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June 2019

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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

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**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

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**Deadline for articles  
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issue of The Bridge is  
4pm 19th June**

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

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## June

### Monday 3rd

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

### Tuesday 4th

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

### Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm. Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Saturday 8th

Macmillan Open Garden and Coffee Morning – 10.30 to 2.30pm, Chestnut Cottage,  
Chapmanslade (top of Lodge Hill)

Chapmanslade Explorer Trail 11 am to 4 pm

### Thursday 20th

Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

‘No-dig gardening’ with Charles Dowding – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 22nd

Family Fun and Games Day – 11 am to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### Sunday 23rd

Corsley Wildflower Meadow - summer jobs – 10 am to 12 noon, at the Old School Playing Field

### Saturday 29th

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers – 4 pm, meet at the Three Horseshoes

## July

### Tuesday 2nd

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

### Thursday 4th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Sunday 7th

Chapmanslade Barbecue

### Sunday 14th

Corsley Wildflower Meadow - summer jobs – 10 am to 12 noon, at the Old School Playing Field



# Diary Dates

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## **Thursday 18th**

Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

## **Tuesday 30th July to Thursday 1st August**

Children's 3-Day Tennis Camp– 10 am to 3 pm (see page 23 for details)

## **Wednesday 31st**

Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers – 7 pm, meet at the Three Horseshoes

## **August**

### **Thursday 1st**

Fun in the Sun – free activity programme for 5 to 11 year-olds, 3 to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### **Saturday 3rd**

The Elizabethan Evening presents 'Pride and Prejudice' performed by the Chapterhouse Theatre Company

### **Tuesday 6th**

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

### **Thursday 8th**

Fun in the Sun – free activity programme for 5 to 11 year-olds, 3 to 4.30 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### **Sunday 11th**

Chapmanslade Cream Teas

### **Thursday 15th**

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### **Thursday 22nd**

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### **Thursday 29th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall (to be confirmed)

## **September**

### **Monday 2nd**

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

# Lite Bites

## ‘end of season’ report

Now the summer months are here (hopefully to stay) our soup lunches have finished until the autumn. Since September last year we have raised a wonderful £1390 which has been donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Help for Heroes, the Royal British Legion, the Children’s Society, the Warminster Food Bank, Warminster Street Pastors, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Christian Aid Cyclone Idai Appeal.

Our Wednesday lunches have been very well attended with record numbers – and a need for more tables – at our final one in April. A very big ‘thank you’ to all those who came and donated so generously. I would like to add my special thanks to our soup-making team of Di Britten, Dot Robertson, Laura Gates and John Helliard. I am sure all those who attended would agree there was always an interesting variety of delicious soups from which to choose.

We shall be back in September on the fourth Wednesday of the month (25th) Please put the date in your diary now. We look forward to seeing many old faces and some new ones too!

*Maureen Willcox*

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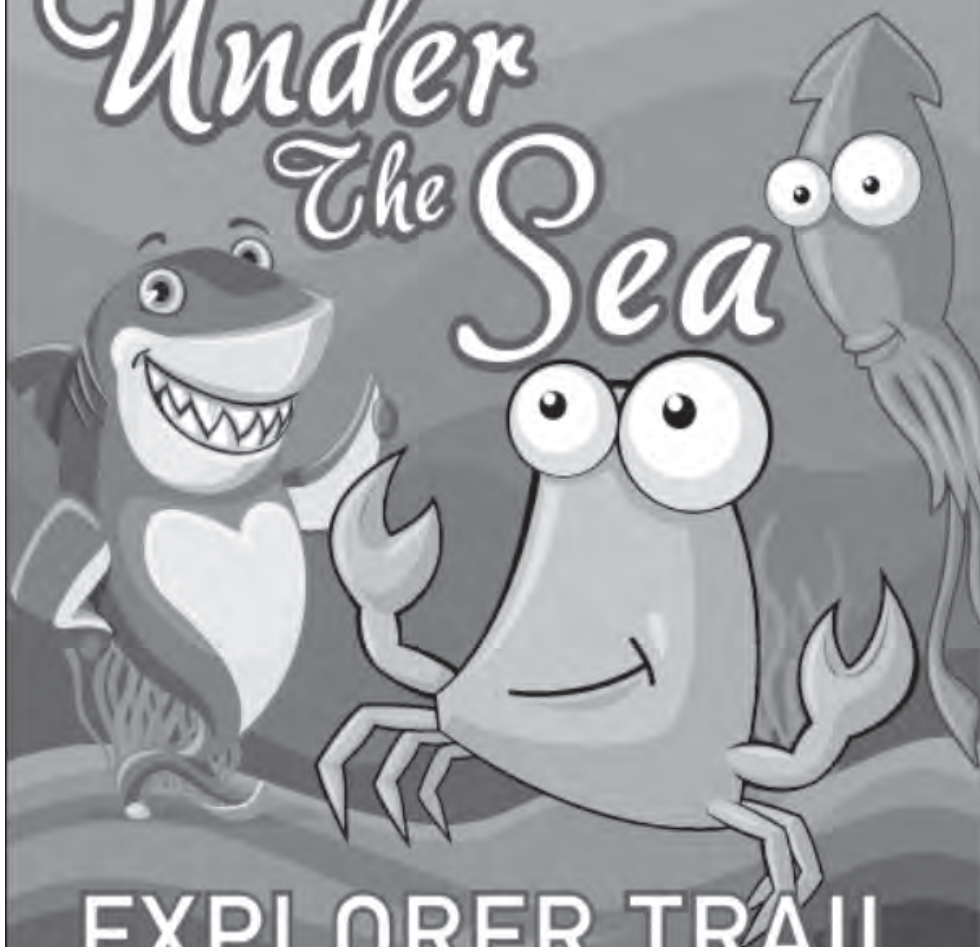
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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Ermine is the winter coat of which animal?
- 2 Which country's name translates as land of silver?
- 3 How many sides has a heptagon?
- 4 Gingivitis is an inflammation of what part of the body?
- 5 Pogonophobia is the fear of what?
- 6 Which film ends with the line "Tomorrow is another day"?
- 7 La Giaconda is better known as what?
- 8 To which dog was a statue erected in Edinburgh?
- 9 What does WD stand for in WD 40?
- 10 Which crumbly cream coloured cheese takes its name from a valley in North Yorkshire?
- 11 Whose catchphrase was "Oooh you are awful but I like you"?
- 12 In which Italian hill town was Leonardo Da Vinci born in 1452?

*Answers on page 52*

## Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers

The Chapmanslade Chicken Chasers had another enjoyable walk in May with fine warm weather. The Chasers started by heading along Wood Lane and down through Black Dog woods, seeing the last of the bluebells as the ferns and new vegetation push on through. The merry band strolled on past the village hall, heading left at Chap 2 observing the super new sign, and picking up two walkers who were keen to avoid the cows at Heath House Farm. A right past the alpacas took the path downhill to Spring Farm and onto Mill lane, past the rectory and a right at the fork past Water Farm. The group took a left at the top of the hill heading back towards Dye House Farm and finishing up at the pub. The walk was filled with chatter, and was interspersed with the odd stop to rest and admire the views.

Our next walk will be on **Saturday 29th June at 4 pm**,  
followed by a summer's evening walk on **Wednesday 31st July, at 7 pm**.

We'll be meeting as usual at the **Three Horseshoes** for a walk of around three miles.

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### **Family Sleepover - One fair evening in the summer holidays -**

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### **Fun in the Sun**

**FREE activity programme for 5-11 year olds**

**1, 8, 15 and 22 August, Thursdays, 3 - 4.30pm**

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**Any questions?**

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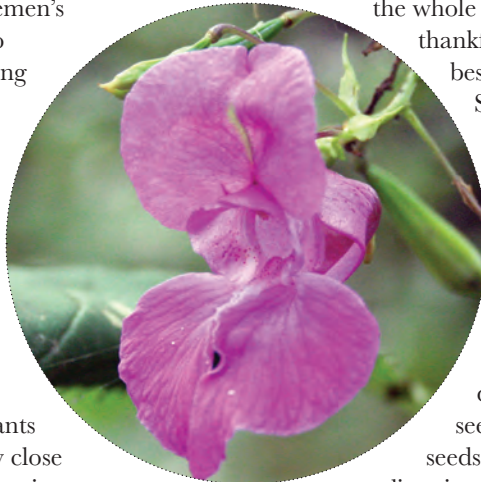
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## Biology: changing the world

# Policemen's Helmets: an unwelcome intruder?

June, July and August see the blossoming of the white/pink/lilac flowers of Himalayan Balsam along river banks where we often follow our favourite walks. But how has it become so prolific and why should we regard it as unwelcome?

Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) is considered to be the tallest annual plant in the UK (up to three metres) but is a non-native alien species introduced by the Victorians for its pretty pink bell-like flowers, prompting its common name, “Policemen’s helmets”. It is attractive to pollinating insects, including honey bees, which select it in preference to native vegetation for its abundant supply of nectar. Without any natural enemies, Himalayan Balsam plants can rapidly colonise vast swathes of riverbanks and countryside, where the plants grow vigorously, especially close to water courses, out-competing native species. The plants then die back over winter to leave river banks bare and susceptible to erosion. Dead material can fall into the water, blocking channels and causing flooding. Small mammals (especially water voles) are vulnerable to predation through lack of cover and reduced food sources. Once these problem plants gain a hold on river banks and wetlands they take over, spreading



at astonishing speed and upset nature’s balance.

Whilst herbicides are effective, they cannot be used indiscriminately, particularly close to water courses. Pulling the plant up, including the whole root system (which is, thankfully, very shallow) is the best method of control.

Strimming can be used in open areas without major obstacles, but return visits are needed to discourage re-growth. Several hundred seeds are produced by each Himalayan Balsam plant, which are distributed by “exploding” seed pods, showering the seeds for several metres in all directions! So, it is very important not to leave any Himalayan Balsam plants in the cleared area.

In mid-to-late June the plants are easily identified when in flower. They should be pulled up from as near to the ground as possible and the roots teased out. If the shoot is lying horizontally it must be traced back to where it is anchored, as several side roots may have developed along its length and each can

generate new offshoots. Snap the shoot below the lowest node and again at intervals along its length then hang to dry on a fence, in bramble patches, on low lying branches, or in the crook of a tree trunk. Stalks should never be thrown on footpaths (they become very slippery) or scattered in the area to be cleared as this only impedes any follow-up effort to clear surviving individual plants. If a large number of stalks has been gathered, it is better to make a heap which can be trampled on to hasten the composting process. If Himalayan Balsam plants have produced seed pods, these should be carefully removed and put into polythene bags for correct disposal later.

Himalayan Balsam plants tend to proliferate in undisturbed patches of brambles and in waterlogged areas. Care is therefore required

and the work should never be undertaken alone or without protective clothing. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are strategically controlling Himalayan Balsam along the county's watercourses and you can get involved by joining one of the volunteer "Balsam Bashing" work parties.

**Contact [water@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:water@wiltshirewildlife.org)  
or 01380 736066**

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## Corsley Wildflower Meadow

We are planning some mornings this summer to carry out a few tasks at the meadow and to invite people to come along and see what we're doing:

- **Sunday 23rd June 10 am to 12 noon**
- **Sunday 14 July 10 am to 12 noon**
- **August and September dates TBC**

If you'd like to come and maybe lend a hand we'd be delighted to see you. Email [chrismajo@btinternet.com](mailto:chrismajo@btinternet.com) for details.

This is a Community Project to convert an old school playing field into a wildflower meadow, which we hope will attract bees and butterflies and provide a haven for other wildlife as well as becoming an attractive area for local people to enjoy.

## Campanology News

Great News! I understand that our bells should be refitted sometime this month and in order that those who want to see this happening and get an idea of the bells we ring, once I know the dates involved, I will put a notice in the Church notice board outside the church, the parish notice boards and the village and Bridge websites.

We have been very fortunate to get a grant awarded by the Warminster Area Board and also receive several donations from villagers so that we are nearly in a position to pay the additional monies the new headstocks have cost. Thank you so much one and all.

Once the bells are fully operational there will be a special rededication service and we will also arrange some special ringing in celebration. I will keep everyone informed of what is happening once more details are known.

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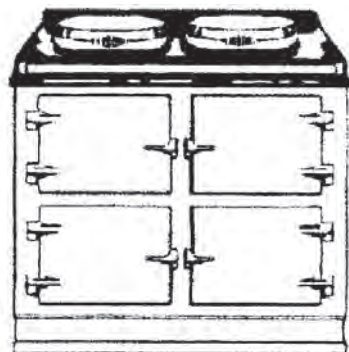


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## Corsley Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in May

May is the month of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM), very much a PC meeting and not to be confused with the Annual Parish Meeting, held in March, which is totally a Parish Meeting (run by the PC – clear as mud !!) The main purpose of the APCM is to fulfil the legal duty of election of a Chair person for the Year, and also a Vice Chair. It is always the first business of the APCM and the rest of the agenda was the usual mix of planning applications and reports and decisions arising from on-going topics and these are summarised below.

You may have noticed that there were local elections in parts of the country recently, but not in Corsley. Our last one was in 2017 and so we are not due another until 2021. That may seem a long way off, but it is never too early to give it some thought if you have an ambition to get elected yourself. I'm sure that there are many out there who have been frustrated at some time or other over what the PC does, or doesn't do, and would relish the opportunity to make things happen. Corsley has not had a competitive election for over twenty years and only one of the present incumbents was elected in a contested event. At least two of the present Councillors will be retiring in 2021, including myself, and I would encourage anybody who is interested to get in touch, or if you know of someone who you think might be so minded. The balance of sexes is very lop-sided at the moment (too few women) and it would be good for this to be remedied this in 2021.

## Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Initially, there were no nominations for the Chair. Vice Chair for 2018/19, Mike Butler, was unable to commit because of new and very heavy work commitments over the next year. The existing Chair had made clear in May 2018, and subsequently, that he would not accept a nomination in 2019, having already served as for 6 years.

This situation had been anticipated and advice had been sought from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). If the legal requirement of election of a Chair was not possible, then NALC described the ensuing situation as "tricky". If the PC wished to continue, the only alternative suggested was for the PC to elect a Chairman at each meeting, with significant attendant disadvantages.

To avoid this highly undesirable eventuality, the current Chair reluctantly agreed to accept a nomination for the Chair for one more year, only on the proviso that there was a greater sharing of duties amongst the members of the PC (see also below). Mike Butler agreed to remain as Vice Chair.

## Parish Council responsibilities

Neil Britten	Chair
Mike Butler	Vice Chair
John Fairgrieve	Without portfolio (six month RAF posting overseas)
Olly Hares	Liaison with Memorial Playing Field; OSPF maintenance, Corsley Show, development

Judith Helliar Liaison with Corsley and  
Chapmanslade PCC,  
Little Cuckoos, PC Member  
Corsley Parochial Charities

Simon Jasper Steetscene  
Steve Meyer Planning  
Gill Parkinson Footpaths, Corsley Reading  
Room and OSPF Flower Meadow/  
Orchard liaison

John White Thynne Trust and Corsley  
Parochial Charities PC member

John Willcox Parish Clerk, PC  
administration, finance and  
budgeting, legal matters.

## Planning Applications

### 19/03721/FUL

*Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn into three residential dwellings, including demolition of remaining barns to form gardens and paddocks at Sturford Mead Farm, Corsley.*

The application proposes that the redundant pig sheds be converted to three 4 bedroom single storey dwellings on the same footprint as the existing buildings and the same height. The existing walls and foundations would be retained and all redundant farm buildings on the site would be demolished and the area converted to paddocks, one for each dwelling house. A bund would be constructed between the houses and the A361 to dampen road noise

Following considerable discussion it was agreed that the PC would object to this application and that the following comments would be made:

The applicant had provided insufficient evidence that potential commercial development of the site, which could be acceptable to the village, had been fully explored and that the case for residential development was thus not properly justified.

If the application evidence was accepted by Wiltshire, then the PC would object to the nature of the proposed development

because of its inefficient and unattractive use of the land and buildings. There was also concern that the location does not favour residential development because of the lack of safe pedestrian access to the site and other amenities.

### 19/04471/LBC & 19/03857/FUL

*Works to landscape and garden features and building at Corsley House.*

Corsley House is a Grade 2 listed building and the two applications, one for planning approval and the other for listed building consent, used identical paperwork. The application covers a variety of changes which recover previous plans and features which enhance the listing, plus one which introduces a new feature described as “...bringing the landscape into the garden while enhancing the platform of the Regency façade...” (wave field).

The main items are:

- New access to the kitchen garden, in accordance with original 1925 plans
- Additional glass house
- Pergola in the kitchen garden
- Reflection pool in the yew tree garden
- Re-introduction of Edwardian steps in the north garden
- Removal of current driveway and extension of the ha-ha
- Construction of a wave field on the south lawn
- Restoration pruning of yew hedges

The PC unanimously supported the application.

## Streetscene

### Parish Steward

Pete Wood continues as our Parish Steward. His commitment and work rate are excellent and please thank him if you see him. The gullies and ditches have not been in better condition for several years. *(continued...)*

## **Court Lane Drainage**

A meeting took place with residents, the Clerk and Chair. Wiltshire agreed to improve on their original offer and put in a full masonry “nose” at the eastern junction of the main lane and Court Lane to direct water away from houses towards the drains at the lowest point of the main lane 50m east of the junction. They have changed their original position of two years ago on field drainage and will not be pursuing the landowner adjacent to the bridleway, to re-instate the berm he had installed at their request.

## **A362 Metro Count**

This is now in place at Lane End and Corsley Heath/Red Cottages. Lane End is not positioned exactly where requested and further action may be necessary, depending on the results. The bar to qualify for Speedwatch remains the same: 44.1 mph/85% percentile.

## **Sturford Lane**

This is now mostly complete, with just one tree still to be removed opposite the footpath. Longleat have been reminded of this and have promised they will task WTC tree surgeons rather than the Forestry Department, to expedite. A task is in, once again, to remove mud from the centre of the lane. Sturford Mead have very kindly agreed to take the considerable volume of spoil this generates.

## **CATG Corsley Heath Safety**

The topographical survey has now been completed the project awaits presentation of the plan to the CATG from the Senior Traffic Officer. After this, the next steps will be agreement to the plan and costings by the PC.

## **CATG Whitbourne Springs**

Improvements at A362 Junction. The topographical survey is complete with the project now awaiting plan and outline costs to

put to the Parish Council, Longleat and the CATG.

## **Extension of the 30mph speed limit to Deep Lane**

The PC discussed a proposal to consider extension of the 30 mph limit currently in force in Lyes Green to Deep lane on the basis that there was now much increased traffic on that route, mainly customers of Little Cuckoos, at a considerable danger to pedestrians and horse riders. There was uncertainty as to whether the original survey for Lyes Green and the Hollow had also looked at Deep Lane and this would be checked. If it had been rejected after the original exercise there would be a need to assess the new circumstance and present a case to the Highways authority.

## **Bay Tree Close**

The Chair reported on an email received from the Wiltshire regarding the situation with the proposed Bay Tree close development. The text reads:

*“This morning, I have received circa 60 of your supplementary response forms. (I am assuming that our survey had the same response rate, the data is currently being analysed at our Chippenham office, before being sent to me). The supplementary response forms will be delivered to you? These will then need to be analysed by yourselves please.*

*The Corsley site sits within tranche 5, this means the timescale that is being worked towards is January 2020 for planning permission and September 2020 for a start on site. The reason that this development is within our later tranches is because of the requirement for a needs survey, i.e. in some parishes we already know type/tenure of properties to construct and so we can start to progress those designs, and also how the development is to be funded, as some of the developments are part funded by central government, and therefore due to restrictive funding conditions these are delivered relatively early in the programme. Corsley, however is funded by ourselves only.*

*In the meantime I have, however, written to Highways reference the proposed access onto the A362. I received a response on Friday of last week, I will take a look at that response as soon as I can and let you know what they have said."*

The Chair advised that the response to the Housing needs survey had been 20% which he is led to believe is good. The results would be analysed and published in the PC brief in the next edition of The Bridge and on the website. Many thanks to all those who took the trouble to respond.

### **Dates of next meetings**

Quarterly Meeting	3rd June
Quarterly Meeting	2nd September
Quarterly Meeting	2nd December

*Neil Britten*  
Chairman  
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## **Corsley Show Membership**

During June, letters will be sent to all 2018/19 and 2017/18 members with an application form for membership and tickets for 2019/20. To reduce costs, administration and save them from being lost they will be sent by email where possible. An application form will also be printed in the July edition of The Bridge. We plan to introduce a new level of membership with additional "benefits" as an addition to the previous standard membership.

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

*Marion Moldon*  
Membership Secretary

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## Adult coaching and play

Free coaching is available on every second Sunday in the month until September. From 10 am for Club members.

Club sessions take place on Sundays and Tuesdays from 10 am and on Thursday evenings from 5.30 pm.

If you are considering joining the Corsley Tennis Club you can attend club sessions as a visitor for a fee of £2 per session. After

three trial sessions we would like you to consider becoming a member. As a member you may purchase a key to the double court and receive the access codes to the single court and the pavilion. You will also have access to a list of members and their telephone numbers so you can arrange to play.

If you would prefer to have the three trial sessions playing in a 'four' to help you get back into tennis, we can arrange for a group to play an informal game with you. If you come and have a go now you will be raring to go by the time Wimbledon starts on 1st July!

For more information visit  
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*Marlene Latchem  
Publicity Secretary  
01373 832357*

## Church and Community Coffee Mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our church and community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

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# Seven Open Doors

Dear Friends,

Pauline is away for a few weeks, visiting her daughter who lives in New York. So, she invited me to write these 'Rectors Notes' in her absence; as I write Pauline is relaxing and sipping coffee somewhere in Brooklyn!! April was a very busy month for the church, following a time of reflection in Lent with the Easter celebrations, which is one of the high points of the liturgical year. This year our Lent project, separately in the 2 Parishes in Benefice, was to become more engaged with the local community. After much debate on how to reach out but not duplicate other ventures, we organised a tea designed to introduce different parts of the community who do not usually meet. It was very successful with the schools being engaged, in helping in the organisation, with the children designing and producing invitations and posters. A church team produce sandwiches and masses of cake. In the Deverills we had over 40 people, with a mix of members; from the congregation, a contingent from Longbridge House and a number of other residents from the villages. We were also joined by the Archdeaconry Rural Field Officer. It was a lovely event, many thanks to all who participated. At St Margaret's, the Spring Lunch with Friends was also a great success and was much appreciated by guests and volunteers alike.

Following Easter, on 28th April Pauline was formally licensed at a Benefice service held at Longbridge Deverill, as our Rector. This was conducted by the new Bishop of Ramsbury, Andrew Rumsey. She had previously been a Priest-in-Charge, it is a technical difference and no change in what she does but she is now the incumbent and has full responsibility for the Benefice. In a packed church we celebrated this next stage of Pauline's ministry and then had the opportunity to meet the Bishop over tea.

By the time you read this and as we look forward to the Summer, we will have celebrated Rogation Sunday at Corsley's Orchard and Flower Garden on the Old School Field and at Manor Farm in Kingston Deverill. Rogation Sunday is one of the services that mark the agricultural year and is the day when the Church traditionally offers prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food.

With love and prayers

Robert

# June Church Diary

## Sunday 2nd June: Easter 7

8.00 am at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's: Eucharist

4.00 pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Pet Service



## Tuesday 4th June

7.30 pm at 93 Lyes Green: After Alpha Group



## Saturday 8th June

11.00 am – 4.00 pm Chapmanslade Explorer Trail



## Sunday 9th June: Pentecost

9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Communion

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

11.00 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: 1662 BCP Matins



## Monday 10th June

10.30 am at 4 Southcroft Drive

Time to Think



## Sunday 16th June: Trinity Sunday

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

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



## Tuesday 18th June

7.30 pm at The Anchorage: After Alpha Group



## Thursday 20th June

10.00 am at The Three Horseshoes: Community Coffee Morning



**Monday 24th June**  
**10.30 am at 5 Brimhill Rise**  
**Time to Think**



**Sunday 23rd June: Trinity 1. Birth of John The Baptist**  
**9.30 am at St Philip and St James': Eucharist**  
**10.30 am at Horningsham. Eucharist. Patronal Festival**



**Sunday 30th June: Trinity 2**  
**10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge: Benefice Eucharist**



**Sunday 7th July: Trinity 3**  
**8.00 am at St Mary The Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**9.30am at St Margaret's: Eucharist**  
**10.30 am at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Benefice Eucharist**

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## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

We held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the end of April, at which we reviewed the life of our church over the past twelve months. Copies of our Annual reports are available from Phil. All the existing PCC members were re-elected but we still have vacancies for a Deputy Churchwarden at St Margaret's, a Deanery Synod representative and three PCC members. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in helping in this way. We were sorry to have to accept Stella Bayman's resignation from the PCC and the Fundraising Committee. She has done sterling service to the church in these roles for a period of many years. Thank you Stella for all you have achieved. Many thanks, too, to everyone who came along to the meeting and to our hard-working team of PCC members for all they do to support the church.

## **Fundraising**

The winner of April and May's 50/50 Club Draws were Richard Starr and Isobel Lewis. They each received £100.

We held our Spring Coffee Morning on 18th May at Corsley Manor Farm's Barn. It was a hugely successful morning, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and we raised just short of £1,000: a much needed boost for our church funds. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and for being so generous. Thanks, too, to our team of volunteers and to all who donated cakes and plants and a special thanks to Chris and Claire da Costa, who made us all feel so welcome.

Look out for the advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge for Chapmanslade's Explorer Trail, which this year takes place on 8th June. All funds raised will be shared between the church, the school's PTFA, Busy Bees pre-school and Chapmanslade's Voice of the Village initiative.

## Lite Bite Lunches

The monthly Lite Bite lunches at The Reading Room will return in September. These soup lunches provided are free of charge but donations for charity are welcomed. Through the generosity of those attending, donations have been made over the past few months to Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Help The Heroes, The Children's Society, Warminster Foodbank, Warminster Street Pastors, Cystic Fibrosis, and Christian Aid (for Cyclone Idai), in all totalling not far short of £1,000.

## Welcome, Congratulations and Farewell

We congratulate Thomas Brown and Victoria Colman-Holland, who were married at St Margaret's on May 4th and Anthony Hopkins and Claire Jasper, who were married at St Mary's on the same day. It's very rare these days to have two weddings in the parish on one day: our thanks go to Geoff Titt, our organist, for agreeing to do a double shift! We offer the two couples our prayers for long and happy marriages.

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**Corsley WI**

# May news

Alice Helliard rounds up the May meeting and announces some forthcoming events



Before the de-robing (his words not mine) of a mountaineer and hearing of his latest escapade of the three peaks challenge...the serious stuff! The May meeting is the Corsley WI 'Resolutions' meeting when we vote on the issues that the WI will campaign for nationally. This year we have two subjects, rural public transport and smear tests.

We are very lucky to have an hourly bus service that runs through Corsley but some rural communities aren't as fortunate. The WI recognise that rural public transport is important for young and old to keep in touch with family and friends, attend medical appointments, work, education, etc. Unfortunately rural bus services are in decline and government funding is rapidly cutting services, bus passes, etc.

Ironically many years ago the WI campaigned for free and regular smear tests for women, but in recent years the number of those undergoing the test has declined, largely in their late twenties and early thirties. Issues such as embarrassment or pain were identified, but most of these can be overcome if you speak to your doctor/nurse about having a female tester and having pain relief. The end of the day the test is not the best way you could think of spending your time but is quick, relatively painless and does help to prevent cancer.

The Corsley WI voted unanimously to support both of these resolutions at a national level.

## **Now for the de-robing...**

Although it only involved taking a mountaineering jacket off to reveal mountaineering thermals! Nick Benbow (Val's son for those that don't know him) is certainly a man who likes a challenge in life. He's participated all sorts of events from marathons to three legged races (and both combined in a pair of specially adapted trousers that his mother invented) and has raised a huge amount of money for well deserving charities including Parkinson's, guide dogs and hearing dogs.

His latest adventure, undertaken with his sons, was the well known 'Three Peaks Challenge'. This involves climbing the three highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales, and travelling between them in 24 hours. Having walked 22 miles up and down some relatively challenging mountains, driven 475 miles through some challenging traffic, they completed the challenge with 19 minutes to spare and raised over £4,000 for charity.

The Corsley WI monthly competition of the photo of a mountain was won by Annie with Val and Fiona coming second and third. We then retired for tea and homemade cake!

The next meeting is 'First Aid and the St John's Ambulance' which will include a reminder of how to use a defibrillators that we have in the village. The competition is for a 'medicinal herd'. Non- members are very welcome. 7.30pm on Thursday 13th June in the Reading Rooms if you are interested.

There is also a trip to Fussells (our local Rapeseed Oil business) on the evening of Tuesday 9th July to look at the farm, the bottling plant, have a cookery demonstration and a light supper. If anyone is interested please contact me on 07989 339632.

The Corsley WI also have skittles, scrabble, bridge and lunch clubs which are also open to non-members. There are also a variety of county and national trips, workshops and other activities that members can join in with.

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*Alice Helliar*

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# Chapmanslade is buzzing!

Chapmanslade has always been a friendly open village, but now villagers want it to be especially friendly to the bee population which, according to the Soil Association is in danger as bee numbers fall across the world

The Soil Association says there isn't one single cause to blame but there are three significant threats that stand out: pesticides, the Varroa mite and habitat loss. So the good folks of Chapmanslade are doing their bit to create a more bee-friendly environment.

At the beginning of April, Melanie Holihead, Adam Oakley, Charlene Ridler and Neil Miller, ably assisted by Frank Lake who in his time has been an enthusiastic beekeeper, joined forces to start a Village Voice Initiative

arising from the Parish Plan, which has recently been adopted by the Chapmanslade Parish Council. Other villagers are joining the group, who call themselves 'Bee Friendly Chapmanslade' (BFC for short), all the time including Katy Bootcamp, Jaimie Shore, and Ian and Sue Ridley.

The group explore and promote bee friendly practical activities that individuals and the community can do in and around the village. To date this has resulted in a session



*Seed propagation session at the Village Hall. Thanks to Ian and Sue Ridley who provided the seeds*





*Volunteers planting one of five mini-meadows at Chapmanslade Memorial Playing Field*

at the Village Hall planting wild flower seeds in compostable pots for volunteers to cultivate and plant out either at home or alongside one of the village's many footpaths. Also, five wildflower mini-meadows have been planted at the Chapmanslade Memorial Recreation Ground and the group have used the Chapmanslade Village Community Facebook page to disseminate lots of useful information such as 'Reasons NOT to weed' and 'How to build your own bee house'.

"We have so much to learn", said Melanie, "But among the many things we have learned while searching for information on bee protection/encouragement, one thing stands out: the importance of not weeding dandelions. For years many of us have routinely beheaded any dandelions sprouting in our gardens, then prised out the roots, which inevitably regrow with added vigour. We now realise this war on dandelions robs bees and up to 50 other insects of one of their favourite sources of pollen. If you don't want the garden to be covered in dandelions, one answer is to continue to prise up the complete plants, re-site them in their own corner or plant pot, and delay beheading until the flowers are about to die off, i.e. BEFORE

the dandelion-clocks appear and fill the air with seeds."

The BFC group were really pleased to see so many villagers of all ages turn out for their first sowing of wildflower patches on the Memorial Playing Field. Adam Oakley of Oakley Garden & Estate Machinery, Frome, did a great job with one of his machines preparing the ground, removing turf and turning over the scraped-off turf to make a top layer. Everyone had fun raking, clearing stones, sowing, stamping and watering the ground whilst the children watered anyone who didn't move fast enough. The result: five patches of wildflower mini-meadows. The hope is that within a few weeks the village can look forward to the sight of blooms attracting bees.

In the near future the BFC group want to organise a 'Build a Bee House' workshop just like the one made by villagers Summer and Henry Ridler – with a little help from Andy, their dad. After just a few weeks there are

plenty of bees using the facility.

'Bee Friendly Chapmanslade' says "Three cheers" to Barters Plant Centre for supporting the group and for donating pots, carry-trays and potting compost.

Barters Plant Centre have lots of bee friendly plants for sale, so mums and dads please note: if your children are keen to plant

bee-friendly plants, the staff at Barter's Plant Centre are very happy to show them which plants are best for your garden, and tell you how best to look after them.

Look out for more Bee Friendly Chapmanslade events and info on Chapmanslade Village Community Facebook page.

Get in touch using the CONTACT tab on the Chapmanslade Village website at <http://chapmanslade.org.uk>.



## **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Phil Jefferson reports on the Annual General Meeting held on 9th May

Sixteen members of the public attended the meeting, which is not to be confused with the Annual Parish Meeting held in April. In the absence of Keith Muston, our chairman, we agreed that John Lewis, our vice-chairman, should continue as acting chair.

### **Connecting Chapmanslade**

Adam Oakley gave an inspiring presentation informing members of the proposals the “Connecting Chapmanslade” group are developing with the aim of creating safe and sustainable routes to connect the parish with Frome, Warminster and Westbury. These routes would not just be for cyclists but would also be enjoyable for walkers, wheelchairs, pushchairs, mobility vehicles as well as for families and friends for everyone to access and enjoy.

The group aims to commission a feasibility study and to obtain the necessary funding for this. It is seeking support from the Parish Council in moving forward in developing this project further, but is not seeking funding from the Parish Council. Other sources, for example the Warminster Area Board, would be approached.

We congratulated Adam on putting together a fantastic presentation and also on the success of his and Budgie Brewer’s recent cycle ride, which through donations raised a large amount of money for the Village Hall and for Dorothy House.

### **Thoulstone Holiday Lodges**

Adam Gough, from Natural Land, the company which is to build twenty eight holiday lodges at the former Thoulstone Golf Course, gave a report on progress made since planning consent was given last December. We can expect to see construction work beginning fairly soon, once more detailed designs for the housing, drainage designs and the other conditions of the Planning permission have been agreed. The first phase, comprising sixteen lodges and community facilities, is expected to be complete by the summer of 2021. The company is keen to use local trades-people – carpenters, plumbers, electricians for example – in the construction of the lodges and community facilities, which will include a restaurant, farm shop, swimming pool and community room. There will also be a 10 or 12 hole golf club and it is proposed that the wider community will have use of these facilities. Mr Gough hopes to return to the Parish Council within the next two to four months with more detail on progress and he would also like advice on reputable local companies.

Local residents present at the meeting raised questions concerning noise and disruption during the construction period and about the planning condition that access to the site should be upgraded. Mr Gough undertook to consult with them at all times.

## Climate Emergency

In the section of the meeting where residents are able to raise issues, one resident requested the Parish Council to declare a Climate Emergency, as other local councils have done. We suggested that she should raise the matter at the forthcoming Parish Plan meeting and we agreed to consider the issue at a later date.

## Wiltshire Council

Fleur de Rhé Philipe, our Wiltshire councillor, was at the meeting and updated us on various matters. She explained that Wiltshire Council has a balanced budget: no libraries have had to close, with a number being staffed by willing volunteers. Supporting Salisbury following the Novichok incident had been a hugely expensive business. Fleur was questioned about Wiltshire's decision to grant planning consent for an advanced thermal treatment facility located in the Northacre Industrial Park, Westbury, despite a large number of objections being received, and also on her decision to remove her "call in", on a recent controversial planning application in the parish, thereby robbing the parish council and the public of the opportunity to speak on this at the planning meeting. She explained that the decision had been made on officers' and legal advice.

## Speed Indicator Device (SID)

We learned that poles for a second location for the SID, at the Westbury end of the village, are likely to be in position shortly.

## Parish Plan

It was noted that a meeting to discuss the next stage in implementing the Parish Plan would take place in the next few days. The plan will be presented to Wiltshire Council at the next Area Board meeting on 20th June. The Area Board meeting starts at 7 pm, will be held at our village hall, and everyone is invited to attend to offer their support. Adam will also

be present to ask the Board for their support concerning "Connecting Chapmanslade".

## Payments

We agreed to purchase a number of Neighbourhood Watch signs to be placed in Short Street and elsewhere in the village. Other payments agreed were for The Bridge, the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and for a security package for the council's computer.

## Audit and other administrative matters

Minnie House, our Clerk, reported that the internal auditing of the council's accounts has taken place. Documents, such as the Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement, were approved and will be placed on the village website <http://chapmanslade.org.uk>

## Annual Parish Meeting.

We agreed that for next April's Annual Parish Meeting all village organisations will be invited to attend and report on their activities. In this way it is hoped to turn the meeting into a real community event.

## Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 6th June. Our meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm.

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit [www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk](http://www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk)  
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## Crime stats - latest quarterly figures

Wiltshire has seen a drop of three per cent in the number of overall recorded crimes in the county, according to crime statistics published on 25th April 2019.

Between January 2018 and December 2018, Wiltshire Police recorded 42,483 crimes overall – a decrease compared to the previous 12 months.

Burglaries and vehicle crime dropped by 25 per cent and 26 per cent respectively, while thefts from a person dropped by 15 per cent and thefts, in general, went down by 10 per cent.

Angus Macpherson, Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Commissioner, welcomed the latest figures and said they showed Wiltshire was continuing to 'punch well above its weight' for a small, rural force and was working hard to deliver the best service possible within the funding awarded.

He said: *"Overall, Wiltshire is a safe county and I am pleased to see these latest figures really highlight the hard work that is being done by the Force to continually maintain this aspiration for our communities."*

*"We are a small, rural force that is striving to punch above its weight in delivering first-class policing and these figures show that we are continuing to deliver."*

*"Our improved recording practices, which Wiltshire Police has been focusing on 18 months ahead of most other forces, has helped with the accuracy of these figures."*

*"It is heartening to see that burglary and vehicle crime have dropped considerably and this is a result*

*of me challenging the Chief Constable and his team on the improvement on burglary and vehicle crime numbers."*

*"This type of scrutiny is essential to ensure Wiltshire Police continues to deliver for the communities it serves."*

Despite the overall drop, recorded robbery saw an increase of 79 incidents in 2018 compared to 2017 figures (that's a 31 per cent increase), alongside a 25 per cent increase in stalking and harassment.

Angus added: *"The increase in any crime, especially robbery, stalking and harassment, is concerning to me, however I am pleased to see the Force is robustly responding to the concerns that I, and the wider community, have about these crimes."*

*"As a county, the average number of robberies is low compared to other areas of the country and even small increases push the percentages up."*

*"I remain committed to ensuring that victims will be heard and have the confidence to report crime to Wiltshire Police and receive support from their very first call - and throughout the criminal justice process - when they do."*

*"My pledge is to continue to fund a number of victim support services across the county to ensure that this continues to be the case."*

Assistant Chief Constable Craig Holden also welcomed the figures.

He said: *"The reduction in the overall crime figures is really positive news; however we are not complacent and remain focused when it comes to tackling all crimes and offenders."*

*"It is concerning to see a rise in robbery as I know*

*this is an offence that can increase the fear of crime to communities. As a small force with a large rural footprint, robbery offences are generally low.*

*“This means that when there is a small increase in numbers of recorded crimes, the percentage increase can be high, as seen in the statistics. It’s worth noting that these robbery figures returned to normal after just two spikes in February and June 2018.*

*“We have robust methods of scrutiny and compliance to ensure we have accurate recording of*

*crime, including robbery and we believe that this high level of recording accuracy has contributed to the figures for Wiltshire.*

*The introduction of the Community Tasking Teams has been a positive step in targeting priority offenders. They have had a significant impact in reducing burglaries and the same teams are applying a similar focus to robberies, which I believe will support a reduction over the next few months.”*



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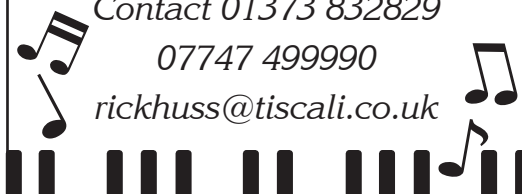
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# Whitbourne Chapel

*'All Scripture is God-breathed - for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...' 2 Tim 3:16*

## Preachers for June

- 2nd Andrew Coxhead  
based at Clink Evangelical Church
- 9th One of Whitbourne's own preachers
- 16th John Hobson  
a regular contributor to this page
- 23rd Richard Wilson  
local deliverer of the 'Good News'
- 30th Trevor Brain  
from Operation Mobilisation (see below)

## Are we nearly THERE yet?!

One of our May preachers was Trevor Brain, from Operation Mobilisation. Trevor updated us on OM's ship, Logos Hope, which is in dry dock at Montevideo, having work done and being painted. Once that's finished, the ship's next stop is Brazil.

Trevor joins me and Richard Wilson at Corsley Show each year and he was keen to talk about that. My first thought was: are we nearly THERE yet?! Yes, we are; Corsley Show is only weeks away!

After the May Service, Trevor asked me to think about Biblical quotes we can use on posters, to decorate the Chapel gazebo on Show Day. My mind went blank! Our inspiration, God's wonderful Bible, is filled with telling phrases, sensible advice, dire warnings and great encouragement for the future, but at that moment, I could think of nothing! By the time Trevor returns to us on 30th June, possible quotes may be needed!

I admire the writings of the Apostle Paul; his literary skill takes my breath away. Hanging in my hall is a board, decorated with words from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 4-8, his marvellous words about love. It begins: Love is patient, love is kind... and ends with: Love never fails. Those last three words would be my personal choice for a poster.

What Bible verse springs to your mind? Will it be one that decorates our gazebo on August Bank Holiday Monday? Are we nearly THERE yet?!

## Women and girls in the New Testament (part two)

- 9 A doorkeeper *Acts 12 13*
- 10 The woman who greeted the infant Jesus in the Temple *Luke 2.36*
- 11 She told her husband to have nothing to do with "that just man" *Matt.27.19*
- 12 The wife of Herod's steward *Luke 8.3*
- 13 Who persuaded her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist? *Matt.14.8*
- 14 Who was Timothy's mother? *2 Tim. 1.5*
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## Sunday 30th June – Pub Quiz

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# Countryside Matters

If the oak is out before the ash, we shall surely have a splash  
If the ash is out before the oak, we shall surely have a soak

This year the oak is definitely in leaf before the ash, so we'll have to wait to see if the old saying will come true; gardeners and farmers will soon be concerned about the lack of rainfall over the last few months. Thankfully, we humans have little control over our weather, so save water where you can and enjoy the sunshine when it's here.

Sadly, ash die-back, a chronic fungal disease first seen in the UK in 2006 will, over just a few years, slowly kill up to 95% of our native ash trees, decimating our hedgerows and woodlands.

Now for the good news! The cuckoo was heard in Corsley on 19th April. We suspected that it may have been just flying through, but from mid May I have heard it numerous times in the early evening. I understand from an early riser in Chapmanslade that a cuckoo has been heard calling in the early morning, I wonder if it could be the same bird?

Although they arrived much later than usual, the house martins, swifts and swallows are now busy building nests in their usual haunts in and around the farm buildings. To think, these little birds have flown thousands of miles since we saw them late last summer, and have returned to their birthplace here in the UK.

Now that all the cattle are grazing outside night and day, it's only the milking cows return to the farmyard for their twice-daily milking routine.

Grass that has been allowed to grow to maturity will be mowed and allowed to dry for at around two or three days. After turning the grass and drying it in the sunshine, the bailing equipment and sledge will gather the hay bales in groups for ease of picking them up and loading them onto a trailer. Success depends on the weather – especially for hay which needs at least four or five days of dry, hot weather and will normally only be cropped once a year; silage can be made almost every six weeks between April and October.

Good hay is always in high demand by horse owners, but the problem of ragwort growing so freely on verges, in gardens and in pony paddocks, is causing concern in the equine world: dried ragwort can be a killer. It is easily removed and is best destroyed by burning – saving much heartache to pony and horse owners.

Do try to visit an agricultural show or farm open day this summer, you will be amazed to see how fascinating they are to those interested in the countryside – especially seeing how your food is produced.

*Judith Helliar*

## Corsley Reading Room

## Your 'village hall'

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

There may be some tickets left for the 'No Dig Gardening' talk on 20th June (7 for 7.30 pm), check for availability at Acres Supply.

The next Coffee Morning is Tuesday 4th June – it's a great way to meet other villagers and catch up on the gossip! All welcome.

If you are using the hall then please be aware that the coin meter for the kitchen/sockets is a bit fussy about the £1 coins used and how they are inserted. They will go in, so just keep trying and push them 'up' as well as in! In the meantime, we are investigating a solution and, if necessary, a possible replacement meter.

**Teaser for October event!**

Saturday 5th October will see a professionally run Murder Mystery Evening at the Reading Room. Numbers will be limited and a full meal is part of the evening. You might want to pencil in the date in your diary now. More details will be published in future editions of The Bridge i.e. when bookings will open, cost, etc., though much of the event will remain a mystery!

*Hugh Deed, Chairman of Management Committee*

*Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk 01373 832897*

**No Dig Gardening****Charles Dowding****Thursday 20th June, 7 for 7.30pm****Corsley Reading Room**

Charles, a regular on BBC Gardeners' World, will give an illustrated, 80-minute talk on how to have healthy soil and enjoy easier harvests by using the no-dig method, followed by questions and answers.

Bar will be open.

**Committee**

The current committee, along with myself, is Gill Parkinson, Clare Firman-Ford, Jackie Jasper, Vanessa Hyde, Jenny Rutty and David Carruthers. We would welcome additional members – please let any of us know if you are interested.

Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss. See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk)

**Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee**

Coffee Morning: *First Tuesday of the month  
10 am - 12 noon*  
IT Classes/Club: *Wednesday 5th June 10 am*  
Cinema Corsley: *resumes 19th September*

**Regular events run by other organisations**

Lite Bites Lunches: *resumes in the autumn*  
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## Answers to Bob's Bafflers

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| 1 | Stoat   | literally, “the jocund one”, a pun on the feminine form of Lisa’s married name)   |
| 2 | Argentina   |   |
| 3 | Seven   | 8 Greyfriars Bobby, a Skye Terrier in 19th century Edinburgh who spent fourteen years guarding the grave of his owner until he himself died |
| 4 | It’s a non-destructive disease of the gums  | 9 Water Displacement  |
| 5 | Beards  | 10 Wensleydale  |
| 6 | Gone with the wind  | 11 Dick Emery   |
| 7 | Mona Lisa. (The model was thought to be Lisa del Giocondo. The Italian name for the painting, La Gioconda, means “jocund” (“happy” or “jovial”) or, | 12 Leonardo was born out of wedlock to a peasant woman Caterina in Vinci  |

## Local organisation adverts

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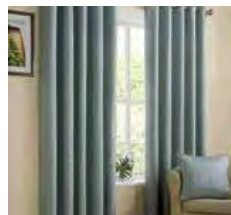
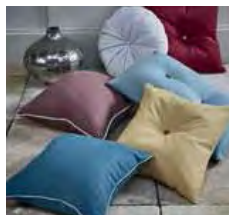
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