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

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

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

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

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

June

Friday 3rd

Keith Hyett instrumental guitar concert – 7.30 pm,
Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 6th

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

Tuesday 7th

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

Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall
Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - 'Norland Nannies'

Saturday 11th

Queen's Birthday Celebration – from 3 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 12th

Queen's Birthday Party Picnic – 11 am - 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 16th

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

Sunday 26th

Garden Open Day in aid of Dorothy House – 2 -5 pm, Chestnut Cottage, High Street,
Chapmanslade

Thursday 30th

Corsley WI – 9.15 am - Outing to Sudeley Castle

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

July

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 14th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - OPEN Meeting 'Wiltshire Air Ambulance'

Thursday 21st

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - noon, Three Horseshoes
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Diary Dates

August

Tuesday 2nd

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

Saturday 6th

Elizabethan Evening – Ruddigore

Sunday 7th

Chapmanslade Boules & Cream Teas (note change of date!)

Thursday 11th

Corsley WI – 6 for 6.30 pm, Garden Room, The Royal Oak, Corsley - Supper and Meeting
Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Bank Holiday

Monday 29th

Corsley Show

September

Monday 5th

Corsley Festival Choir – 7.15 pm Rehearsals start, St Margaret's Church
Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm,
Chapmanslade Village Hall
Warminster Area Board – 7.00 pm, Warminster
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Saturday 10th

Chapmanslade Beetle Drive

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am -
noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade
Cinema Corsley – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley
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Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

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The external works have been more invasive to the structure than we had hoped and are still to be completed. Once done we will be having a Grand Opening Day which will mark a major turning point in establishing our village pub as a community asset of which we can be really proud. We are aiming for the middle of June so keep a



good lookout for the date, we will be sure to let everyone know.

Come and vote on which beers you would like as a guest beer!

We hope you will come and see us in the near future to help us celebrate the re-opening of our community free house and look forward to seeing you all.

Corsley litter pickers

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

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Bob's bafflers

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- 2 Lambeth Palace is the principal residence of the holder of which post?
- 3 Which chart topping singer came to fame as a member of 'The Partridge Family' in the early 1970s?
- 4 Which knight appears in Shakespeare's Henry IV Parts 1 and 2 and in the Merry Wives of Windsor?
- 5 Which Scottish city is nicknamed 'Auld Reekie'?
- 6 Heathrow Airport is served by which line on the London Underground?
- 7 Which notorious school was created by Ronald Searle?
- 8 Who made a series of famous decorated Easter eggs for Russian Tsar Alexander III?
- 9 What was the name of the otter in Henry Williamson's 1927 novel?
- 10 According to the proverb, where do all roads lead to?
- 11 What is made using the Bessemer process?
- 12 What connects labour Prime Ministers Ramsay MacDonald, Harold Wilson and Gordon Brown with musician Sir Paul McCartney?

Answers on page 52



Corsley Show 2016

Corsley Show Society Membership

Letters will be sent to all 2015/16 and 2014/15 members during June along with application forms for membership for 2016/17 and tickets. Where possible these will be sent by email to reduce costs/ administration and save them being lost!

An application form will also be printed in the July edition of The Bridge or can be downloaded from a website with more information for local residents:

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We do hope that as many local people will join as possible as your support to the Show is very important to its future.

*Marion Moldon
(Membership)*

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"It's horrifying"

"I had no idea that this involved toxic chemicals, I thought it was just high-pressure water"

"I did not know that they could drill under your land without your permission"

"How would this affect the value of our property?"

These are just a few of the comments that we received after the film shown about Fracking on 19th April in Chapmanslade. The film 'Groundswell Rising' is about ordinary people effected by fracking in America. The Fracking has caused many health implications for children, adults and animals. Environmental destruction, noise and light pollution and water contamination.

Fracking threatens our local democracy rights. As communities who love our villages and our countryside we need to educate ourselves and unite. Our Parish Councils and our County Councils have an important voice and a vital role to play.

We are forming a local group of concerned residents to create local solidarity and action. If you would just like more information at this stage, or to be a part of this group then please contact Jotipal 07774 553227, Lavinia 07973 742226

Missed the film showing?

Come and borrow a copy from Jotipal or Lavinia. 'Groundswell Rising' and 'The Truth behind the Dash for Gas' are also available for sale from Jotipal

Online information can be found at
frack-off.org.uk

On Facebook there are many local groups reporting from their areas across the UK including our own 'Keep Wiltshire Frack Free' and 'Frack Free Somerset'.

"It shows how ordinary people can do something if they get together"



Biology: changing the world

Can we avert the Antibiotic Apocalypse?

I wrote about antibiotics and the problem of increased resistance to antibiotics in my first article in *The Bridge* in March last year, and indicated some of the things we can do individually to address the problem.

I make no apology for returning to this topic. It is a serious problem. In future, a small cut, giving rise to sepsis ('blood poisoning'), could become untreatable and fatal. Some people refer to it as the Antibiotic Apocalypse. The Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies, has likened it to terrorism in its impact and global scale.

On 19 May 2016, a Commission set up by the Prime Minister to report on Antimicrobial Resistance issued its final report "Tackling Drug Resistance Globally", which is available online at <http://bit.ly/1ToZXcw>. This indicated actions that need to be taken nationally and internationally to address the problem.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) covers not just antibiotics (which only work on bacteria) but also antivirals, antifungals and antiparasitics. Resistance to these other drugs is also of great concern. The Commission, chaired by Lord O'Neill, recommended ten actions. Without going into detail, these include increasing global public awareness, improving hygiene,

reducing unnecessary antimicrobial use, improving diagnostics to target antimicrobials more effectively, and

developing alternative therapies, including vaccination. The last new class of antibiotics was developed in the 1980s, so they recommend better funding for non-

commercial research on antimicrobials, and incentives for companies to develop new drugs. They also identified the need for a global coalition to provide real action on AMR – via the United Nations and G20 countries.

The cost of these measures is huge – roughly US\$40 billion over 10 years. However, this is less than 1/1000 of current healthcare spending in the G20 countries and is small compared to the cost of inaction to the global economy, which is estimated to be US\$100 trillion by 2050, with over 10 million deaths from currently curable infections.

This year the Microbiology Society is working with schools, universities and the public to look for new antibiotics in soil organisms. The project is called Antibiotics Unearthed,



and is mainly aimed at raising awareness of the problem; but there is a chance that a new antibiotic will be found. If you wish to join in this search, let me know.

Meanwhile, we can each help reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

- Do not expect your doctor always to prescribe an antibiotic or other antimicrobial
- Always complete a course of treatment even if you feel better
- Do not share your antimicrobials with others
- Do not self-prescribe in countries where you can openly buy antimicrobials.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to nigelpbrown48@gmail.com

The buzz from the Bee Hive



Welcome to the news feature from the 'Bee Hive' – Busy Bees Pre-School, Chapmanslade

We are very pleased to welcome Sammie Lewis to Busy Bees: she has taken on the Deputy Manager role and we wish her every success in her new post. We were very pleased that the Team have undertaken BLAST training (Boosting Language Auditory Skills and Talking) and have been praised by a visiting Speech Therapist for their work with the children in this area. In order to reinforce the strong links between Busy Bees and Chapmanslade School I was delighted to be accepted as a Governor of the school.

The children enjoyed their Easter Egg hunt and a special thanks goes to our Easter Bunny (Kelly) who enthusiastically hopped about despite the weather! Our space seeds arrived and they have been carefully planted by the children. We have been given two batches of seeds - red and blue. One batch has germinated more quickly and already has their second leaves so whether or not they are the space ones remains to be seen. Our qualified on-site horticulturalist (Anne)



is recording and measuring growth with the children. We would like to thank Lee of Barbers Plant Centre (see photo) for kindly donating the seed trays and compost to help with our experiment. Chapmanslade School are also involved in this project and it will be interesting to compare notes with them. Unfortunately we do not have a knitted Tim Peake as they do!

We had a wonderful pet week recently when lots of the children's pets came to visit the pre-school. We had dogs, chickens, tortoises and snakes - the best behaved was the tortoise so we have offered him a place but he has declined to take this up on the basis that it would take him too long to get to us! We have been involving the children in discussing their ideas for topics so we will be having a beach week when we will be making sand castles and using the paddling pool. Now that the warmer weather is here it will be great for the children to play in the garden without the need for rainwear!

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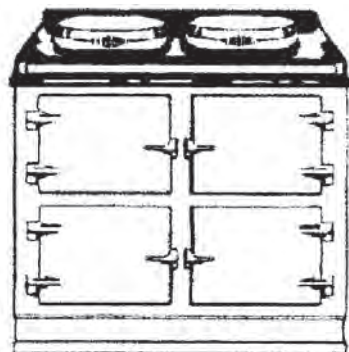


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

May is the month for the annual Parish Council (PC) meeting whose main statutory purpose is to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year, the last before PC elections in 2017.

The meeting also included an update from Wiltshire on the progress of the new Bay Tree Close social housing, one planning application and updates on other regular issues.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

There was one nomination for each of these two offices, myself and Judith Helliard respectively. We were both elected unanimously for 2016/17. Other PC duties were allocated and are listed at the end of this article.

Planning application

One planning application had been received:

16/03777/FUL

High House Farm. Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of mobile accommodation for agricultural workers.

This application is for a single storey 'log cabin' style building, for up to four workers, to be sited in the field south east of the main farm buildings, adjacent to the main drive. The application arises from the expansion of the business over recent times to 1,050 livestock and about 1,000 acres. Accommodation previously occupied by the farm workers has been taken over by a second herdsman and family and the new

building is an economical solution to the resultant additional accommodations needs.

The plans evoked discussion about the specific location selected, particularly its prominence, potential foul sewage disposal issues and its take up of prime agricultural land. It transpired that the location had been selected after consultation with Longleat Estate, the High House landlord, as the best balance between the required function and its influence on the general setting of the estate.

The conclusions were that the:

- need had been demonstrated in the application.
- building style and placement was sympathetic to the site and the topography of the field, though it was thought surprising that a less obtrusive, but equally functional location could not have been identified on a 1000 acre farm.
- any issues associated with services would be properly addressed by Wiltshire through their normal assessment and regulatory procedures.

The application was supported, with one recorded objection over concerns about sewage disposal, but with a proviso that the site be shielded by suitable boundary plantation.

Bay Tree Close

The meeting was attended by Andrew Mead, a Wiltshire Commissioning Officer for New Housing, who gave a brief on the developing plans for the new Bay Tree Close social housing and particularly the concerns previously articulated to Wiltshire by the PC on pedestrian access to and from the bus stops on the “triangle” and other amenities on Corsley Heath.

The project is now at the point where the details of the scheme are being designed – drainage, layout, heating sources, visual impact and ecological studies. Progress is slightly behind schedule, but a planning application is anticipated within the next two months, with the plan being essentially unchanged from that displayed at the drop-in event last December. Discussion centred on two issues, drainage and access.

The current plans include a self contained sewage disposal system, with an extensive area to the east of the new development designated as a soakaway for the treatment plant. The area devoted to this need, and the “quarantined” area around it, was sufficiently large to disallow any further meaningful development of the site if any future housing need arose. To the PC this seemed to be a poor solution and very inefficient use of land when two other fairly obvious solutions existed. It is believed that modern self contained disposal systems exist which discharge fresh water of a standard fit to be discharged into natural water courses without the need for a soakaway. Such a discharge could be taken from Bay Tree across the A362 and down into Redford Water, which flows along the Derfford valley, eventually into Rodden Brook. Alternatively, there is already a sewage treatment plant serving Birchwood Close, adjacent to Bay Tree, which reportedly has spare capacity. Either of these two solutions would avoid

unnecessary consumption of prime building land.

PC concerns over pedestrian access had been taken onboard by Wiltshire, but a fully acceptable final solution had not yet been developed. The possibility of enacting and using an existing easement covenant for a right of way from the northern boundary of Bay Tree to Birchwood had been assessed, but this had now been precluded by Wiltshire after legal advice. An alternative had been offered to Wiltshire for them to create a new public footpath connection from Bay Tree to the public right of way crossing the Show field, giving access to the Heath and all its facilities. This solution had the great merit that it would allow any Bay Tree children access to the playing field without having to cross the A362 and a connection could either be made from the northern Bay Tree site boundary or adjacent to the western end of the Red Cottages.

Wiltshire Highways had offered to create two new bus stops at the Bay Tree site entrance, thus solving one of the major PC safety concerns, that of Bay Tree pedestrians heading east by bus having to make two A362 road crossings to reach the existing bus stop. West bound passengers would still have to cross the A362, using the small island at the entrance to Bay Tree. Discussion focussed on the safety of this proposal in light of the current 40 mph speed limit area of Corsley Heath, the nature of the A362 traffic, visibility at the Bay Tree entrance and the lack of any satisfactory refuge when crossing the road and waiting for a west-bound bus. It was felt, quite strongly, that there was justification for re-consideration of the case for a 30 mph limit through Corsley Heath, thus potentially opening the possibility of zebra crossings, as part of the overall package of measures for provide appropriate levels of safety at the

proposed new bus stops.

The discussions concluded with Wiltshire agreeing to:

- re-consider the sewage disposal solutions against the two better options discussed
- provide details of the bus stop proposals to meet the safety concerns
- consider the ideas tabled for footpath pedestrian access
- make a case for re-assessment of the 40 mph speed limit through Corsley Heath

The PC would also make its own representations about the speed limit through Corsley Heath.

Streetscene

The major issue discussed was the junction between Sturford Lane and the A362, where a resident had recently experienced a near miss when using this junction. Visibility to the east is restricted by a large public road sign, the bus-stop building and the vegetation on the roadside, plus, at the time, a Bath & West Show advert. Following the proper process and classification of the need for action as an “emergency” maintenance, the bank was cut within a day or two of the incident and the major impediment thus removed. The next steps are for Simon to tackle Highways with a view to better placement of the sign and for the PC to consider whether or not a bus shelter is needed of if a better, less obtrusive type could be installed.

Broadband

The long awaited meeting with BT Openreach to hear the outcome of the additional work to look at extending the high speed broadband in Corsley took place on 19th May between myself Hugh Deed and Neil Carpenter for Corsley, and Matt Lloyd the BT Open Reach project manager for the Corsley broadband upgrade. He confirmed

the plans to fit a fibre link to a new box to be located at the southern end of Deep Lane, which will then provide much improved broadband speeds to Corsley Heath and limited parts of Corsley south of the A362 in the Temple area. The installation is planned to be up and running by late Summer, with no specific dates promised, but we were assured that those who will be able to benefit from the new service will be informed directly when it is available .

The rest of Corsley, not supplied by the “copper” infrastructure serving Corsley Heath and Temple, will see little or no change to their broadband service since improvement in these areas is deemed not to be cost-effective within the government’s goals for superfast roll-out. These areas have been re-examined using BT’s standard modelling techniques to determine the capability improvements achievable by several options and their associated costs, but it should be emphasised that such costs are outside the government funded programme and would have to be borne by so called Community funding schemes, under current policy.

The options modelled covered the areas of Corsley from St Margaret’s Church up Deep Lane to the already new box and also from the same starting point through Lyes Green and Court Lane, to Lane End and then down Geys Hill to Norton Common and along Dertford to Whitbourne. The results, both in terms of a full analysis of potential broadband speeds and the associated costs, have started to show some of the trade-offs possible, but are currently incomplete and require more work before a proper analysis can be made and details exposed publicly.

The intention is to meet again in about three weeks and then make a decision on how best to present the results and options to the Village.

Old School Playing Field (OSPF)

The mowing season is upon us and the PC is putting together a volunteer mowing rota to keep the grass under control, using the War Memorial Playing Field magnificent mowing machine, thanks to the generosity of their Committee and Neil Carpenter. Anyone who fancies joining the rota, please let me know.

Casual Vacancy

As reported last month, following the retirement of Mike Bird, the due legal period of notice to allow Parishioners to petition for a bye election has passed and the PC now is now able to co-opt a new member to fill the vacancy. There is a formal notice in this edition of The Bridge inviting candidates to come forward. Any queries contact either myself or John Willcox, 832171.

Longleat, Glastonbury 2018 and Elton John

We hope to have Bob Montgomery, Longleat CEO, along to our next PC meeting (see below for dates) to brief us on these two events. Households in the Village should have received a notice from Longleat about the Elton John concert by the time of publication.

Dates of next meetings

Quarterly Meeting	6th June
Quarterly Meeting	5th September
Quarterly Meeting	5th December

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

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Corsley Parish Council 2016 - 2017

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Gill Parkinson	Corsley Reading Rooms, Rights of Way
John White	Thynne Trust (Trustee), Corsley Parochial Charities (Trustee)

Officers

John Willcox	Clerk, Financial and legal officer
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Road Closure

Temple, Corsley, from its junction with Longhedge to its junction with A362. For patching work, surface dressing and road markings. The alternative route will be via Longhedge/Whitbourne Springs – A362 and vice versa. It is anticipated that the closure will be required for two days – **30th June and 1st July** between the hours of **7 am and 6 pm**.



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Dear Friends,

I have just been for a walk with Alfie and oh my goodness how beautiful everything is! The limey green of the trees and the verges dripping with new grass and burgeoning cow parsley. The skylarks' (as in several of them) singing way up beyond sight, the fresh new crops just beginning to whisper in the breeze. And holding all this fecundity, the chalk downs, ancient, majestic, beyond time. Old as the sea they go way back to a time when the earth was formed and they will still be here centuries after we are gone; just thinking about makes me feel very small and makes the things I worry about seem very trivial. As is often the case when confronted by such awe inspiring beauty I turn to poetry to voice what I cannot, like that of Gerard Manley Hopkins who sees the natural world as shot through with the divine:

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil/Crushed.

Whether you subscribe to the notion of God or not I think at some point or another all of us experience that sense of smallness, of being part of something much bigger than ourselves, an old French prayer sees it this way: O lord, your ocean is so great and my boat is so small. Reflecting on the 15th century Indian mystic and poet Kabir's work Roger Housden writes: 'This making love with the divine, this plunging into truth, requires what human love does – a falling away of your defenses, a recognition of your vulnerability, a willingness to acknowledge that you are on the wave of an ocean far bigger than you are. Yet in the same moment that you cry 'yes!' to the immensity of life, you share its power and beauty. You are both everything and nothing. This is the great ocean that Kabir is urging you to experience, the ocean of Life that bore you into existence in the first place.' What a profound description of transcendence, of that sense of the 'other' that often takes our breath away. To turn to Hopkins once again:

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Next time I write the crops will be taller, the grass higher; nothing ever stays the same, such is the nature of life. The earth will continue to turn, the seasons will roll on and we will go about our daily lives, let's hope that now and again we take time to reflect on our place in it all.

Love and Prayers

Pauline

June Church Diary

Sunday 5th June: Second Sunday after Trinity

8 am at St Mary the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP H Communion

9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

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



Tuesday 7th June

After Alpha Home Group – 7.30 pm at The Anchorage

Details from Richard on 832594



Sunday 12th June: Third Sunday after Trinity

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

10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

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



Monday 13th June

Time to Think Home Group – 10.30 am

Details from Phil on 832845



Thursday 16th June

Church & Community Coffee Morning

10 am to 12 noon at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



Sunday 19th June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship



Tuesday 21st June

After Alpha Home Group – 7.30 pm, 129d Forest Walk

Details from Richard on 832594

Sunday 26th : Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

10.30 am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Patronal Festival

10.30 am at Salisbury Cathedral: Ordination Service for Gay Maynard from our
Benefice

Monday 27th June
Time to Think Home Group – 10.30 am
Details from Phil on 832845



Sunday 3rd July: Thomas the Apostle
8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP H Communion
9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Songs of Praise

Welcome, Congratulations and Farewells

We congratulate Toby Greenwood and Camilla Baylis who were married on 21st May at St John the Baptist, Horningsham; and congratulations to Jeff and Victoria Cobb whose wedding blessing also took place on 21st May at St John the Baptist, Horningsham.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bridget Parfitt whose funeral was held on 20th May at St John the Baptist, Horningsham.

Deanery Synod

The Heytesbury Deanery is hosting a series of events this year focusing on Prayer
Deanery Synod 14th June 6.45 pm for 7 pm start, at St Peter and St Paul's church Heytesbury

As part of our response to Bishop Nicholas focus on Renewing Hope and his call to us to Pray, Serve and Grow we are focusing on prayer in our deanery meetings this year. We are very pleased to invite you to join us for an evening with Bishop Nicholas exploring the relationship between art and prayer. This is an open meeting and everyone is invited to what promises to be a very informative and inspirational evening.

For further information please contact Phil Jefferson on 01373 832845

Deanery Pilgrimage on Saturday June 25th in the Upper Wylve Valley

The Upper Wylve Valley Team have devised a 13.5 mile pilgrimage through the valley from Codford to Heytesbury praying in all ten of the churches of the team. It will be a chance to pray, to socialise, to contemplate in silence and to walk in thankfulness through this beautiful landscape. We have walked like this before and it is not expected that everyone will walk the whole distance. The timings are available on our website and in the churches so if you would like to join us for a walk of any length, from half a mile to the full journey then please do; you would be most welcome.

Please do be aware that there will be times of silence and times for personal reflection and prayer as well as fellowship and hospitality. Bring your drawing pads, your cameras, your journals and your intention to encounter God.

You are also very welcome to bring your dogs although unfortunately a lot of the paths are through farmland so they will need to be on a lead.

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Fundraising

At our Easter Sunday service we gave away £10 notes to the congregation to take away and use in our 2016 Talents Challenge. Participants will come back to the Harvest services and we shall reap the reward of their efforts and raise a significant amount for church funds. Examples from previous challenges are jam making, cake making, a Bridge afternoon, car cleaning, gardening and general help around the house. How will you GROW your Talents to help raise funds for the church and have fun at the same time? If you want to participate in our Talents challenge please contact Keith Muston.

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Corsley WI May News

Our Vice President Jean White took the meeting and welcomed over 20 members and five guests to our meeting. The main business was to discuss the Resolutions being put forward at our National AGM in Brighton in June when our President Carol Seward will be a voting delegate.

The first resolution was ably proposed by Pauline Scott. *'We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimers Disease and Dementia who have been admitted to hospital'.*

There was much discussion on this subject with Pauline giving us personal knowledge (gleaned from being involved with Friends of Warminster Hospital) of our local hospital care of these type of patients, which was very re-assuring.

It was suggested that our delegate should vote for the resolution, but could use her discretion if there were any amendments to it. Judith Helliar then put forward the second resolution. *'The WI call upon all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste – to pass surplus food on to charities, helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK'.*

Some of the figures presented, regarding food poverty in households, were astonishing:

- 18% of people in the UK have suffered from food poverty
- 21% of households with children have suffered from some form of food poverty
- 200,000 tonnes of edible food is thrown away by the retail sector annually.
- The Trussell Trust and Fareshare works to intercept food waste and direct it either directly or via other charities across the UK, helping to feed 17.7 million vulnerable people annually.

The motion was carried.

The second part of the meeting was a complete change. Andy Minto representing the Warminster Waitrose store gave a workshop demonstration on Prosecco and non-alcoholic drinks along with English and French cheeses and chocolates to taste.

The meeting was enjoyed by all who attended. Jean reminded us that our next meeting is 'Norland Nannies' on Thursday 9th of June 7.30 pm at the Corsley Reading Room. Anyone interested is very welcome to join us.

Our annual away-day is a coach trip to Sudley Castle on Thursday 30th of June – family and friends are most welcome to join us.

Please phone Carol Seward 01373 832446 if you would like further information.

Judith Helliar

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

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



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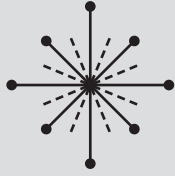

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Corsley Tennis Club News

On Sunday 15th May Corsley Tennis Club held an American Tennis Tournament. After some hard fought games played by the 20 contestants, Margo Judd emerged as winner of the blue group with Michael Clarke as runner up and Wendy Bartlett a creditable third on her competitive debut.

The red group resulted in a dead heat between Brenda Levitt and Sue Bruce with Marlene Latchem a gallant third. The event

was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was particularly pleasing to welcome to see some of our new members participating and getting to know other members.

Thanks are due to Sonia Glenn for devising such a successful event and to Diana Hale for her assistance on the day.

*Marlene Latchem
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Get your garden ready for the summer

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With summer bedding blooming and hanging baskets on display, dead-heading is essential to keeping your plants healthy. Dead-head your bedding/baskets once or twice a week to ensure your lovely plants continue to flower.

If you have roses, keep checking for signs of black spot. Spotting diseases early and treating them quickly should prevent your beautiful plants dying.

Make sure you tie your tall perennials back to prevent them from drooping or flopping over. Although a zip tie would work, it will restrict the plant as it continues to grow. Instead, consider using an old stocking or similar. Stretchy ties flex as the plants grow and won't harm your plant.

Sweet peas are now blooming – to make sure you get the best out of them, keep cutting the flowers for your home, this will encourage them to generate lots more flowers. If you leave the flowers on the plants it will 'go to seed' and you won't get anywhere near as many flowers.

Be sure to cover any brassicas, like cabbages, with a net or even make a scarecrow to stop any pigeons enjoying your delicious veg and wrecking all your hard work and efforts.

If you are growing vegetables, keep an eye out for the best of your crops – before you

know it, it'll be time for the Corsley Show and you'll be able to enter them in the Horticultural and Crafts competition to bag all those prizes!

With the weather starting to warm up, mulching is key to a luscious, easy to keep garden. Mulching will suppress any weeds and hold moisture in the ground for your plants to enjoy.

If you have a greenhouse make sure you keep it well ventilated throughout the day. The temperature inside an unventilated greenhouse can soar even on a partly sunny day. Seedlings in particular may begin to wilt.

Don't forget to water your plants! Watering in the evening is most beneficial as it's less likely to just evaporate – plants also adapt their metabolism to make sugars during the hours of darkness.

If you have a pond you may be seeing some green algae – possibly in the form of blanket weed, string or hair algae. Although you could buy a treatment to get rid of the problem, you could introduce a natural solution called Daphnia, more commonly known as water flea. Daphnia love algae and will multiply, feed off your algae and continue to live and thrive.

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Corsley Reading Room

Licence

In recent years when events have been held at which alcohol has been sold the organiser has had to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TENs) to the Licensing Authority. In the last 12 months the number of such licences that the committee has applied for has increased significantly, in part due to the successful Moviola (film) evenings (which we plan to resume from September 2016). Therefore, it is now more economic, as well as less administration, to apply to vary our existing licence to include the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment. This approach is taken by many other village halls and allows for more flexibility and potentially better use of the hall. The committee will still have the discretion to require hirers to apply for a separate TENs.

The committee is required to formally notify local residents of this application. This notice will be displayed outside the Reading Room and also appears on page 37 of this edition of The Bridge.

Blackouts

No, not a reference to WW II, we are investing in blackout curtains in the main hall which will allow an extension to the Moviola season and also allow use of the hall for other day time events/functions which require a darkened room, typically to project images/presentations. The plan is to have these installed by September at latest.

Books

We are overwhelmed by a growing collection of books generously given but not being taken in the numbers required to stay in balance! We need to reduce the number

of books and then control the numbers with the limited space we have. Please do NOT bring any more books to the reading room for the present.

Please do buy the books at Coffee morning (7th June) and also at a special sale on **Saturday 11th June from 2-4 pm**. The majority of those books left after 11th June will be disposed of and we will then be open to receive books again. In future it is proposed that all books will be dated on arrival and subject to disposal after two months so we limit the number and space taken.

Kitchen

We are planning some upgrades to the kitchen and have applied for a grant to support this work. The main work involves the installation of a fixed (and hence much safer) boiler in place of the urns and hopefully the installation of a commercial dishwasher to make clearing up after events a much less onerous task.

General maintenance

Some roof leaks have been repaired and the electrics checked and assessed. At the time of writing we are also looking for someone to maintain the grounds on a voluntary or paid basis. If you are interested then please contact 01373 832897.

Website and bookings

If you want to check the facilities at the reading Room and what is available, or want to check if the place is already booked then please use the website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk this will answer most questions and you can apply to book

online as well, or ring Gill Parkinson if preferred on 01373 832322.

Telephone Box

Corsley Reading Room is taking ownership of this and Colin Aylesbury has kindly volunteered to spruce it up now the weather has improved. So it should soon look as good as new, but without a phone!

Hugh Deed

Chairman, Corsley Reading Room Committee

Corsley Memorial Playing Field

We are now definitely into summer having had a few days of good weather and the first two cricket matches at the field. We are also having to mow the field every few days to keep on top of the grass length. Having worked hard over the winter to put in the new veranda and our super new flagpole we are very excited about the coming months' activities.

We have once again managed to secure the 'Fun in the Sun' free sports activities from Wiltshire for children under 12. These proved very popular during the school summer holidays last year. We also have a full programme of cricket and tennis fixtures.

For those of you who use the field regularly, you will see that the grass is being left long around the edge of the field. This is to act as a wildlife corridor. We also have lots of bug boxes and bee tubes up for mason bees to use for their eggs.

The field is a dog-free area: children can pick up a number of diseases from dog mess. There have been a number of incidents of unsocial behaviour by children cycling on the cricket square and causing needless vandalism. Thank you to those people who stepped in and asked that those involved to behave differently.

Licensing Act 2003

The Reading Room Management Committee are applying to vary the Premises Licence for the Corsley Reading Room, Corsley Heath, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7PR.

The licence, if granted, is to enable the following activities to take place:

- Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises/sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises/provision of late night refreshment.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Section, Public Protection Services, Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER.

Representation may be made up to 28 days from the date of this notice.

A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is kept by the Licensing Section, Public Protection Services, Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER.

The application can be viewed by prior appointment.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Dated: 1st June 2016

Note: See Reading Room article (left) for more details and an explanation of why the Reading Room Committee is applying for this licence.

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in May

The parish council met once, on 12th May. This was our Annual General Meeting. Ten members of the public were present.

The council's officers for the next twelve months were appointed. Our four-year term as parish councillors ends next May.

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Fracking

Jotipal Kaur, a Chapmanslade resident, gave a short presentation on fracking, in which she spoke with passion about the effect she feels the process has on the environment and our health and quality of life. As you will probably know, the Government has granted licences to a company called UK Methane to explore for coal bed methane in our part of the world. We agreed that we knew little about the process or its implications and that we needed to find out more, especially if fracking becomes a real possibility in Chapmanslade. We therefore agreed to raise awareness of the case for and against fracking in order to gain an understanding of the viewpoint of the village. We will investigate the issue further so please watch out for further details. Jotipal has posted a page on the village website which you may find useful.

Planning Applications

16/02522/FUL Reversion of The Retreat/82 High Street, from a single to two dwellings with associated car parking. Erection of carport and pool building.

The owner has submitted a revised planning application, which will be considered at our next meeting.

16/01065/FUL Thoulstone Golf Club. Erection of a two-storey office building with associated access, parking and landscaping and change of use of the land.

The parish council had lodged strong objections to this application and on 17th May Wiltshire Council announced its decision to refuse it. The grounds for the refusal, which are largely in line with our objections, are as follows:-

- 1 The proposed development would be located outside the defined limits of development in the open countryside where development is strictly controlled to prevent unsustainable development and to protect the character of the countryside, in a location that has limited access to services or public transport and where users of the development would be reliant upon the private motor vehicle, and as such would increase the need to travel in this unsustainable location. The proposed development is therefore contrary to guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and policies CP1, CP2, CP31 and CP60 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.
- 2 The proposed development by virtue of its bulk, height, design and layout, would have a harmful impact on the character and appearance of the rural landscape, introducing a large office building into the open countryside, resulting in a development that does not respond positively to the existing landscape. The proposal would therefore conflict with policies CP51 and CP57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 3 The proposed development is not considered essential to the wider strategic interest of the economic development

of Wiltshire and no sequential test has been undertaken by the applicant in support of their scheme and therefore the development could undermine the delivery of strategic employment allocations.

The proposed development is therefore contrary to CP34 the Wiltshire Core Strategy and guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Village plan

We agreed that this is an appropriate time to consider working on a village plan. It is nearly fifteen years since Chapcap, which brought many benefits to the village, and there is general agreement that we need to have a good look at our village, its strengths and its weaknesses and to put down on paper what we need to do to make Chapmanslade an even better place to live. Watch out for further information on how we intend to proceed.

Annual audit return and end of year balance

Minnie House, our clerk, reported on the end of year balances with £4,173.75 in the current account and £3,290.18 in the deposit account. She reported that the internal audit had been completed by Tim Humphreys and was cleared for the external audit. Tim was thanked for doing this for us. The Annual Governance Statement Section 1 15/16 was considered by the council and completed. The Annual Accounting statement Section 2 15/16 was considered by the council and approved.

The following payments were considered and unanimously agreed:

Community First Trading – Insurance cover – £150.78

Earl Haig Fund – Poppy Wreath – £120

Corsley and Chapmanslade PCC – Grass Cutting – £120

The Chapmanslade Village Hall Committee,
donation towards upkeep – £3,250

The Bridge magazine – £120

Information Commission – £35.

Highways

A few updates:- The village name sign at the Frome end of the village has yet to be replaced by Somerset County Council: we will continue to press for this to be done. We have repeated our concern that the A3098 throughout the village is in need of resurfacing. We are waiting to learn whether our MP is having any success in persuading Wiltshire Council that we need a 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village.

Some residents, and their visitors, continue to park their cars on our pavements and are therefore breaking the law by causing an obstruction. One resident recently discovered that penalty points had been added to his licence as a consequence. So, please take note. Also, please make sure that everyone respects the request that there should be no parking in the areas of the High Street marked with white lines. They are there for everyone's safety.

Community speedwatch

The speedwatch volunteers conducted several sessions last month. In one session, on a Friday morning, eight drivers were reported for speeding: seven of the vehicles were white vans! We are still looking for more volunteers to join the team to help make our village a safer place. Four of our team expect that they will be moving from the village in the near future so we really do need some new members if we are going to be able to have a positive effect on speeding. An hour or two once a month is all that you need offer: training is given by the police and they provide all the necessary equipment. With a larger team we could perhaps conduct some sessions at weekends

or earlier in the morning or later in the evening than is currently possible, especially in the summer months. Please contact Phil Holihead if you are interested.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II birthday celebrations

Please do come and join us at the village hall from 3 pm until midnight on Saturday 11th June to help us celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The village hall committee promise that this will be THE event of the year in Chapmanslade and, as the flyer you have all received shows, all kinds of activities are planned – for the young and for those of us who are a little older. The committee is looking for volunteers to help run some of the events, so if you can spare just half an hour please contact Roy Coleman on 07949 593883 or at r.coleman@btinternet.com

Community support

Phil Holihead reported that he is continuing to look at small, localised groups to support each other at times of emergencies.

James dredge community project

A community project which involves the school, the church, the history group and Barbers Farm reaches a climax on 27th June when the Bishop of Ramsbury will dedicate a planter designed by children from the school and made, in part, from some of James Dredge's Victoria Bridge in Bath, which was constructed in 1830.

Emergency services

I mentioned last month that an ambulance was not available when a 999 call was made from the village and the patient's husband had to drive her himself to the RUH. With the consent of the resident concerned we have now lodged an official complaint with the ambulance service and we will let you know the result in due course.

And finally (1)... bluebells

A village resident has been in touch with me about the threat to our native bluebells and has asked me to share his concern with you. He writes: - "We have once again recently been enjoying the stunning display of bluebells in Black Dog Woods. Many of us consider ourselves lucky to have this beautiful woodland on our doorstep. The partially-sighted can still enjoy the lovely perfume enchanting the wood.

Some may be aware that, sadly, our native bluebells are under threat. The threat is not particularly the picking, or even uprooting of these iconic wildflowers but is to be found in our own gardens.

The Spanish bluebell, a taller, fleshier and paler garden version is known to hybridise with our native species through normal pollination by bees. The resulting hybrid is fertile and can hybridise further. The genetic changes lead to a loss of the wonderful perfume and a reduction in the intense blue colour of the bluebell population in our woodlands. The problem is particularly serious in woodlands which are close to, just a bee flight away, gardens with Spanish bluebells. Already there are signs of hybrids appearing on the south side of Black Dog Woods, nearest to Chapmanslade.

We all love our gardens and flowers and it is all too easy to buy bluebells sold as native by unknowing or even unscrupulous suppliers. In our gardens we have such a huge choice of plants, so we should consider uprooting any bluebells which are suspect and replacing them with alternatives that we can equally enjoy. The test is that if your garden bluebells have no perfume, they are non-native. Surely we have a responsibility to those who will follow us to protect our bluebell woods from this non-native invasion."

www.plantlife.org.uk/uploads/documents/Blubells-for-Britain-report.pdf

And finally (2)... litter

Did you know that, at a time when Wiltshire Council is closing public conveniences, children's centres and drastically reducing its subsidies for rural bus services, it also has to spend £2.5m on picking up litter each year? Wiltshire Council has asked us to emphasise the point that considerable savings could be made if we were all a bit better on being litter conscious and encouraging those around us not to drop litter.

Our next scheduled parish council meeting is due to be held on Thursday 9th June. As the school is currently unavailable in the evenings we will meet at the village hall. Do come along to the meeting if you can, to speak or maybe just to listen.

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Christmas Market

**Saturday 19th November
Corsley Reading Room**

The Corsley Reading Room Committee would like to hear from anyone interested in taking a stall at this year's Christmas Market. There's loads of time to get making/crafting lovely things to sell – wooden toys, crafted candles, Christmas cards, funky jewellery – whatever you fancy selling!

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The Exchange

The place for swapping home-grown fruit, vegetables, books and magazines

A year on we have given 'The Exchange' (the former telephone box on Geys Hill) a clean and tidy up and it is now ready and open for the new growing season.

Just as a reminder, the concept is a reusable village swapping station for fruit, vegetables, books and magazines.

People can leave their excess or unwanted fruit and vegetables in 'The Exchange' for others to help themselves. At the same time they will be able to help themselves to different fruit and vegetables that others have left. The swapping concept is based on people's trust and values.

Last year 'The Exchange' hosted a wide variety of items that the village left to exchange varying from beetroot, courgettes, apples, rhubarb, marrows, eggs to more unusual items such as artichoke plants and a tent! It was also used as a good advertising location for the annual production by the Elizabethan Society, the Corsley Show and various community events.

This year 'exchanging' has already begun with the very lovely donation of young tomato plants from Mr and Mrs Chapman. A very kind gesture to start the ball rolling for 2016.

Most people seem to have grasped the principles of exchanging goods ie if you leave goods in 'The Exchange' you need feel no guilt for taking an alternative item

that takes your fancy. So, for example, if you deposit a couple of courgettes, feel free to take a few tomatoes (or whatever is on offer).




Unfortunately, 'The Exchange' has been subject to a little abuse over the past 12 months with some people emptying the telephone box of all of its contents and leaving nothing, and others vandalising the exterior. Not really what was envisaged of such a fun and honest community facility. However, we have 'bounced back' and restocked, repainted and cleaned and will not be beaten!

So, all that's left to be said is... 'get exchanging'!

Alice Helliar and Rob White

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Recently we held an open evening for parents to see what goes on at the Nest. Parents learnt about the interactive white board that we use for teaching and learning and the importance of play whilst

learning. We were delighted that over 20 families were able to join us for this informative evening .

We are looking forward to a visit from Zoolab in June. Zoo lab is a hands-on animal handling experience, so some of us are looking forward(?) to handling and learning about frogs, snakes and a few furrier animals!

We will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday on Saturday 11th June from 12-2pm with a traditional tea party. Come along wearing red white and blue – tiaras and crowns are the order of the day!

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10 am - 11.30 am

For more information, please contact us on 01373 832298

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Corsley Parish Council

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

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- Do you care about planning, the streetscene, local assets, helping local organisations, footpaths and many other local issues?

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'And God said, "Let us make man in our image" (Gen 1:26)

Where are you?

This is the first question God asked in the Bible (Genesis 3:9). When God created the world and our first parents, He made them very good. They were designed to "glorify God" and "enjoy Him for ever" (Shorter Catechism). But we don't go far into the Bible to discover what went wrong. In Genesis chapter 3 we read about the "Fall" of man, when he was tempted by Satan to doubt, disbelieve and finally disobey God's word. Adam and Eve disobeyed and became separated from their loving Creator, sin entered the world and the consequence of sin was death, both spiritual and physical. One effect of that sinful nature is still inherited today; we're naturally "me-centred". The middle letter of the word "SIN" is "I".

But God doesn't want to leave us in that state. Just as He came to Adam and Eve, so He comes to each of us with the same question: "Where are you?": not your physical location – He knows that – but where are you spiritually? Are you still separated from Him by sin and heading for an eternity where you will be separated from Him for ever? He doesn't want that; He's made a way back to Him. As an old chorus says:

*There's a way back to God from the dark
paths of sin
There's a door that is open and you may
go in
At Calvary's cross is where you begin
When you come as a sinner to Jesus.*

The Bible tells us God so loved this world and the people in it "that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Will you come to Him, asking for His forgiveness and turn from living independently from God, believing in the death of His Son who died for your sins and rose again from the dead on the third day? He is so willing to receive you.

*John Hobson
Visiting preacher to Whitbourne Chapel*

Summertime is here again!

Summertime is here again!
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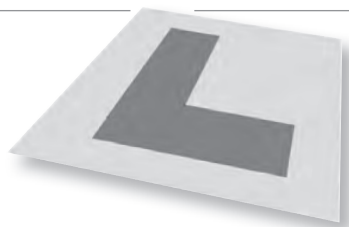


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Tales from the passenger seat



Teaching pupils who are not in their teens or early twenties can still present an interesting array of experiences...

I recall John, who had been driving for twenty years but had lost his licence. There was no problem with his control of the car, nor his judgement, but he displayed far too many bad habits that his experience allowed him to get away with, but it was all 'skin of the teeth' reactive driving. I had to tell him that although he had more control with one thumb than many pupils might with two hands on the wheel, he had to play the game and demonstrate some good habits, including using his signals, not narrowly avoiding things by swerving at the last minute, not pulling out in front of things and then having to violently accelerate and not pushing on too fast towards narrow situations so that he could get there first, etc.

I also had a gentleman who liked to drive down the middle of every road because it allowed him more swerving room, and he would only swerve back to his own side of the road if he spotted an oncoming vehicle. The additional problem was that he would also do this towards blind right hand bends.

Then there was the rather interesting lady who had been going out additionally with her husband, and was pleased to tell me that she had solved the problem of an annoying noise on her car by increasing the volume of the radio. This was the same lady who I had to continually tell her to slow

down in 30mph zones. She made many protestations, and when pressed, explained that she was indeed only doing an average speed of 30mph.

I asked to explain how, since she was often desperate to do 40mph in 30mph zones. Her explanation was that at other times, her speed would drop to 20mph, therefore if she made up for it by doing 40mph when she could, her average speed would only be 30mph... It took a fair bit of explaining to convince her that this was not good practice.

Later on she informed me that she had suffered an irritating warning light bulb that had suddenly lit up on her dashboard, which particularly annoyed her at night, and that this had been resolved by removing it.

A more mature gentleman I taught liked to habitually hold onto the handbrake whilst driving along, because it gave him something to grip onto and he felt it helped his balance...

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Spring has finally sprung in the countryside!

On the farm the maize was drilled at the end of April in a hail storm but the shoots have come out of the ground in just ten days and are already growing fast in these excellent growing conditions. After a cold April, the last few weeks' high temperatures and regular rainfall has resulted in the grass growing at exceptional rates.

The first silage cuts have been taken and are now safely in the silage pits ready for winter feed. The cut fields have had an application of slurry and inorganic fertilizer to put nutrients back into the soil for more grass to grow and for further cuts of grass silage and hay.

The low temperatures in April resulted in lower grass growth rates than normal. This meant that some of the cows had to remain housed in the cow sheds at night and the youngstock and calves have been indoors for nearly a month longer than usual. In the last few weeks we have been able to turn all of the stock out into the fields and all seem to be enjoying the grass and fresh air!

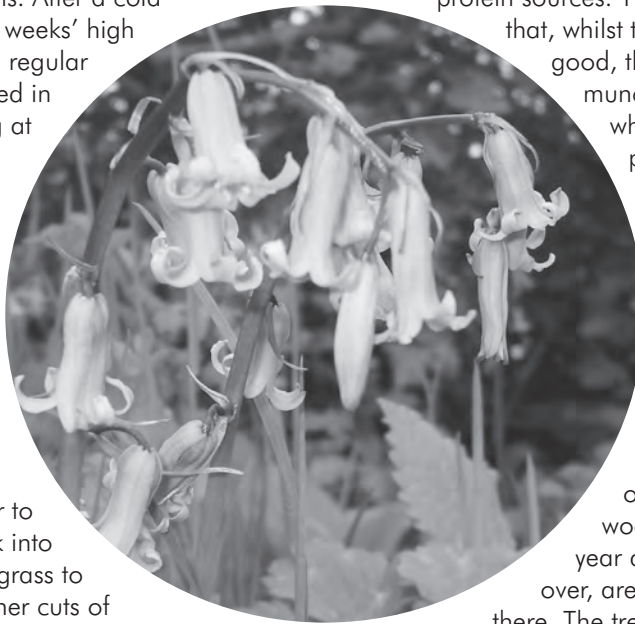
The good weather, allowing the cows to be outside eating protein-filled fresh grass from the fields, is reducing the need for food inputs such as silage and other bought-in

protein sources. The best bit being that, whilst the weather stays good, the cows happily munch the grass, which means milk production is good.

If the weather changes milk production usually drops a little.

The bluebells formed a beautiful perfumed blanket of purple in the woods once again this year and, whilst nearly over, are still hanging on in there. The trees are out in leaf with their young lime-coloured leaves slowly maturing into deeper greens.

Swifts and swallows are back with us again looking out for their traditional nesting areas. Sadly, though, no sound of the cuckoo as of 18th May!



David Helliar
Dairy Farmer

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All therapists are not the same

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

Picture a therapist. What do you see? Someone listening

intently, nodding every now and then and asking you how you feel but not saying much more? Of course, counsellors pretty much all do these things but there is a whole variety of other activity that we might choose to engage in as well. Some do stick to the person-centred approach of saying very little and simply being with the client as they work through the issues. And this is very effective indeed for some people.

Personally, I'm a mix and matcher. I will sit quietly and simply listen without judgement, using my empathy to understand how it is for the client I'm with. But you're also quite likely to find me speaking at some point in the session, often much more extensively than you might expect. If you've struggled with something (relationship difficulties, let's say) for a very long time, chances are you really don't know why - or possibly even that - you're repeating the same pattern over and over again. If I hear in what you're telling me evidence of such a pattern, I'll tell you. I'll let you know what I heard you say (which allows me to check that I've understood accurately) and then I'll explain my take on it and maybe offer a little counselling theory as well. Perhaps I'd suggest that your relationships don't work as you'd like them to because you repeatedly choose the wrong type of person, someone who treats you badly, for example. We might explore what you feel compels you to do this and we might then look at if and why part of you feels (usually subconsciously) you deserve

to be treated badly. And then I might offer a hypothesis based on your life story, my professional experience and on the theories I use to underpin my work. I might suggest a gap in your sense of self-worth which very often begins in childhood when a child isn't prized for simply being who they are (this is the theory part).

I've said before (many times) that counsellors don't give advice - and I stand by that - but sometimes an explanation of theory and how it might apply to a client can be immensely helpful. I'm offering information which I hope will be helpful by promoting a fuller understanding of what's going on. The person I'm offering it to is under no obligation to accept what I suggest if it doesn't 'fit' for them. Often, though, people find it quite comforting that what they experience is echoed by others and that there is a recognisable pattern to their distress.

And there are other therapeutic tools I offer as well as talking such as working with objects as symbols, drawing, writing and paying close attention to the body's responses to feelings and situations. Each therapist will have their own style of working and will offer some or none of these options. Some will offer other methods as well. The important thing is that you choose a therapist that's right for you.

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