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

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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  
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after this date**

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## June

### Thursday 2nd

Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Jubilee Quiz – Warminster Conservative Club – tickets £10 to include a fish and chip supper.  
Tickets direct from the Conservative Club on 01985 217895

### Friday 3rd

Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### Sunday 5th

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic – 12 noon till late, Chapmanslade village hall

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic – The Big Lunch Picnic, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### Tuesday 7th

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

### Wednesday 8th

Crafternoon – 3-5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Thursday 9th

Corsley WI – Alistair Benbow's visit to the Vatican and meeting the Pope

### Saturday 11th

Open Garden and Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12.30 pm, Chestnut Cottage, BA13 4AP

### Thursday 16th

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

### Thursday 23rd

Crafternoon – 3-5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

'Much Ado About Nothing' – 7 pm, the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Monday 27th

Corsley Parish Council Footpath Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## July

### Saturday 2nd

American Independence Day Celebration and Corsley House Open Garden – 6 pm to 10.30 pm, Corsley House

### Monday 4th

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room



# Diary Dates

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## **Tuesday 5th**

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

## **Thursday 21st**

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

## **August**

### **Tuesday 2nd**

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

### **Saturday 6th**

The Elizabethan Evening presents 'Peter Pan', performed by Illyria – 6.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

### **Thursday 18th**

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

## **September**

### **Saturday 3rd**

Corsley Fayre – 12 noon to 4 pm, Corsley Showground

Ceilidh with live band and hog roast – 7.30 - 11.30 pm, Corsley Showground

### **Sunday 4th**

Illyria's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' – 4 pm, Heywood House

### **Monday 5th**

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Tuesday 6th**

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

### **Thursday 15th**

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

### **Wednesday 28th**

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **October**

### **Tuesday 4th**

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

**Chapmanslade, Corsley and Maiden Bradley**

# HGV weight limit campaign

Summary of the meeting held on 6th May

On 6th May, a meeting to address HGV traffic impacts was held in Maiden Bradley. This meeting was the result of a joint campaign by the three villages of Chapmanslade, Corsley, and Maiden Bradley to implement and enforce weight limits in their villages. The joint campaign follows over a decade of delay in implementing the weight limits set out in a 2011 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) issued by Wiltshire Council. The TRO imposed HGV weight limits on the following roads: Chapmanslade (A3098), Corsley Heath (A362) and Maiden Bradley (B3092) and local areas in western Wiltshire.

The meeting was chaired by the local MP, Dr Andrew Murrison, and attended by a team from Wiltshire Council, including Councillor Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding; Councillor Bill Parks, Wiltshire Councillor Warminster North and Rural; Peter Binley, (Acting) Director of Highways and Transport; and Alan Creedy, Head of Sustainable Transport.

The three villages stated:

“We are encouraged to see our MP and Wiltshire Council actively engaged in addressing the blight on our communities caused by incessant HGV traffic at all hours of the day and night. Our villagers have been kept waiting for over a decade for agreed weight limits to be implemented. We will work alongside Wiltshire Council to achieve

a solution but we emphasise that further data analysis and strategy development must not be used as an excuse for avoiding practical action.”

The following are the key contributions made by representatives of all three parish councils and Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers at the meeting. The three villages:

- Gave individual statements highlighting how HGV impacts are a blight on the three communities of Maiden Bradley, Chapmanslade and Corsley. They set out the unique problem and solution required for each village but emphasised the shared common interest in achieving a solution for all.
- Noted Wiltshire Council’s statement that HGVs should be using strategic routes and not driving through residential communities, but that they are constrained in achieving this objective as Highways England controls the strategic network.
- Agreed with the MP that to avoid further delay, necessary improvements by Highways England to the local strategic network should be decoupled from decision-making about the A303 upgrade.
- Noted Wiltshire Council’s stated solution to the three villages concerns, which is to update HGV impact data in 2022, and to include HGV solutions for all three villages within the Local Transport Plan, and freight

strategy under development by 2024.

- Expressed deep concern that this strategy and data collection process is not used to delay practical action to implement the weight limits set out in the 2011 TRO. The villages noted that in the past such data analysis has been costly, inconclusive, and has never led to any action. There was agreement that it is not acceptable to wait another two years to implement the weight limits.
- Emphasised that Wiltshire Council should give significant weight to the severe negative social and environmental impacts of HGV traffic on the three villages in any data impact analysis.
- Agreed to attend a follow-up meeting in July hosted by the MP to receive an update from Wiltshire Council about progress made.
- Thanked the MP for his effective chairing of the meeting and for bringing the three villages together, and thanked Wiltshire Council for responding to the communities' concerns and engaging openly and constructively with the village representatives.

#### **Village attendees:**

##### **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

Councillor Phil Holihead, Chairman  
Terry Rose

##### **Corsley Parish Council**

Councillor David Ball  
Councillor John Phillips

##### **Maiden Bradley Weightwatchers**

Alex Channer  
Ian Ferguson  
Martin Brown

##### **Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council**

Councillor Simon Wager, Chairman  
Councillor Susanna Brigden, Vice Chair



## **Much Ado About Nothing**

**7 pm, Thursday 23rd June  
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Half Cut Theatre are delighted to be visiting the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade on Thursday 23rd June with our new adaptation of William Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'. This popular summer comedy is a bittersweet tale of feuding lovers, crossed wires and a well-meaning, but rather foolish, police constable!

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# Fly-tipping

Bill Parks has some tips to help stop fly-tipping

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I am pleased to report that the dedicated team of Environmental Enforcement Officers working closely with Wiltshire Police, the Environment Agency, and other local

authorities continue to work hard to identify those responsible for offences in the Wiltshire Council area. Most recently a Wiltshire resident has been ordered to pay £440 in fines at a Magistrates Court after giving her household waste to an unlicensed waste collector, who then fly-tipped on a highway verge in the north of the county.

Wiltshire Council has secured 27 successful prosecutions for environmental offences since 2018 and have also seized two vehicles involved in fly-tipping and issued Fixed Penalty Notices to both fly-tippers and householders who give their waste to unlicensed waste carriers.

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- 3 How many decades are there in a millennium?
- 4 In which English county would you find Jodrell Bank?
- 5 In the measurement of horses, how many inches are in a hand?
- 6 Which literary character lives in the fictional town of Avonlea?
- 7 What is the administrative centre for the county of Suffolk?
- 8 What was the surname of the family for which Mary Poppins becomes a nanny?
- 9 Of which Australian state is Sydney the capital?
- 10 In which fictional holiday camp was the TV sit-com Hi-de-Hi! set?
- 11 In which month is Presidents' Day in the USA?
- 12 How many letter "S's" are there in the name of the world's longest river?

*Answers on page 48*



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## Memories of Corsley School

# Leaving Corsley School

In the last instalment, David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...

I joined Corsley School in April 1986 when there were 39 children on roll and left five years later, in 1991, to become an Advisory Headteacher for Wiltshire County Council. In April 1991 with over 86 children on roll and numbers forecast to rise to three figures in 1987, the future looked bright for the school.

The Governing Body was a dedicated and supportive group of villagers, ably led by Revd. Dennis Caddy and then his successor Jenny Lewin. Some of them were former pupils of the school themselves and many of them also parents or grandparents of children at the school, they were always interested, involved and contributed to the life of the school. The parents were an equally supportive, dedicated and caring group of people, who gave freely of their time, skills and energy to help provide the valuable 'extras' that benefitted all their children. The 'Zig Zag Wall', school pond and mini-adventure playground were all funded and built by the parents, be they builders, electricians, landscape gardeners, architects or the hardest job of all – Mums! The CSA also organised some amazing social fund raisers - Summer Fetes, Halloween Discos and Christmas Fairs.

The staff team were a great bunch of people to work with, from Sherri Wilson and her husband Tim, who kept the school clean and warm, to Boo Hardy, the Deputy Head and Reception teacher, who was one of the best

Reception teachers I ever worked with. Marg Leach in the middle class and Lisa Holder after her, (when Marg and her husband moved to the Dorset coast), were both hard working and caring teachers loved by the children and their parents. (Indeed Lisa endeared herself to parents shortly after her arrival, when a Christmas display in her classroom the day before the Christmas Fair, was found to have a spelling error in its title and instead of saying 'The Nativity Scene' said 'The NaTITtivity Scene' – much to her embarrassment!). Mary Mallinson was a part-time teacher in the school, who taught my class for one day week, allowing me to deal with paperwork, visitors, etc. Mary was always cheerful and efficient and had a vital skill in a primary school – she could play the piano for assemblies!

In the school office Mave Stocking, the school secretary, was a joy to work with and with her financial acumen managed to keep tight control of the finances – although when I ordered a word processor for her without WCC permission she was convinced she or I would be arrested or end up having to pay for it ourselves! June Snelgrove was a much valued Classroom Assistant for Boo in the Reception classroom (and baked some excellent cakes for the staff during morning playtime) and Caroline Bloom the School Cook (and also a governor and parent) and Mrs Watch and Mrs Edwards the 'Dinner Ladies', provided excellent cover for an



essential break for the staff during the lunch hour, feeding and caring for the children, sorting out disagreements and applying sticking plasters and sympathy for those with cuts and bruises.

I had loved every minute of my time at the school but had only one big regret on leaving. Due to family circumstances, I was unable to be in school for the final week of that term and thus did not have the opportunity to say a big 'Thank You' and farewell to all the children, parents, staff and governors at the end of term assembly. So to those of you still in the village or reading this elsewhere I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to you all. You were a wonderful group of hard working and dedicated people, who gave so freely of your time, energy and ideas and how much I enjoyed my time with you all at Corsley School.

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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead rounds up the PC's activities in May

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council hosted the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 12th May in the Village Hall.

The Annual Report was accepted and was favourably commented upon by our unitary Councillor Bill Parks. An opportunity was taken to discuss options for environmental and climate actions over the next year after which, there being no further business, the PC moved into its formal PC meeting.

### Parish Council Meeting

The PC voted Councillors Holihead and Thackway to be the Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the next period of the Council, with a review to be carried out in November.

A member of the public asked a question about the fence that has been erected in Black Dog Woods along the length of the public right of way (CHAP 1) by the landowner Longleat Estates. The Council deliberated on the reasons why this had been done and, recognising that Longleat was the owner of this private commercial woodland and, that there had been numerous episodes of damage by bikers as well as other anti-social behaviour in the woods all of which impacted on the wildlife and wild plants, decided that the landowner was well within its rights to protect these. The PC chose to take no further action other than to write to inform those who had complained of its decision.

Updates were given on:

- **The boundary issues with Honey Glade:** this seem to have been resolved by the PC hosting meetings between affected residents and the builders.
- **The status of the old Granary building at Thoulstone Farm:** there is a plan for repair of this Grade 2 building which has a response time for until March 2024.
- **Air pollution levels in the village:** based upon Imperial College data, this showed the village to be at medium risk failing between 2 and 3 World Health Organisation limits. These are slightly higher than the figures given by Wiltshire Council. See: [addresspollution.org](http://addresspollution.org)
- **The Chapmanslade Resilience/ Planning plan:** the aims to provide a mechanism for the village to provide immediate self-help should a major incident occur AND the emergency services are delayed in arriving on the scene. If you have medical skills or heavy lifting equipment/ competence and would like to help produce the plan, please contact Councillor John Foster.
- **Jubilee Planning:** the Planning group meetings had been held and an outline plan of events has been drawn up. The PC had looked at providing individual mementoes for children in the village, but these had proved both expensive and it had been decided were a poor use of public funds.

In lieu of this, the PC has requested and been awarded a parcel of saplings from the Woodland Trust which will arrive in November and the village school will be approached to coordinate planting with the children's activities. The PC was confident that this approach was more environmentally friendly and would provide a legacy that would benefit all villagers.

- **The outcome from the HGV weight limits:** this was discussed – see the joint report in this issue from Corsley and Chapmanslade Councils.

### Finance

The end-of-year actions were completed with a positive report from the internal auditor and councillors were happy to sign off the accounts and to formally thank the Parish Clerk for her meticulous management of the parish finances over the year.

Options were put forward to use some of the CIL money to commence activities that the Roads Engineer had informed us could realistically be undertaken on the High Street. As the PC had created a working group of councillors and villagers to apportion these funds it was asked that the group inform the council that it was happy to allocate a proportion of the funds to this type of work. If agreed, applications for upgrades with be made to the appropriate Wiltshire Council fund (CATG).

### Planning application

**PL/2022/02869 Single storey rear extension at 158 High Street.** There were no objections to this application.

### Other items

**Loose manhole cover on the High Street adjacent to the telephone box:** this is owned by Wessex Water who will be approached for repairs.

**Traffic incident outside the school:** the school has written to parents to remind them of the care required in the vicinity of the entrance. The PCSO has been informed

and will provide an enhanced presence to try to deter people driving on the pavement or parking inappropriately. The PC hopes that should it be successful in some of its proposals regarding reducing the speed limit to 20mph, and creating a small abutment into the road outside the school that traffic issues might reduce in this part of the High Street.

Details of meetings' minutes, reports and councillors' contact details are all available at: [chapmansladepc.org.uk](http://chapmansladepc.org.uk)

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# Six Open Doors

Dear All,

Often when I come to write this letter I have to sit and think a while about what I want to talk about. Not so for this June letter, when we celebrate and give thanks for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; an auspicious occasion if ever there was one.

The Queen is of course the supreme governor of the Church of England; when I was ordained, I was obliged to swear allegiance to her, which I willingly did. The Queen's relationship with the Church of England was symbolised at the Coronation in 1953 when Her Majesty was anointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and took an oath to "maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine worship, discipline, and government thereof...

In her long reign the Queen has demonstrated that her relationship to the Church of England and her Christian faith mean far more to her than the formal one which I have referred to above. In her faithful attendance at Sandringham church, in the contents of her Christmas messages and her comments in the face of national or international tragedy, she has demonstrated a deep and lasting personal commitment to the Christian faith. This personal faith was evident even before she was crowned.

'Pray for me ... that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'

That was the prayer request made by Queen Elizabeth II in her first Christmas broadcast in 1952. These Christmas broadcasts to the Commonwealth are among the few speeches she writes herself. They frequently refer to Jesus Christ; as she said in her broadcast in December 2000: 'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.'

During the Queen's long reign, she has been inspired by the sacrificial life of Jesus Christ, who said of himself: he 'did not come to be served, but to serve'. In 2008 the Queen said: 'I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life... He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served.'

Throughout her long life, Christ's example and teaching have been seen acted out in the dutiful and faithful life of our servant-hearted Queen. I do hope that you will join us at our special service to celebrate and give thanks for the Queen's reign on Sunday 5th June – 9.30 am at St Margaret's Corsley and 10 am at St Peter and St Paul's Longbridge Deverill.

With love and prayers,  
Pauline

# June Church Diary

## 5th June

Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

9.30 am Eucharist Corsley

10.30 am Morning Worship Longbridge



## Wednesday 8th June

Crafternoon

3 - 5pm (in the gallery), Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



## Sunday 12th June

Trinity Sunday

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade

10.30 am Eucharist Kingston



## Thursday 16th June

10 am – 12 noon, Community Church and Coffee Morning

Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade



## Sunday 21st June

Trinity 1

10.30 am Eucharist Brixton

11 am Matins Corsley



## Thursday 23rd June

Crafternoon

3 - 5pm (in the gallery), Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



## Sunday 28th June

Trinity 2

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade

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## Saturday 2nd July

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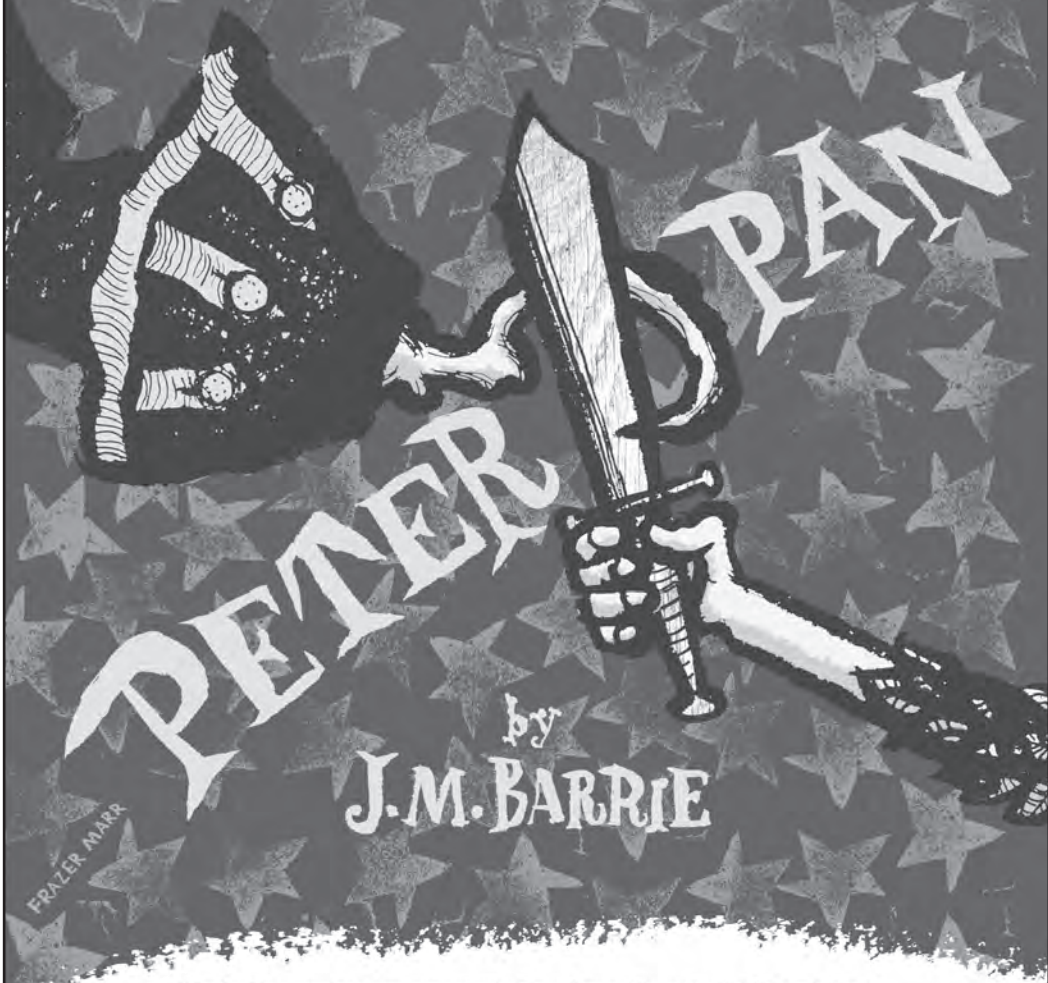
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This scheme will help homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers.

Enhanced buying power allows the scheme to offer more competitive pricing than individual homeowners might get if entering the market alone. Residents who own their own house or have permission from the landlord to install solar panels, have from 09 May until 14 June 2022 to register for the scheme. It is free to register and there is no obligation. Solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points are available as well as offering battery storage for residents who already have solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid. You can also discuss options to

divert solar energy to power the immersion heater in your hot water tank if you have one.

How does it work?

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**Corsley WI**

# May news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the May meeting and announces some forthcoming events



The May meeting was very well attended and we were seated around tables which was a pleasant change after the formality and distancing of recent times. We began with a discussion on the national WI Resolution. Each year members vote to decide on an area of concern which the WI campaigns on, raising the issue nationally. Members voted unanimously to support the resolution which this year calls for more funding to research how ASD (autistic spectrum disorder) and ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) affects women and girls and to improve diagnosis and support for them.

This was followed by a Corsley WI 'Bake Off'. One of our members, Amanda Bain, judges Handicraft and Cookery classes at local shows. She gave an interesting and entertaining talk, explaining what the judges are looking for and telling us about some of the memorable moments she has had as a judge.

For those of us who thought what an easy, pleasant job judging must be, we soon learned how tricky it is. As a judge, Mandy has an array of equipment with her: an apron, tea towels, cutlery, skewers, antibac wipes, post-it notes – and lots of water which she needs between tastings. Sometimes judges also need a strong constitution as the quality of entries can be quite variable. For example cake recipes using fruit or vegetables can be difficult to cook through and, like Mary Berry, Mandy has found some of those offerings to be quite runny in the middle!

Judges are trained and have sets of rules governing how things are to be marked. Mandy explained that they try to be fair, practical and diplomatic. They are not fault-finding but judging the effort put in and the work done and they try to give some helpful feedback. It's important not to discourage people and put them off.

Sprinkled into Mandy's talk were some useful tips for would be competitors. We all know now that cooling rack marks on sponge cakes disqualify the entry! We also know that we should use a fluted cutter on sweet scones and a plain cutter for savoury ones.

Then it was our turn to judge! Members had been invited to bring a plate of scones for judging. Mandy was delighted to find that there were nine entries and would like to thank the members who entered. She provided score sheets for us, explaining that items were marked out of 20 and detailing how the marks were awarded. Now we all know how tough judging is!

After that, of course, there was only one thing left to do. Tea and coffee was served together with jam and cream and everyone enjoyed a cream tea – all the scones proved to be delicious!

The next meeting will be at the Reading Room on Thursday 9th June when our speaker will be Alistair Benbow who will talk about his visit to the Vatican and meeting the Pope.

Details of future meetings can be viewed at the Reading Room or contact Alice Helliard for more details. (0789 339632)

## Corsley Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

John Willcox, Parish Clerk, rounds up the PC's activity in May

The Parish Council (PC) met on the 9th May 2022. All the Parish Councillors were present. The meeting was attended by our County Councillor, Bill Parks

The first item of business was the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Dr Neil Carpenter was elected Chair and Mr John Phillips was elected Vice Chair.

## Events at Longleat

The PC had received an update regarding the concerts planned for Longleat. Villagers will be aware that the concerts have been approved by the local authority and many have been offered free tickets to a concert of their choice, subject to availability. The PC agreed to write to the organisers regarding concerns about traffic movements, particularly that relating to the pick-up and drop-off of attendees who are not driving to the events themselves. The PC also queried the ban on pedestrian access to the events that is being imposed.

## Planning applications

Three planning applications were considered:

**PL/2022/02884. Proposed installation of EV Charging Points and HVK Substation within Longleat Forest Holiday car park area Center Parcs Longleat Forest Holiday Village, BA12 7PU**

**PL/2022/02972. Proposed Water Storage Tank building at Center Parcs Longleat Forest Holiday Village, BA12 7PU**

**PL/2022/03320. Single storey living room**

**extension at Lorien, Court Lane, Corsley, BA12 7PA**

The PC agreed that they would support/have no objection to these applications.

It was also reported that Planning Application number **PL/2021/10981-Malthouse**, which the PC had previously considered has been approved with conditions.

## Streetscene

David Bll, the PC's Streetscene representative reported:

## Meeting with Wiltshire Council (WC) re-HGV traffic

This meeting took place on Friday 6th May and was attended by representatives of the three villages affected by HGVs plus our MP Dr Murrison (Chairperson), Bill Parks, two WC senior Highways Officers and Mark McClelland (cabinet member for Highways). Individual reps from the three villages presented strong cases for the restriction of HGV traffic through their villages. The two senior WC Officers responded to these, citing need for more data and serious consideration of the possibility and implications of reducing the 18t limit on the roads through Maiden Bradley and Chapmanslade to 7.5t and imposing an 18t limit on traffic travelling east on the A362 (which would have the effect of stopping quarry lorries and the huge goods vehicles).

The timescale the officers presented would have meant at least two years for data to be gathered and recommendations to be drawn

up. However Dr Murrison was an extremely good advocate on our behalf, stating that this situation needed to be solved within two years and brought forward the timescale for gathering data to before Christmas this year, with another meeting to check progress in July.

*NOTE: This was covered on both the BBC TV local news and their website on Sunday 15th May.*

### **30mph limit at Corsley Heath**

A letter of appeal has been sent to WC setting forward the case for reducing the 40mph speed limit on the central section of the A362 to a 30mph limit. The CATG group were advised that Corsley were appealing against the refusal and, surprisingly, resolved to support the appeal!

### **SID**

Villagers will have seen that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) is now in place on the forecourt of TMTI, and can be turned after three weeks or so, to capture the speeds of traffic travelling west toward Frome. The data it captures can be printed off as a report, giving number of vehicles, speeds of individual vehicles, etc.

### **CATG meeting**

As noted earlier the CATG group fully supported our efforts to reduce the speed limit through the village. They also agreed to consider our requests for financial support for the installation of village gates and warning signage re-horse riders.

(Wiltshire Council has now disbanded the CATG group and replaced with group covering footpaths and bridleways in addition to the highways with additional budget. We hope that this can support improved access to Warminster for walkers, cyclists and horse riders without needing to use the A362.)

### **Verges**

WC has published information on its website regarding verge cutting confirming that many verges will be cut just twice in March and September, however it does not seem to

address the issue we have here in the village of very narrow lanes with overhanging vegetation narrowing them further. This is both untidy, dangerous and damaging to vehicles. As previously reported, the PC has made provision for addressing the issue directly if required.

### **Streetsigns**

It was agreed that the issue of street signage in the village should be deferred to the next meeting.

### **Parking**

It was reported that the parking of vehicles either on verges or along the narrow lanes around the village seems to be getting more prevalent causing safety concerns and damaging the verges. Villagers are urged to consider the dangers both to other road users and to parked vehicles by parking inappropriately.

### **Footpaths/bridleways**

It was agreed that a separate meeting should be held to discuss the very comprehensive report prepared on footpaths and bridleways. This meeting will take place on Monday 27th June, in the Reading Rooms and will be open to members of the public who have an interest in this.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

Villagers will have seen details of the picnic planned to be held on the Playing Field on Sunday 5th June between 1 pm and 4 pm (see separate poster/article in this edition of The Bridge). There will be a beacon on Cley Hill on Thursday 2nd June.

### **Audit**

Whilst the PC are not obliged to submit their accounts for external audit by virtue of the fact that both income and expenditure are less than £25,000, the PC agreed that this year they would submit themselves to a basic review by the appointed external auditors. (Obviously the PC have an Internal Audit carried out every year.)

## Next meetings

Footpath meeting                      Monday 27th June  
Bi-monthly meeting                      Monday 4 July  
Bi-monthly meeting                      Monday 5th September  
Bi-monthly meeting                      Monday 7th November

*Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7.30pm)*

*John Willcox  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
corsleypc\_jdw@aol.com*

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)**  
Want something added? Just email the Editor with your request!

# Corsley Tennis Club News

It's tournament season! The mixed doubles was played on 8th May with the two women who played as a mixed couple taking the trophy. Well done to them.

By the time you read this the Ladies' Doubles will also have been played on 22nd May and the Men's doubles on 12th June.

There's still time to sign up for the American tournament on 3rd July. (You need to enter by 30th June). Rules of play are complex for this tournament but the great thing is that you change partners through its course so the whole thing doesn't depend on you and the partner you are first paired with. There is chance to shine in several different pairings and the outcome can be unpredictable!

There will also be a Ladies' Singles tournament (dates not yet set) and the always exciting Over 70's on the 14th July.

Whether or not you are taking part in tournaments or if you are trying to 'up your game' before gracing the courts we are pleased to say we have a new coach, so help

is at hand.

Callum Close is an LTA Level 3 Tennis Coach and has a wealth of coaching experience in the UK and overseas. He says he enjoys coaching with juniors and adults of all abilities, and wants his coaching sessions to be FUN, especially for junior groups!

You can find the details and costs on his website.

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Callum is offering adult coaching for beginners or improvers on Tuesday evenings and coaching for children on Saturday mornings. He also offers one-to-one coaching for adults.

Coaching and tournaments aside, it's just the right time of year to get on the courts and enjoy playing tennis. Welcome to new members and to all those signing up for a further year. See you on court!

*Liz Garrett  
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## Government energy rebate



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### The quickest way to receive your rebate

If you pay your council tax by direct debit, Wiltshire Council will use your bank details to pay the rebate straight in to your account. You do not need to do anything.

### Look out for a letter if you don't pay your council tax by direct debit

If you are eligible for the energy rebate but do not pay your council tax by direct debit, you will receive a letter through the post inviting you to submit your bank details via the Wiltshire Council website. This will ensure the rebate can be paid into your bank account. You do not need to call us; we will write to you in early May.

### If you do not pay council tax

There are some households in Wiltshire that do not pay council tax because they receive a council tax reduction. We will be writing to these households and inviting them to provide their bank details so that the energy rebate can be paid to them.

### Properties in council tax bands E – H

The Government has given the council a discretionary fund to help households on low incomes who live in properties in bands E-H. Visit the Wiltshire Council website for further information about the scheme.

Updates on the rebate and discretionary funding will be posted on the Wiltshire Council website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-tax-energy-rebate](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-tax-energy-rebate)

**Wiltshire Council**

# Longleat 2022 – Concert Schedule

LONGLEAT - BUILD + BREAK SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE
FRIDAY 17TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	BUILD DAY 1
SATURDAY 18TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	BUILD DAY 2
SUNDAY 19TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	BUILD DAY 3
MONDAY 20TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	BUILD DAY 4
TUESDAY 21ST JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	BUILD DAY 5
WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	BUILD DAY 6 + PRODUCTION LOAD IN
<b>THURSDAY 23RD JUNE</b>	<b>07:00 - 01:00</b>	<b>TOM JONES</b>
<b>FRIDAY 24TH JUNE</b>	<b>07:00 - 01:00</b>	<b>SIMPLY RED</b>
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	STANDBY CREW ON SITE
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	STANDBY CREW ON SITE
MONDAY 27TH JUNE	07:00 - 23:00	SITE RESET + PRODUCTION LOAD IN
<b>TUESDAY 28TH JUNE</b>	<b>07:00 - 01:00</b>	<b>BALL + BOE</b>
WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE	07:00 - 20:00	STANDBY CREW ON SITE
THURSDAY 30TH JUNE	07:00 - 23:00	SITE RESET + PRODUCTION LOAD IN
<b>FRIDAY 1ST JULY</b>	<b>07:00 - 01:00</b>	<b>DIANA ROSS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 2ND JULY</b>	<b>07:00 - 04:00</b>	<b>TEARS FOR FEARS + PRODUCTION LOAD OUT</b>
SUNDAY 3RD JULY	07:00 - 20:00	BREAK DAY 1
MONDAY 4TH JULY	07:00 - 20:00	BREAK DAY 2
TUESDAY 5TH JULY	07:00 - 20:00	BREAK DAY 3
WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY	07:00 - 20:00	BREAK DAY 4

SHOW DAY TIMINGS		
THURSDAY 23rd JUNE		
TOM JONES		
CAR PARKS OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	17:00	ADVERTISED TIME
ARENA OPEN - ACTUAL OPENING TIME	17:00	
ARENA OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	18:00	ADVERTISED TIME
<b>SUPPORT ACT</b>	<b>19:45 - 20:30</b>	<b>45 MINS</b>
CHANGE OVER	20:30 - 21:00	30 MINS
<b>TOM JONES</b>	<b>21:00 - 22:30</b>	<b>90 MINS</b>
CONCERT END	22:30	
FRIDAY 24th JUNE		
SIMPLY RED		
CAR PARKS OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	17:00	ADVERTISED TIME
ARENA OPEN - ACTUAL OPENING TIME	17:00	
ARENA OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	18:00	ADVERTISED TIME
<b>SUPPORT ACT</b>	<b>19:45 - 20:30</b>	<b>45 MINS</b>
CHANGE OVER	20:30 - 21:00	30 MINS
<b>SIMPLY RED</b>	<b>21:00 - 22:30</b>	<b>90 MINS</b>
CONCERT END	22:30	
TUESDAY 28th JUNE		
BALL & BOE		
CAR PARKS OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	17:00	ADVERTISED TIME
ARENA OPEN - ACTUAL OPENING TIME	17:00	
ARENA OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	18:00	ADVERTISED TIME
<b>SUPPORT ACT</b>	<b>19:45 - 20:30</b>	<b>45 MINS</b>
CHANGE OVER	20:30 - 21:00	30 MINS
<b>BALL &amp; BOE</b>	<b>21:00 - 22:30</b>	<b>90 MINS</b>
CONCERT END	22:30	
FRIDAY 1st JULY		
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CHANGE OVER	20:30 - 21:00	30 MINS
<b>DIANA ROSS</b>	<b>21:00 - 22:30</b>	<b>90 MINS</b>
CONCERT END	22:30	
SATURDAY 2nd JULY		
TEARS FOR FEARS		
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ARENA OPEN - ACTUAL OPENING TIME	17:00	
ARENA OPEN - ADVERTISED TO PUBLIC	18:00	ADVERTISED TIME
<b>SUPPORT ACT TBC</b>	<b>18:30 - 19:15</b>	<b>45 MINS</b>
CHANGE OVER	19:15 - 19:45	30 MINS
<b>ALISON MOYET</b>	<b>19:45 - 20:30</b>	<b>45 MINS</b>
CHANGE OVER	20:30 - 21:00	30 MINS
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CONCERT END	22:30	

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Walk out to the Warminster Road and turn left, use the crossing and walk left, passing the mini-roundabout and following the Bratton Road, round right and then left. On your right, now, should be the Laverton Institute, built 1872-3 for Abraham Laverton, as a public hall with Reading Room and school. It's been Westbury Town Council offices since 1974. Past that is Prospect Square, a

collection of thirty-nine homes built in 1869, principally to house workers evicted for supporting the same man in an election.

Step along Bratton Road, until you find a bollard in the middle of the crossroads. The turning uphill to the White Horse is on your right, but turn left into Alfred Street instead, walking till you see Bitham Mill signed ahead of you. There was a fulling mill here in 1573, the earliest woollen cloth premises in Westbury. The first current factory building was erected in 1803, with major extensions built in 1829 and 1869; the site closed in 1969 and is now apartments and houses. It's a lovely remnant of the past and a wonderful reworking of former industrial buildings. To



the right of the Mill buildings is a roadway with modern brick houses at the right; walk past the first few of these, until you find a short alleyway, also on your right, between two low hedges. Use that path and at the end are grey iron railings – just don't annoy the crocodiles in the water below you...



Turn left on this path, which is Bitham Lane; it emerges into Church Street, with the offices of solicitors Pilliger Finch and Co ahead of you. Turn left into Church Street here and you'll eventually pass Westbury swimming pool on your right. This was built for William Laverton in 1887-88 and it had a pool, washing facilities and ten individual baths; it's one of the oldest still-operating baths in the country. Study this lovely building and its architecture for a moment, before finding the current baths entrance and walking past it, emerging into Angel Mill's courtyard. Built in

1806, this was the first steam-powered factory in the area, owned from 1852 by Abraham Laverton and closed in 1969, as Bitham Mill was; it's also apartments now. Return to Church Street and go right, passing the perimeter wall of the mill, with its archway dated 1868.

At the end of Church Street is Morrisons, while the road you're now on should be Edward Street. Turn right, going downhill to the War Memorial and the Library, both on your right. Turn right again into Church Lane (more like an alley), leading to All Saints Church. With the church sitting high on an 'island', go right and follow the path round it. Study the church architecture and, if you have time, take a look inside, especially



at the great West window. This church has the third-heaviest peel of eight bells in the world – and a face-less clock dating back to

1602. When you finish inside the building, leave and turn left, still circumnavigating the ‘island’ until, right of you, there’s a vast building covered in protective stuff. Beside it, almost hidden, is the original churchyard entrance; walk that way and eventually you come out into Market Square.

Here’s another fascinating relic of the past, with three old drinking establishments on the left, the Market Tavern, the



From your place near the churchyard entrance, you’ll see there’s a lane to your left, Maristow Street. Walk that way and see if you can spot Westbury’s former Police Station with its curved frontage. Beyond that, on the right, will be Davies, an old-fashioned huge



Crown and the White Lion. Opposite is the former Town Hall, dating from 1815, which had a court house with lock-up below. This was the town library from 1947 to 1970, but it changed to commercial premises in 1972.

ironmongers and general store. Past that, still on your right, will be the High Street, pedestrianised. If it’s 12 noon or later, try Harlees fish restaurant (I did!) on the left, before you head through High Street and turn right on Haynes Street to use the crossing. Walk up the right-hand pavement till you find the alleyway back to the car park, after more than two miles walking!



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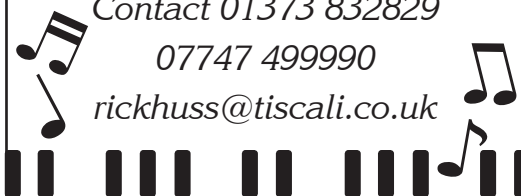
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# Whitbourne Chapel

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## A somewhat different Service!

Our Service on 27th March was rather different! The expected preacher couldn't come, but Andrew Coxhead, from Clink Evangelical Church, agreed to help out. He was already preaching at Horningsham Chapel at 10 o'clock and he'd join us as soon as he could, after 11 am.

Chapel Secretary, Ray Mead, began the service with the 'Notices' and as 'Our Neighbours' was an item on the day's prayer list, we thought about those living nearby. We sang our first hymn and Ray led us in prayer. Still no Andrew, so we sang a second hymn and Ray read from Matthew 16, verses 1-4, the Pharisees and Sadducees asking the Lord Jesus for a sign from heaven. He said no sign would be given them, apart from the prophet Jonah, who spent three days and nights in the belly of a whale – Jesus predicting His own death and resurrection. We were asked if we'd like to see a sign from heaven, perhaps someone seriously ill being healed?

Still no Andrew, so we sang a third hymn and the door burst open; in came Andrew's daughter-in-law, who's also Ray's granddaughter, with her mother. Andrew had been involved in a car accident near Longleat and had to go to hospital. This left Ray

continuing the service, delivering an excellent ad lib sermon on three places in the New Testament, all beginning with 'G':

**Gethsemane:** The place of Jesus' prayer before He was arrested. Stressed and sorrowful, he asked His heavenly Father to "Take this cup from me, nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." The Bible records

that he sweated drops of blood, a symptom known as hematidrosis, very rare and very real.

Jesus knows all about our sufferings, because he has suffered even worse.

**Gabbatha:** The judgment hall, where Jesus was condemned by Pilate. He was physically beaten and a crown of thorns was placed on His head. There are Christians today who are treated like this. It was Jesus who

told us to take up our cross daily and follow Him. We may not be ridiculed like Him, but may be shunned for saying we're Christians.

**Golgotha:** the place where Jesus was crucified for our sins and for those of the whole world – if only people will believe.

We closed with a last hymn, 'Thine be the Glory'.

An update: Andrew is recovering well from a nasty hand injury, inflicted by the steering wheel as it spun round in the collision.

*A Congregation Member*



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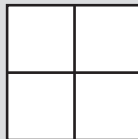
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## A view from over the hedge...

# Countryside Matters

Judith Helliard expounds on the pleasures of the month of May

I think May is my favourite month of the year and this year it didn't let me down.

The carpets of bluebells in our hedgerows and woodland was stunning and the perfume at its best early in the day. How fortunate we are to have access to such wonderful woodland and forests and walks.

It saddens me to see how a few people are spoiling our historic tracks, footpaths and bridle ways by riding bikes and motorbikes gouging out pathways through ancient habitat and sites of historic settlements.

Recently, exercise and appreciation of the countryside has increased dramatically and, although we have enjoyed access to wonderful woodland, forest and areas of outstanding beauty, we must always remember that these areas are in the stewardship of tenants, landowners and organisations such as the National Trust who are responsible for maintaining them for generations to come.

In the countryside, the spring and early summer months bring changes every minute; longer daylight hours, higher temperatures and a sudden surge of colour and energy everywhere. Rainfall in both April and early May was insignificant – gardeners and farmers started to grumble and then the showers and rains brought fields and gardens to life, with everything germinating and growing.

Grass crops were harvested for silage, meadows for hay left to flower and set seed for hay in June and the winter -own cereal crops

are looking good.

The huge increase in the price of fertilisers is certainly affecting the amount spread on crops this year. The cost of diesel, goods and labour on the farms sadly means more dairy farmers will reconsider their future in the industry.

Once again, we must be grateful for our wonderful British climate and work with nature, appreciate the gifts that we have around us and never take them for granted.

*Judith Helliard*

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## Corsley Reading Room

# Your 'village hall'

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### Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Mornings are on Tuesday 7th June and Tuesday 5th July - 10 am to 12 noon. Make a note now and come along. The more who come the more we all learn about what is going on in the village!

### Photographs

The management committee has decided on the four pictures that will be enlarged and mounted on the wall. We hope there will be interest in doing the same again late this year/early next to get some photos taken over the summer months of 2022.

The pictures and the photographers' names should be on the website by the time you get this edition of *The Bridge*.

### Refurbishment Programme

The 'Buy a Tile' scheme should be launched on our website in June. We are just waiting to ensure that a sample donation made using a free Just Giving service gets paid into our account, so we know it all works.

You can buy as many tiles as you like. Each notional tile is £5 and, if you wish, your name will be up in lights (or maybe ink) to form part of a lasting record.

Your support to this is very much appreciated.

All donations will go towards Corsley Reading Room refurb and update.

See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for up-to-date information and more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

*[Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](mailto:Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk)*

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### Committee Members

David Carruthers, Hugh Deed, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett,  
Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Gill Parkinson, Mark Richards

# Small ads

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## Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Lambeth Palace
- 2 The old Kingdom of Egypt
- 3 One hundred
- 4 Cheshire
- 5 Four
- 6 Avonlea is a fictional community on Prince Edward Island, Canada, which is the setting of Lucy Maud Montgomery's novel Anne of Green Gables
- 7 Ipswich
- 8 Banks
- 9 New South Wales
- 10 Maplins
- 11 Presidents' Day, officially George Washington's birthday, is celebrated in the USA on the third Monday of February to honour all who served as President
- 12 None – it's the Nile!

## Local organisation adverts

£2 per month for a small boxed advert or £7.50 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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