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Editor

Articles

Please submit articles either by email to **viv.thomas146@btinternet.com** or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

Advertising

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

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

Larger ads are subject to space availability and by arrangement with the Editor who will advise on the price.

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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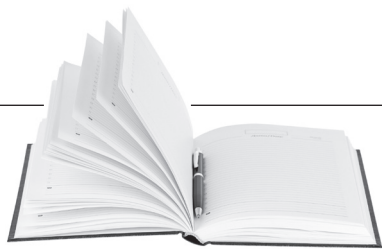
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Deadline

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

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

June



Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 9th

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

Thursday 12th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

Corsley WI - speaker TBA – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Friday 13th

Senior Citizens' Quarterly Tea Party – 2.30 for 3.00pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 14th

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

Thursday 19th

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

Thursday 26th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

Saturday 28th

'New to You' clothing sale – 10am - 1pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 29th

Benefice Pet Service – 10.30am, St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill

Chapmanslade Village Barbecue

July

Tuesday 1st

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

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Warminster Civic Centre

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

Thursday 10th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

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

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 12th

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

Thursday 17th

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

Thursday 24th

Warminster mobile library (see page 15 for times)

August

Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Elizabethan Evening - Pirates of Penzance – Manor Farm, Corsley (time TBC)

Sunday 3rd

Chapmanslade Boules & Pimms

Saturday 9th

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

Thursday 14th

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

Thursday 21st

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

Monday 25th

Corsley Show



continued...

September

Monday 1st

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

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 11th

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, venue to be confirmed

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 13th

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

Thursday 18th

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

Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Wine Tasting

Wednesday 24th

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

October

Saturday 4th

Harvest Supper – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 11th

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

Thursday 16th

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

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We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 14th June. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

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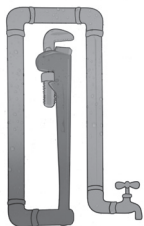
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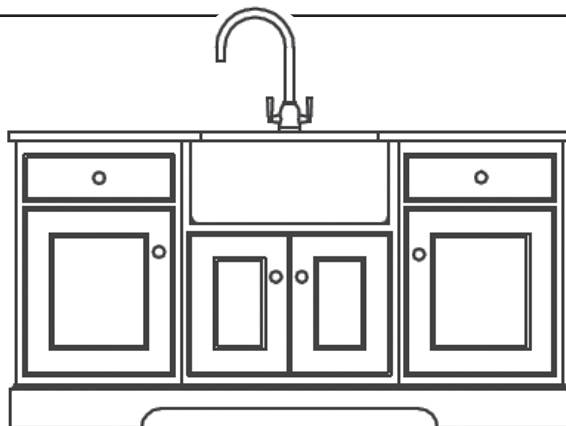
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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Milk – what do the letters UHT stand for?
- 2 How did the supermarket Tesco come by its name?
- 3 Who married Sir Timothy James Hamilton Laurence in 1992?
- 4 Which planet is fourth from the sun?
- 5 What was 'Crocodile' Dundee's first name?
- 6 Which country was ruled by King Zog I until 1939?
- 7 What colour flag is flown on beaches that have been declared clean and free of avoidable pollution?
- 8 Which European country contains the Transylvanian Alps and has a coastline on the Black Sea?
- 9 In which year did Queen Elizabeth II celebrate her silver jubilee?
- 10 What cost 38p when it was abolished in 1988?
- 11 Who was born Anjeze Bojaxhiu in Yugoslavia in 1910 and died with the title 'Blessed' in 1994?
- 12 In the 1964 song, where was the 'House of the Rising Sun' to be found?

Answers on page 52

Corsley Tennis Club News

The Ladies 'B' team played their first match of the season on the Memorial Field against Marshfield. After some closely fought contests, the visitors prevailed by 5½ sets to 2½.

Isabel Lewis defended solidly and formed a good partnership with the tenacious Marie Cusworth, while Sue Newell showed some nice touches to complement Diana Hale's accurate passing shots.

However, the Marshfield ladies demonstrated slightly more aggression and deserved their victory. All concerned are to be congratulated for playing so well in the cold conditions and the failing light, which prevented the last set from being completed.

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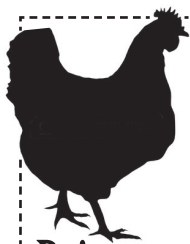


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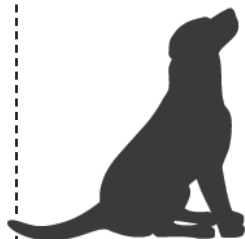
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Saturday 28th June
10 am – 1 pm

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World Cup Footballs for Juba School

Globalisation is nowhere more evident than in football. Last year the Bishop of Bradford visited Khartoum, whilst being driven out of the city in the dark to a distant Church congregation, the car was stopped by the police. His passport was taken whilst another man with a big red stick poked his head through the car window and asked him where he was from. "England", the Bishop said, "and which football team do you support?" asked the policeman, "Liverpool" replied the Bishop – with a smile the policeman said "you'll never walk alone, drive on!".



On the Saturday before Christmas, Rosalyn and I were kindly invited by Vicky Oakham to her wedding in St.Margaret's



church, Corsley. The approach roads were flooded on that day but all the guests made it. At the reception I had a really good chat with the bridegroom's elder brother. He told me he worked for Adidas, the international sportswear company, and that he headed up their operation in the Far East. He had come from Hong Kong for the wedding. We talked football for a while – he is an ardent Notts Forest supporter whilst I support their arch rivals, Derby County. He told me that Adidas had the contract to supply all the official footballs for the World Cup in Brazil in June. I told him about my interest in Juba School where the School team wears blue shirts donated by a student at Loughborough University. In the New Year, with not a little cheek, I sent an email to Hong Kong asking whether two world cup footballs could

possibly be donated for Juba School. The students would be 'over the moon' to receive such a present. The reply came "I'll see what I can do, I'm sure we can manage something".

Time went by but I heard in April that some footballs were on their way. The balls needed to be transported in an inflated state so as to maintain their quality and shape. One morning a DHL van drew up outside our house in Lyes Green and the driver walked up the drive with a very large package. "I'm afraid you've got some customs duty to pay on this" he said. "At my last delivery it was £238, but I think yours will be less'. He studied the delivery note and said "Oh Yes! only £12". The driver told me he was also a keen supporter of Liverpool.

Inside the package were 12 footballs! – 2 actual world cup footballs and 10 replicas – the sort that will be on sale across the world in June. Two of us are going out to Juba on 25th May and we shall be taking the 2 real balls, and 5 of the replicas. I shall present these footballs to schools where we have links because of the bursaries that people here are kindly providing.

For a few weeks before and after Christmas South Sudan was in the news as civil war and genocide spread through

the Country. Before long however the media moved on to other things, Crimea, Ukraine and a vanished aircraft. We might be forgiven for thinking that the issues in South Sudan are resolved. They are not. They are merely forgotten. Our ongoing support and friendship is very highly valued. These footballs are a tangible sign to the children out there that they will 'never walk alone'.

Richard Dean

Poetry Corner

Invade of the giant chickens

Suddenly a shadow falls over my head
Then I start to tingle with fear, not dread
I turn around to see what took me by surprise
Then my mouth drops open and I have bulging eyes
A giant spaceship was coming up the road
I really wanted to turn and run by my feet had froze
I read across the front and said it out loud
'We are all chickens and we are very proud'

Invade of the giant chickens

Invade of the giant chickens, chick, chick

Invade of the giant chickens

Invade of the giant chickens, chick, chick

The sound was so deafening I had to clap my ears
My head almost did explode when they got too near
Then they dropped a see-through sphere-shaped pod
Like a lightning bolt thrown by an angry god
It landed right beside me and sucked me in
Unluckily for me I was standing next to a bin
The bin lid opened and all this hit my face
A can of coke, a toothbrush and poster about space

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Invade of the giant chickens, chick, chick

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Tom Waterman, aged 8



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News from the Nest

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

With the arrival of May and some long awaited sun, the children are delighted to be spending more time playing outside and enjoying watching their seedlings grow ready to put in the new vegi-trug. All the children are enjoying the current 'bug' topic and are learning about different types using magnifying glasses, making their own soil paint and worm trails and watching the tadpoles with great interest. In the playground the recently purchased road signs and a building set are proving popular whilst also teaching the children about road safety.

Several of the children were invited by Longleat to come and try out the new soft play equipment and were photographed so will be appearing in the press soon!

We are very excited that on Saturday 14th June from 2pm to 5pm we are having our Summer Fair and would warmly like to welcome everyone to come. Our theme is 'Heroes' and we have several of our Heroes coming with their special vehicles, along with a bouncy castle, plant stalls, pony rides, toy and book stalls and some wonderful refreshments. The Little Cuckoos children have been practicing hard and will perform some 'bug' songs. Any donations for the raffle or quality used books and toys gratefully received.

If anyone is interested in booking a stall please contact Denise on 01985 300853.

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

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Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

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Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

26th June, 10th and 24th July

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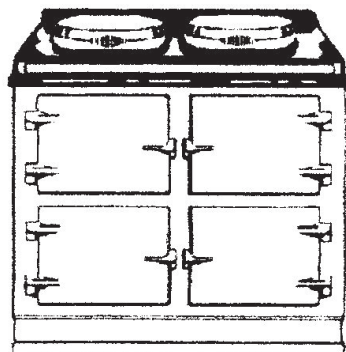


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- 3 He who laughs last, thinks slowest
- 4 A day without sunshine is like, well... night
- 5 Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine
- 6 Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't
- 7 Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool
- 8 The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong
- 9 It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from Frome would be stupid enough to try to pass them
- 10 If the shoe fits, get another one just like it
- 11 The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first
- 12 Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day long
- 13 Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries
- 14 God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark
- 15 When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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And what about those subsidies – *really?* We subsidise banks, railways and soon we'll be coughing up for the 3rd runway at Heathrow, the Gatwick expansion, the list goes on... Oh, and I nearly forgot – farmers. We don't put a stop to those subsidies –

why? Because they're visible (and we can get abroad on cheap holidays). What about the cost of electricity? The Government have given the go-ahead to a new nuclear power station (Hinkley Point C) in our neighbouring county, Somerset. The power station is the first to be built without money from the



UK taxpayer – it will be funded by EDF Group (Électricité de France) and Chinese investors. The agreed 'strike price' will be £92.50 per megawatt hour, (MWH) almost TWICE the price of current wholesale cost of electricity. This will

fall to £89.50 per MWH if EDF Group goes ahead with it's plans to build a new nuclear power station at Sizewell in Suffolk. Thank heavens they'll not be in my back yard.

When considering your position in the debate, don't listen to chit-chat, check the facts presented by BOTH sides to come to an informed decision. The long-term effects of how we produce our electricity will affect generations to come; we owe it to them to make responsible, reasoned decisions, not emotively based on the view from out of the window.

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the May meeting of Chapmanslade Parish Council and on other parish matters

In fact we had two meetings in May, the first on the 13th and then again on the 15th: the earlier meeting was necessary because we had to meet a planning deadline.

Proposed Wind Turbine

At our April meeting we invited parishioners to let us know their views on the proposed wind turbine after they had visited the consultation event held in the village at the end of the month. As a result, we received between 30 and 40 emails and letters, about three quarters of them from parish residents, almost all of them opposing the proposed development. Over 60 members of the public, about two thirds of them Chapmanslade residents, turned up at our 15th May meeting to tell us their views. The great majority of those who attended were opposed to the development. A small number were in favour.

So, first of all, a word of thanks to those of you who took the trouble to contact us or to come to our meeting. You have told us loudly and clearly that you do not wish to see a wind turbine at Thoulstone (a reminder, by the way, that the proposed site is in Upton Scudamore parish). Wiltshire Council has assured us that the parish council will be consulted if and when a planning application is made and we are well aware of the responsibility we have to represent your views. I am sure that the

wind turbine issue will be on the agenda for parish council meetings for the foreseeable future. When the final plans are published we will need to consider whether we need to come back to you for your views on the actual plans – possibly they will be different from those we have seen so far. We will keep you in touch.

Planning

On 13th May we considered an application to extend the barn, currently under construction, at Sienna's Valley in Huntenhull Lane. We resolved to object to the application, as we were concerned about the harm the extension would cause to the amenity of the immediate neighbours. We also questioned the need for a barn of the proposed size. We have asked Fleur de Rhe Philipe to "call in" the application should the planning officer at Wiltshire Council recommend consent, in which case, if Fleur agrees, the application will be considered by elected councillors.

The pre-planning application to build two houses in Southcroft has been turned down by Wiltshire Council. The planners were concerned that "the development would give rise to an unacceptable lack of privacy harmful to the amenity of existing occupants and any future occupants of the proposed dwellings". A second reason was that insufficient information had been given by the developers relating to access, specifically

in relation to land differentials, to the proposed gradient and to visibility splays. And third, the use of the proposed access to the development "would be likely to increase the conflict of traffic movements close to an existing junction resulting in additional hazard and inconvenience to all users of the road".

Highways

Wiltshire Council has been very busy clearing out the gullies at Dead Maids. The work took several days to complete. We are reminding Wiltshire of the need to carry out this type of work elsewhere in the parish, especially Huntenhull Lane as far as the old Rectory. We have also reminded them of their promise to paint a white line in the High Street near to the exit from Wood Lane so that visibility can be improved for motorists joining the High Street at that point. We have been assured that the work will be carried out soon. However, the good news is that we have been told that Southcroft is to be resurfaced in the current financial year and repairing the section of the A3098 towards Westbury is also one of the highway authority's priorities. Wiltshire Council plans to spend £21 million a year on road maintenance over the next few years, a considerable investment. Please report any problems concerning road maintenance to Keith Muston at themustons@btinternet.com or on 832755.

Mains Gas

The possibility of having mains gas in the village seems to be getting closer to becoming a reality. We now have 51 interested parishioners and we are rapidly reaching the total of 59 that we need. If you are interested and haven't been in touch yet, there's still time to contact Kerry Jones at knsgasandheating@gmail.com or on 07733 260512 or John Lewis, who is our

lead councillor on this issue, on 832875 or at john.lewis@durnfield.co.uk.

Thoulstone Park

As mentioned previously, a number of events are planned to take place at Thoulstone Park over the coming months. The immediate neighbours have some concerns and Wiltshire Council is providing sound-monitoring support. So far, however, nothing has happened to cause a great deal of concern. You can check out what is planned at Thoulstone Park on their website, www.thoulstonepark.co.uk

Footpaths

Adam Oakley reports that he now has some volunteers from the parish who are helping with minor footpath maintenance tasks. If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please contact Adam on 832437 or at adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speedwatch

We understand that a vacant post in the Warminster Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) has now been filled. This means we can expect to see more of the team in the village supporting the community, for example helping with the inevitable traffic problems we experience at the beginning and end of the school day. Please contact Jillwillmot@hotmail.com or on 832464 for information for advice about Neighbourhood Watch or Community Speedwatch.

Annual General Meeting

Our 15th May meeting was our AGM. I seem to have passed my probationary year and was elected chairman for a second year. Dennis Barnard was elected vice-chairman. Jill Willmot was confirmed as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and

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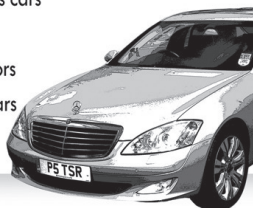
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Speedwatch co-ordinator. Keith Muston was confirmed as our link with Wiltshire Council's highway maintenance officers. Finally, Adam Oakley was confirmed as our representative on the Village Hall committee and as our link with Wiltshire Council's public footpath officers

At the meeting we agreed our annual payment of £3,100 to the village hall. Our normal expenditure each year also includes £150 to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of grass cutting, and £105 to the Earl Haig Fund. We also have to pay for our insurance cover (approximately £150) and for membership of the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (£235). In addition, we recently agreed to make a grant of £120 to The Bridge to help defray expenditure. And that's about the sum total of our expenditure for the year.

And finally...

The Parish Council has agreed to give its support to a request from Mr Basinger-Adams, Head Teacher at Chapmanslade School, for the community to work with pupils from the school to enhance the entry to our village by the provision and maintenance of planters – or possibly a 'Chapmanslade in Bloom' area or perhaps even a shared herb garden area. This is part of the school's Global Green Fingers Gardening project. We'll tell you more about how you can help in future newsletters.

The next scheduled meeting of the parish council is on Thursday 12th June, 7.30pm at the school. Our meetings are public meetings and everyone is invited to attend – to speak or to listen.

Phil Jefferson
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01373 832845

Horningsham Village Fayre

Sunday 22nd June
from 12 noon onwards

The annual Horningsham Village Fayre has had a make-over. New for 2014 are Arts & Crafts and local produce, chainsaw display teams, fun dog show, classic car collection and traction steam engine. We'll still have the hugely successful cake and plant stall along with the bric-a-brac, cream teas, bouncy castles and coconut shy. The Fayre starts at 12 noon this year – extended hours.

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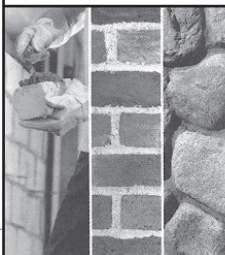
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Three Open Doors

Asking the simple question

Our two home groups continue to meet at fortnightly intervals, Time to Think on Monday mornings and the Post Alpha group on Tuesday evenings. The sessions always start with a cup of coffee and a sharing of news followed by a discussion on a section of the Bible led by one of the group. Finally members of the group join in prayer, remembering friends, family and parishioners in need of support at that time. We also pray for our church and any other matters which at the time are a cause for concern such as wars and acts of terrorism. We always welcome new members to our groups who wish to join us for our sessions of Christian fellowship.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place at the end of April. The Rural Dean complimented the Parish on its Annual Report which demonstrated the wide range of activities taking place across the Parish. The membership of the PCC remains the same as last year and our Financial Accounts were approved by the meeting. 2013 was a better year financially but we still have a challenging year in 2014 if we are to meet all our financial obligations.

We are pleased that it has been possible to bring forward the dates for the interview of our Priest-in-Charge. The interviews will now take place on June 26th and we must hope and pray that we have a good response to our latest advertisement offering us a choice for our new incumbent who will become our spiritual leader.

The Parish Team

June Church Diary

Sunday 1st June: Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Eucharist

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



Monday 2nd June

10.30am at 9 Cleyhill Gardens, Chapmanslade – Time to Think Home Group



Tuesday 3rd June

7.30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley – After Alpha Home Group



Sunday 8th June: Pentecost

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

11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley
Matins



Sunday 15th June: Trinity Sunday

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

The Right Reverend Alan Jeanes, Archdeacon of Sarum



Monday 16th June

10.30am at 116 High Street, Chapmanslade – Time to Think Home Group



Tuesday 17th June

7.30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley – After Alpha Home Group



Thursday 19th June

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

Sunday 22nd June: First Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley

1662 BCP Holy Communion

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Parish Worship

Collection for Warminster Foodbank



Saturday 28th June

From 10.30am to 1pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

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Sunday 29th June: Second Sunday after Trinity

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill

Benefice Pet Service



Monday 30th June

10.30am at Wheelwrights, Chapmanslade – Time to Think Home Group



Sunday 6th July: Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist

3.30pm to 5.30pm at Chapmanslade School

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Sunday 13th July: Sea Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley

Matins

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May Fayre

On Saturday 17th May we held our May Fayre and we are delighted to announce that we raised £791.40. We must thank our hard-working Fundraising team and the many volunteers who helped with this event. A special thank you to Rachel Thornton and the new Chapmanslade School Orchestra who gave their first public performance at the May Fayre. Thank you and well done to all in the orchestra. And finally, a huge Thank You to everyone who came to the May Fayre and were so generous in their support.

Church Events for your diary

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August

Corsley Show

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Corsley WI

May News



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

The President, Carol Seward, warmly welcomed members and visitors to the May meeting of Corsley WI held in the Reading Room. After the short business section, Elisabeth Irving gave a briefing on the WI Resolution which is to be proposed at the 2014 Annual General Meeting. "The NFWI notes that three people die every day whilst waiting for an organ transplant and calls upon every member of the WI to make their wishes about organ donation known and to encourage their families and friends and members of their local community to do likewise".

Before a transplant can go ahead, the consent of the donor's family is required even when the person has joined the NHS Organ Donor Register. However, when a loved one's wishes are not known, families can be faced with very difficult decisions at a time when they are feeling vulnerable and distressed and may refuse their consent. The resolution seeks to encourage WI members to make a choice and make it known to their families so that their wishes would be respected. The gift of organs by just one donor can help transform up to nine other people's lives. Members fully approved the resolution.

Sandy Parrish then began her demonstration of 'Canapes' by saying that presentation and colour should first be considered when deciding which canapés to make. Sandy showed us how to make a tomato rose as the centerpiece and surrounded this by little salami stacks, duck pancakes with cucumber and spring onion and bite-sized blinis with crème fraiche and smoked salmon. The final treats were the small individual chocolate cases filled with tiramisu and decorated with cream and grated chocolate. Cath Fricker gave the vote of thanks and we all then enjoyed sampling the canapes.

The Wiltshire Federation has organized more new events, including a holiday to New Zealand and visits to Bletchley Park and the Palace of Westminster. Details are available at our meetings. A photograph taken by Jean White will feature in the 2015 Wiltshire WI Calendar. The skittles team sadly lost their quarterfinals match but hope to have better luck next season. The competition for a serving dish was won by Edna Ferrier with Charlotte Beswick second and Cath Fricker third.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on 12th June at Corsley Reading Room. The competition for members is for an evening bag.

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

Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, 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	

A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

At the time of writing this in the middle of May it is a fantastic spring day with the English countryside looking at its best with all the fresh green leaves and colourful flowers and a clear blue sky.

It is amazing how it has recovered after the awful wet and windy weather of the winter. It is noticeable that the ash trees are very late in leaf this year while the oak trees are well leafed up; it will be interesting to see if the old adage "Oak before Ash we're in for a splash, Ash before the Oak we're in for a soak!" is correct. The good weather encourages everybody to be out enjoying the countryside, but there are a couple of points worth remembering...

First, at this time of year there are lots of young animals out in the fields - lambs, calves if it is a beef farm, deer and young birds. These young animals, particularly calves, are easily disturbed and usually protected, sometimes quite aggressively, by the parent animals. When out enjoying the countryside try not to get between any young animals and their mothers; keep dogs under close control as they can upset the parents even more. It should also be remembered that dogs can carry several diseases that can be transmitted to other animals, particularly cattle and sheep, through their faeces.

Second, long grass in this part of the country can be the home of ticks. These little creatures will suck blood from any warm blooded animal that they manage to attach themselves on, including cattle, deer, sheep, dogs, cats and humans. They can carry a nasty disease that infects humans and dogs

called Lyme Disease. These members of the spider family tend to be most active in late spring and early summer so whenever you return from a walk in long grass at this time of year it is worthwhile checking that you and your pets have not picked up any unwelcome guests.

May and June are very busy times down on the farm with silage and hay making, the planting and tending of crops and the movement of animals for grazing, milking, etc. This means that you can meet some unexpected hazards on our country lanes - a herd of cows, a very large tractor and trailer, a combine harvester or a milk tanker - so please bear this in mind when driving, riding or walking and take appropriate care. It is also the time when we see more people out horse riding and it should be remembered that any horse you meet on the road should be passed slowly, quietly and given plenty of room as these are often big animals that can be easily scared.

Finally, what has happened to the cuckoo? I have not heard or seen the cuckoo in this part of the country for several years. This was brought home to me recently when staying with friends in a town in France where we were woken every morning by the cuckoo calling in the garden reminding me of a missing sound of spring in Wiltshire.

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Hot Chilli

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Chilli plants do well in warm, sunny places so a greenhouse or conservatory is the ideal place for them. They can also be placed outside on a sheltered spot or warm patio but acclimatise them slowly, bringing them in at night for the first week or whenever the temperature threatens to drop. Use a cane to support the plants as they grow.

Feed your chillies with a dedicated chilli feed or seaweed extract at the suggested rate. Never exceed the suggested rate as this can actually have a detrimental effect on your plants.

Encouraging fruit

Your chilli plants will produce flowers and then chillies on each of its side stems so the more side stems you have, the more fruit your plant will produce. If you want to increase the number of chillies your plant produces, you need to increase the number of side stems.

You can do this by tipping your plant onto its side once it is a substantial size. The chilli plant will try to grow upright by throwing out a number of side stems.

Once it has done this, turn the pot around so that the new side stems are facing down and it will throw out another series of side stems, reaching for the light.



Give the pot a quarter turn and once another set of side stems have been started, turn another half turn. You can then return your plant to an upright position and wait for a bumper harvest of chillies. Chillies can be pollinated by bees but failing that, they are also self-pollinating so a gentle shake of flowers will help ensure that they set. Once your chillies start to flower, start to feed with a tomato feed at the rate suggested by manufacturers to encourage fruit to set.

Overwintering Chilli plants are perennials and are generally more productive in their second year than their first although most people grow them as half-hardy annuals. It is worth overwintering them if you have the space on a sunny windowsill or heated greenhouse, but don't let the temperature fall below 10°C. Don't be too concerned if your plants start losing leaves as low light levels can cause chilli plants to go into dormancy, looking for all intents and purposes dead but, come spring, they will burst back into life again.

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At the crease

Corsley Cricket Club News

Corsley lost to Dinder & Croscombe by 71 runs on a lovely afternoon at Croscombe.

Batting first, the home team prospered as Willmott hit 30. Arnie Seegobin then grabbed four wickets, while Will Lewis and Tom Liquorice bowled tidily. Though Culin scored 36, Chris Seviour and Adam Ledbury held fine catches and Dinder & Croscombe subsided to 98 all out.

After a tea consisting entirely of doughnuts, Corsley struggled to make any headway. Roy Pearce and Julian Seegobin fought hard, but Graham claimed four victims to keep the home side on top.

With the ball keeping low and the worms demanding danger money, Jake Seviour was run out and Corsley collapsed to a meagre 27 all out.

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This will be a visit to **Iford Manor Gardens**. The cost will be £9 to include coffee and cake. Visitors will be very welcome!

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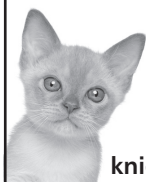
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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 12th May, the main purpose of which was to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year. In addition one planning application was considered and updates were presented on several other matters

Election

John Willcox, Parish Clerk, took the Chair. There was one nomination for Chairman, Neil Britten and one for Vice Chairman, Robin Chapman. Both were elected unanimously.

Planning Application

69 Lane End – a single storey extension at the rear of the house to replace an existing lean-to and Marley concrete shed. Because of the Chairman's personal interest, the Vice Chairman, Robin Chapman took the Chair for this application. The PC had no objection to the proposal.

Streetscene

Stalls Farm

The road has been repaired, a lot sooner than originally anticipated, thanks to a co-operative and committed approach between Wiltshire and all those affected. Thanks go, particularly, to the Helliars for their efforts to manage the traffic caused by all those who still ignored the road closed signs! The sett has been filled in and the badgers disbursed to start a new life elsewhere. Lane End traffic is now back to normal.

Deep Lane

Wessex Water are getting on with the repair, albeit slowly, and, as promised, the local

residents, farmers and the Steiner School (SAF) are able to gain access/egress around the works. The work was originally scheduled to take 6 weeks from 22nd April, i.e. to complete on 30th May, with an expectation that this timescale would be reduced because of the working method to be used. However, some problems have been experienced and today's (19th May) estimated completion date for all the Deep Lane works, including re-connection of individual properties is 13th June. The work will then carry on off-road across fields.

County Liaison

Our community Steward, Imogen Dallimore, will be in the Parish on two dates May and June to discuss and agree priorities with Simon Jasper. The outcome will be published on the Bridge website (www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk).

Longleat Traffic

Now that the Stalls Farm road has been fixed, the Longleat traffic is now back to its usual levels in Lane End with all the unchanged attendant frustrations and safety concerns. Unfortunately there is no change since the last Bridge edition in so far as the Caravan Club have still not come forward with any offers of dates for a meeting. The PC agreed that this issue should be pursued

and once again have appealed to the Caravan Club to offer dates for a meeting, with a request that we escalate the issue higher up their management tree if they are unable to co-operate at regional level.

One interesting outcome from the Stalls Farm road closure was the exposure of the numbers of cars using Lane End to gain access to the Safari Park, even when signs made it perfectly clear that the road was closed. The Helliars recorded traffic volume for two periods on consecutive days, while they were manning the barricades to allow farm traffic through. For these periods, during two days in the week before Easter, they recorded about 150 cars. What this number would be for a normal busy summer day, with no road closure signs in place, can only be imagined and only adds to the Lane End traffic problems. Clearly concentration on satnav takes precedence over reading brown road signs.

Thoulstone Wind Turbine

This was discussed again the meeting to decide Corsley PC's approach. Fleur de Rhé Philipe joined us for this item.

No planning application has yet been received for the Thoulstone wind turbine, but Wiltshire have assured us that Corsley PC will be invited to consider this application, along with Chapmanslade, who are most affected, and Upton Scudamore, in whose Parish the turbine is located. When we know that the application has been registered with Wiltshire, we will schedule a single issue meeting to consider our views. This will be a public meeting at which we will seek input from the Village. However, since it is not possible to give advance warning of the date, we will ensure that it is publicised on the Bridge website (www.corsleyandthebirdge.co.uk) and on the village notice boards and through word of mouth.

Any individual immediate views would be welcome.

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

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Our new programme for the year June 2014 to May 2015 is now available from Rosemary Collins or Hilary Vallis. Yearly subscriptions are now due: £5 per family.

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In recent months we have enjoyed open doors to serve in some very special places, including the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah in the Arabian Gulf and Sri Lanka. On route we were granted permission to visit Male, the capital of the Maldives. We have just had a drydock overhaul in Hong Kong. Our future ports of call through May, June and July 2014 will be South Korea and Japan.

*Contributed by Trevor Brain
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- 2** What is the last but one book in the Old Testament?
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Join the proposed wind turbine debate...

A giant that is neither green, no jolly!

Wind Turbine Proposal Part 2

This article is the second in a series addressing the proposal to construct a single 285 feet high wind turbine on Thoulstone Farm at the edge of Chapmanslade (opposite Barbers Plant Centre). Of grave concern, since last month we have discovered, from a Land Registry search, that the developers have acquired two sites (not one) from the current owner of Thoulstone Farm for the erection of two wind turbines.

Last month we reported on how wind turbines are financed almost entirely by complex subsidies which are passed on to customers through higher electricity bills. This is making the landowners huge profits (by 2030 it is estimated the consumer bill for wind subsidies will be £130 billion), while at the same time driving many of the nation's most disadvantaged population into fuel poverty.

This month we look at the claims by the wind power companies that the construction of wind turbines, in some of our most treasured countryside locations, is justified because it reduces carbon generation.

Wind power is not free

The argument in favour of wind power is that wind is free and does not generate carbon emissions. This is misleading as it doesn't take into account all the carbon costs

associated with constructing, transporting and operating wind turbines.

On-shore wind in our area blows efficiently around just 20% of the time. This means that when the wind isn't blowing then turbines stop producing electricity. If we relied totally on wind power the lights would go out! This is obviously unacceptable and therefore an alternative back-up power source is required for the remaining 80% of the time.

This back-up is provided by fossil-fuelled power stations which maintain the consistent energy required by the National Grid. What many people fail to realise is that this back up is running all the time, often at below its most carbon efficient energy levels, in order to step in when the wind drops.

In other words, wind turbines require 100% back-up by conventional fossil fuels. Wind farms cannot be backed up by nuclear plants for technical reasons and therefore, if wind power continues to proliferate, there will be a need for even more fossil fuel power stations.

Eminent academics believe that on-shore wind farms actually produce more carbon emissions than the comparable use of gas fired turbines because of this requirement for conventional back-up capacity. "Wind generation does not provide an escape

route from fossil fuel use, but embeds the need for it. It is clear that wind power does not offer a decent alternative to fossil fuels.”(Why Wind Power is so Expensive: The Global Warming Policy Foundation 2012)

Building wind turbines generates extra carbon

The wind energy industry neglects to advertise the very significant carbon costs of manufacture, transport, and construction of wind turbines. The wind turbine(s) proposed at Thoulstone will be manufactured abroad and transported hundreds of miles by sea and road to Chapmanslade. There is no benefit to our local economy from this process and, nationally, imports such as wind turbines, increase our trade deficit.

The materials used in the manufacture, and the transport costs, generate huge amounts of extra carbon. For example, there is a carbon cost to: the manufacture of the turbine, and transportation to site and construction; upgrading highways for access; soil displacement of hundreds of tons per turbine, as well as massive reinforced concrete foundations for turbine bases, crane pads, sub-stations and access roads; construction of on-site sub-stations; connection to the National Grid; running, maintenance and repair; dismantling (hopefully!) at the end of 25 year life, and disposal and reinstatement of site.

The UK does not require any more on-shore wind turbines

The Renewable Energy Foundation reported on 5th May 2014 that investments in renewable energy which have already received planning approval are sufficient to meet, and may exceed, government targets to 2020.

Any overshoot resulting from approving additional applications would cause a

breach of the Treasury’s “Levy Control Framework” that caps the cost to consumers of subsidising renewable energy. Subsidies were reduced earlier this year, and David Cameron has stated that he will abolish wind farm subsidies if re-elected. Wind farms are not financially viable without subsidies.

Allowing one turbine will set a precedent for more

There is little doubt that if the current proposal proceeds then applications for many more will follow. The developers have already acquired sites for two turbines, and it is common knowledge that wind turbine companies have been approaching farmers to erect wind farms in Corsley and Upton Scudamore.

This is a David and Goliath situation. The wind turbine industry employs a powerful lobby to promote their case. We do know that without subsidies wind turbines would not exist. This is not a wind farming industry, it is a subsidy farming industry enriching big business and land owners at our expense!

We don’t have the financial resources or contacts to compete with the wind turbine industry. This makes it even more important that, as a local community, we make sure that our voice is heard by our elected representatives, and the planners.

Next month, we will explore the harm which wind turbines cause to the natural environment and to the health and well being of those who live in the neighbourhood.

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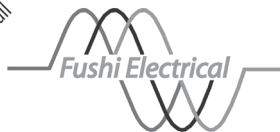
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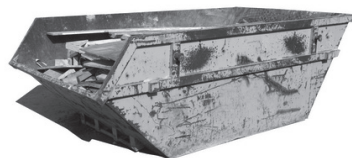
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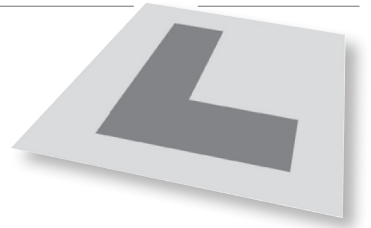
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Does confidence, or showing you are confident help when learning to drive or taking the test ? Well, if one is genuinely competent, then confidence matching that competence is a natural and good thing. But false confidence can be a bad thing. Probably the worst is the young lad brimming with confidence who is totally incompetent. It isn't wise to ask a pupil to "be confident", or "show you are confident", because that sometimes manifests itself in the pupil driving faster than normal on the test in order to show the examiner just how confident they are, and then they fail for approaching danger too fast. The examiners do not worry about nerves – they allow for them: what they are interested in is a person's ability to drive competently. I have at any one time a number of particularly nervous pupils, and I tell them that as they become more competent, so they will become more confident.

It is not uncommon for a pupil to start off fairly slow in progress, but as they get the hang of driving, they realise that they can do it, and quite suddenly their progress climbs far more rapidly than we may have initially thought. Conversely, at times a pupil will start off with amazing progress physically. I tell them to do this and that, and they do it. Car control skills and therefore manoeuvres are no problem. Fine, until we get to the stage where the pupil has to start reading the road and thinking for themselves. So the initially very nervous pupil, can perhaps find themselves taking the test before their over-confident friend who started learning at the same time.

Sometimes a personal lack of self confidence will hold a person back. Sharon was a very accomplished driver. Her ability to read the road and control the car was extremely good. But her upbringing had left her totally lacking in self confidence. She had more lessons than she physically needed in order to pass the test, but she specifically asked for extra lessons so that she could feel totally happy within herself.

Sue had always been told she was useless at everything. In fact, as a driver, she was also very good. But she was racked with so much self doubt that despite knowing what to do at roundabouts, she would always do the opposite to what she knew was correct, because she had a deep-seated belief that whatever she did would be wrong, therefore best to do the opposite. It took a lot of hard work, cajoling, persuading and so on to get her mentally able to take the test.

Phillip was 32 years old, and had been involved in an accident when he was 17. It took him 15 years to gain the confidence to ring and book a driving lesson. Initially he was petrified and we made gentle progress avoiding anything too busy or narrow. Only when he felt he was more in control did he gradually become more relaxed and able to deal with other drivers doing things they shouldn't be doing. He had a young family so getting his licence was a seriously useful achievement for him.

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- Make sure your home looks occupied. Ideally ask a trusted neighbour or a friend to look after it (collecting mail, watering plants, feeding your pets, etc.) Let them have a spare set keys but don't put your name and address on the keys.
- Don't leave curtains closed in the daytime as this shows the house is empty.
- Use automatic timer switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark.
- Cancel any regular deliveries such as newspapers or milk. Make sure the rubbish bin is not left outside for the duration of your holiday.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence from home
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that burglars could hide behind. If possible arrange to get your

grass cut again if it needs cutting before you get home.

- Uncollected mail is a sure sign that you are away. Royal Mail's Keepsafe service will keep your mail for up to two months while you are away.
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with family members or a bank or lock them in a safe.
- Do not put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
- If you normally leave valuable pedal cycles or similar items in your shed, consider putting them inside your house.
- Finally don't forget to lock all external doors and windows. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.

Just before you set off it's worth spending a couple of minutes checking that you've done all you had to do and taken everything you need with you. If you are travelling overseas don't forget your ticket and passport.

Finally for those of you who are going on holiday, don't worry - have a great time and enjoy your break away from home.

Mike Bird
Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator



When someone cries

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

You're with a friend, having a chat. Suddenly, your companion's eyes fill with

tears. They begin to weep. What do you do?

It will depend partly, of course, on how well you know the person and the source of their sadness; on how close you are. But your reaction is likely also to be dictated by your own beliefs about crying and your attitude to your own tears, when they come.

Some people long to embrace a crying person; to comfort them and tell them not to cry. Others stiffen, panicking and horrified by such a display. A few will even leave the room altogether. Still others will begin crying, too. And there are some who will simply sit quietly, witnessing the tears. At most, they will lay a hand on their friend's arm, reassuring them of their continued presence.

For me, these vastly different responses tell us a lot about the person witnessing their friend's distress. The one who seeks to comfort may genuinely wish to nurture but are they also demonstrating their own unconscious desire to be physically close and to have their own inner pain soothed away? Do they tell the other not to cry to prevent their own pain being awoken? Furthermore, being told not to cry might seem like a comfort but it also denies a person the validity of their own feelings; it can easily shut them down as the message they hear is that crying isn't OK.

People horrified by emotional release probably aren't heartless but they do seem alienated from all feelings, their own included. What is it in their history that created feelings so unbearable that they were forced to hide them away and made them unable to tolerate the feelings of others?

And if the companion cries alongside their distressed friend? It could simply be deep empathy or it could be that their own personal unhappiness is so close to the surface that it takes only a small trigger for that pain to be expressed.

The quiet witness might seem rather distant or even voyeuristic but you'll have guessed that this is how I sit with distressed people. I do this because I believe that unhappiness needs to be expressed unhindered. I witness and take seriously their grief and sadness and I don't attempt to stem their emotional outpouring either with words or with physical contact. It's important that the people I see know that I don't need protecting from the emotions that overwhelm them. This may be the first time that a client has experienced this kind of gentle strength and the freedom it can bring to them.

I practise at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley and a first half hour meeting with me is free of charge.

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£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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FOR SALE

Exercise bike – time, speed, distance, pulse and calorie counter – **£40** **01373 832159**

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- 11 Mother Theresa
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