone who was a complete thug, regularly in and out of prison and locally notorious for bad behaviour. I had taught his mother to drive and she asked if I would teach him, to increase his opportunity for gainful employment. Yep, no problem my end. Unfortunately 'Brian's' only method of communication was by shouting at people, or physical aggression. So, when

a learner moves off and stalls the car, most pupils accept the process of keeping calm, starting the car, and realising that a bit more practice is needed. Not Brian. His method was to shout at the car for not obeying what he wanted it to do. Whilst there was absolutely nothing wrong with his physical ability or co-ordination, his personal self discipline was sadly lacking and he would be in tears of frustration. He lacked the inner patience that we all know is required in order to learn new things.

It was extremely interesting to see, that here was a person who you would not wish to meet on a dark night, yet who was so out of control within himself, that his only way of dealing with the world was to shout at whatever was bothering him, and hope it would deal with things. He had six lessons, crying in all of them and we agreed that perhaps now was not the best time to learn to drive. This was ten years ago, and he still does not drive. When he matures and learns personal discipline, he will be perfectly capable of driving, but until then...

I have found it necessary from time to time, to remind some [male] pupils, that if they don't learn to discipline themselves, then throughout their life, other people will apply the required discipline, and they might not like that.

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Countryside Matters

The weather plays such an important part in our lives here in the countryside. After what seems like an eternal winter, we had two nice days over the May Bank Holiday, then wind and rain set in again until the middle of the month.

As the temperature moves into double figures during the day everything changes; plants begin to grow enthusiastically, birds find food and start to nest and start families, the blossom springs into action hoping for pollination and farm animals start to enjoy the outdoor life once again.

By early June we should have our first cut of silage in the pit – somewhat later than normal. However, provided we have three to four good days we should be able to get the harvest in. There is machinery for cutting, moving, drying and then final harvesting: the latter is a machine that picks up the grass, chops it into 1½" – 2" lengths and blows it into the large silage tankers. The crop is then brought back to the farm, tipped into a large enclosed area where it is rolled, covered with plastic sheeting and weighed down with old tyres to keep the air out. It is then left until it's needed to feed to the cows later in the year when there is no fresh grass available.

Many of our summer visiting birds have not liked our spring weather at all and although some Swallows, House Martins, Spotted Flycatchers and Swifts have returned to their usual breeding quarters, many have not.

The Cuckoo was first heard at the end of April and is still calling for his female partners around our local fields, hedgerows and woods.

Due to the lateness of the spring lots of Bluebells, Red Campions, Cow Parsley and Greater Stitchwort can still be seen in the woods and verges, so do go and enjoy your local area.

Local beekeepers are hoping that the worker bees will be produced in time to pollinate the wonderful show of blossom we have at the moment. Again, the low temperatures experienced this spring upset the bee colonies which are so important to all the crops, be it fruit, vegetables, grain or flowers. Let's hope that June will bring us sunshine and warmer temperatures.

Can I just remind you that ticks can be found at this time of year in grass and woodlands, and that they can carry unpleasant diseases? Do check your dogs and yourselves for any signs of these small creatures attaching themselves: it is always advisable to seek professional help to remove them.

Recently it was reported that a dog walker had been trampled by cattle here in Wiltshire. If you do find yourself in a field of cattle, follow the hedgerow, and release the dog for its own safety if you feel that the cattle are being more than nosey. Then make as quick an exit as is safe and possible.

Judith Helliar



Too busy to be

Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley

Everyone has busy periods when they feel they haven't time for anything much bar getting the essentials done. But is your life a constant round of juggling deadlines and demands with no space for reflection, peace and just 'be-ing'? Or maybe you know someone whose diary is always full and who seems never to stand still (never mind sit down)? Is any of this familiar? Have you ever wondered why some lives (yours, maybe) are like this?

Just as we all need sleep, I think we also all need a little quiet time to reflect or just to be empty of thought and at ease. It's restful, helps you to focus on what's really important and allows you time to check your perspective and maybe to readjust it from time to time. But quiet time is often daunting, particularly for very busy people; so daunting that they cannot conceive of the possibility, never mind the idea that it might be useful. Perhaps part of the reason is that, when you're quiet, unbidden thoughts and feelings can find their way to the surface. Whether you welcome them or want to chase them out depends on your viewpoint. Chronically busy people will tend to choose the latter, I believe, because these unbidden notions have a habit of questioning the status quo. The little whisper from deep within says things like, "you're going in the wrong direction"

or even, "you're mistreating that person". Busy-ness drowns out this innate wisdom very effectively. Quietude gives it a chance to be heard and it may well be gently but insistently demanding change (which is, of course, a challenge to most of us). This is one of the benefits of counselling – you have a space all your own each week where you are encouraged to reflect and to be quiet and still in order that your inner voice may be heard. Choosing not to hear the message means we don't have to go to the bother of rearranging bits of our lives. But it also means we miss opportunities – we miss insights, we miss inspiration, we miss clarity, we miss truth. Wouldn't you like some of that?

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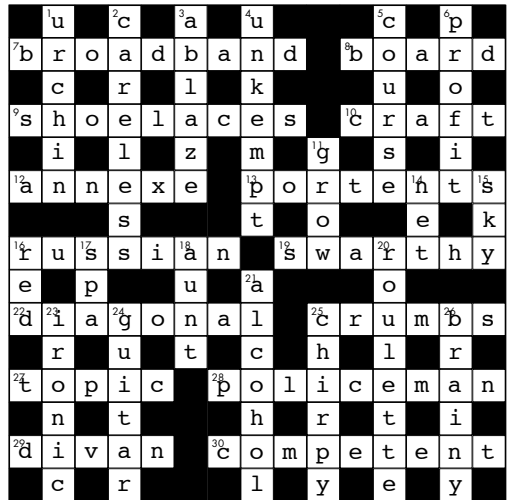
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