

# The Bridge

June 2023

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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## Articles

Please submit articles either by email to **paradisefound86@icloud.com** or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline – and with the fee!

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

## File types

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

## Advertising:

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

## Events/local organisation ads

(churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2.50 per month for a boxed advert.

**Full page ads** cost £8, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

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

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

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## Deadline

**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

### Friday 2nd

Multi Sports/Fundays (5-11 years) with I G Sports

Coaching – 9 am to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field/Tennis Club

### Tuesday 6th

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

### Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - Learn how to make tapas (non-members £5) – Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Sunday 11th

Horningsham Village Fayre – 12 to 4 pm, Horningsham Village Hall

### Tuesday 13th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

### Wednesday 14th

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes (in the gallery)

### Wednesday 21st

National Make Music Day – an evening concert by Wiltshire Rural Music, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 15th

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

### Saturday 17th

Open Garden, Coffee Morning and Plant Sale – 10.30 am to 1.30 pm, Chestnut Cottage, Chapmanslade, BA12 4AP

### Wednesday 21st

Make Music Day - live music event – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 29th

Crafternoons – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes (in the gallery)

## July

### Tuesday 4th

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

### Tuesday 11th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

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# Diary Dates

## Thursday 20th

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

## Sunday 30th

Robin Hood (Elizabethan Evening) – 6.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley, BA12 7QE

## August

### Tuesday 1st

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

### Tuesday 8th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

### Thursday 17th

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

## September

### Saturday 2nd

Corsley Fayre – 12 noon to 4 pm, Corsley showground, Deep Lane  
Corsley Ceilidh – 7.30 pm to 11 pm, at the Corsley showground, Deep Lane

### Sunday 3rd

Illyria Presents 'Pride and Prejudice' – 4 pm, Heywood House

### Tuesday 5th

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

### Tuesday 12th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

### Thursday 21st

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

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## Attention all Crafternooners

Please note that just for the month of June, and because there are five Thursdays in the month, the Thursday meeting will be on 29th June rather than the 22nd.

We welcome any who would like to come along and share in a relaxed couple of hours, bringing your own craft or none. Details are in the centre pages of this edition of The Bridge.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Revd Gay Maynard

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## Warwick Bayman

The family send their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful and caring communities of Corsley and Chapmanslade for the many messages, letters, cards and flowers sent to us on the tragic death of Warwick. They have been a great comfort and support to us all and we are so grateful.

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 In which English county is the town of Bury St Edmunds?
- 2 What name is given to a musical piece for nine vocalists or instruments?
- 3 Alphabetically what is the last of the US States?
- 4 On a standard London underground map, what colour is the Elizabeth Line?
- 5 What is the name of Israel's secret intelligence agency?
- 6 Which TV soap opera that first aired in December 1979 was a spin off from Dallas?
- 7 The city of Vilnius is the capital of which Baltic state?
- 8 In which Charles Dickens' novel would you find the character Wackford Squeers?
- 9 By what name was Radio 2 known prior to 1967?
- 10 How many stars feature on the flag of New Zealand?
- 11 From which English county did the Tolpuddle Martyrs originate?
- 12 How many ribs does a normal human possess?

*Answers on page 40*

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## Road Closure Notice

Ref TTRO 8750

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily, to all vehicles, the length of roads specified in the schedule to this notice.

The Order, which previously came into operation on 14th November 2022 will now recommence on 3rd July 2023. It is required to enable carriageway micro asphalt dressing and associated maintenance works. The Order has a maximum duration period of 18 months. It is anticipated that advance signs will be deployed two weeks prior to the closure dates. Access will be maintained where possible although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The closures are anticipated to take place between 3rd July 2023 and 29th September 2023.

### Schedule

- Cley Hill Lane, Corsley; from its junction with Deep Lane to its property known as Cley Hill Farm. No alternative route is available.
- B3414 (Part), Warminster; from its roundabout junction with A350 to its junction with Furnax Lane. Alternative routes via A36 – B3414 (opposite direction is unaffected).

All works will be published on Wiltshire Council website <https://one.network/public> when confirmed dates are known.

For further information please contact Atkins on 01225 730360.

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On 24th February, the inspectors arrived to spend the day at Little Cuckoos to assess the quality of education that it provides for the children it looks after, and we are delighted to announce that for the first time in its history, Little Cuckoos has been rated as 'Outstanding' which is the highest rating that any setting can receive.

"Staff are highly skilled when interacting with children, inspiring, guiding and informing their learning in sequence."

This accolade is incredibly difficult to be achieved and is well deserved thanks to the amazing work done there by Hayley McMahon and Sam Keller, the managers of the setting, alongside their wonderful team – Andrea, Sascha, Nicky and Hannah.

"Younger children explore their natural curiosity, engaging in a wealth of activities to support their early exploration skills."

The inspector spent a lot of time talking to the staff and committee chair, talking to the children, meeting and talking to the parents and observing

the children and staff as they played and interacted. "Children are happy, secure and motivated, which underpins their ability to thrive, learn and develop within an enriching environment."

The feedback that she gave at the end of her inspection was exceptional, commenting how special Little Cuckoos is and that she

hadn't been to many other settings that were as good as what she had seen while in Corsley that day. "Staff provide outstanding support for children to become

highly independent while enabling them to manage age-appropriate risks."

The report is then published some weeks later, and can be found by searching Little Cuckoos Ofsted report in a search engine, or by going to <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/161999>

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# Wiltshire Council to apply for new powers to improve road safety - and wants your views

Wiltshire Council is planning to apply for greater powers to help reduce moving traffic offences as part of its business plan commitment to improve road safety in the county.

Wiltshire Council is planning to apply for greater powers to help reduce moving traffic offences, using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology for enforcement as part of its business plan commitment to improve road safety in the county.

Moving traffic offences are currently only enforceable by the police in Wiltshire, as is the case in other Local Authorities outside London. They include driving offences such as going the wrong way down a one-way street; driving through a No Entry sign; ignoring a weight limit; or turning left or right where it is not permitted.

Local authorities are now able to apply for new powers to enforce moving traffic offences and will be able to issue fines to drivers for these offences. In Wiltshire, the council has identified an initial six sites that would benefit from enforcement and is asking for people's views on whether these sites are suitable.

Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: We are committed to improving road safety in Wiltshire, and that is why we're applying for these new powers to tackle moving traffic offences such as ignoring weight limits or No Entry signs.

Moving traffic offences put all road users at risk, with pedestrians - particularly those

with additional access requirements or limited mobility - especially vulnerable to the dangers when drivers ignore the rules of the road. This is not a money-making exercise for us; it's about putting road safety first and our calculations show the technology will cost us money, rather than generate income.

We've identified an initial six sites, but we'd like to hear people's views on them so that we can tap into local knowledge and opinion.

We're also asking for people to identify other sites with current moving traffic restrictions in place around Wiltshire which they think may be suitable for ANPR-based enforcement in the future.

I'd urge all residents and businesses in these areas to take the survey and let us know their views as we seek to improve safety on Wiltshire's roads.

The first six sites included in this engagement survey are:

- Castle Street and Market Street in Trowbridge, no left-hand turn except for buses, taxis and cyclists
- Town Bridge in Bradford on Avon, 18-tonne weight limit
- Roundstone Street in Trowbridge, no entry except for buses, taxis and cyclists
- Hollows Close in Salisbury, prohibition of vehicles, Monday-Friday, 7.30am-9.30am



- and 2pm-6pm, except permit holders
- Market Street in Bradford on Avon, yellow box marking
- Saxon Road in Salisbury, prohibition of vehicles, Monday-Friday, except permit holders

The survey is open until Wednesday 28th June. To find out more and to take the survey, people should go to:

**[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-mte](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-mte)**

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# Climate change

## What can you do in your garden?

### Lighting your garden

Lighting your garden at night can negatively affect wildlife – disrupting behaviour patterns, increasing risk of predation, and affecting breeding cycles.

There are measures you can take to reduce these effects, dim white lights are less likely to affect wildlife than coloured bulbs. Turning off bulbs not in use or use timers if lights are essential for security.

### Use less water

Climate change makes water an important resource in your garden. Using less water in your garden not only saves you money, it helps the water industry ensure we all have water during peak demand, and don't forget water from your tap also has a carbon footprint!

Using mulches and homemade compost is one way of saving water, by keeping it in the soil there is less need to water your garden.

Collecting, storing, and re-using makes use of the water that falls on your garden and can

help with the expected increased frequency of water shortages.

### Try the 'no dig' method

Soil holds large amounts of carbon dioxide. Digging exposes soil to the air so greenhouse gasses and water are lost. You can improve the quality of your soils by using homemade mulches and weeding by hand.

### Get planting

Green spaces are crucial for combating the effects of climate change, the more biodiverse those spaces are the better. Plants can reduce summer air temperatures, reduce pollutants, help with flooding and drought, encourage wildlife into our gardens and positively affect our physical and mental health. As well as all that, they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it away.

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# Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

Love and prayers, Pauline

## June Church Diary

### June 4th: Trinity Sunday

8 am Holy Communion Kingston  
9.30 am Eucharist St Margaret's Corsley  
10 am Morning Worship Longbridge



### June 11th: 1st Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade  
10am Eucharist Kingston



### June 18th: 2nd Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist Brixton  
11 am Matins Corsley



### June 25th: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Eucharist Chapmanslade  
10 am Eucharist Longbridge



### July 2nd: 4th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion Kingston  
9.30 am Eucharist Corsley  
10 am Morning Worship Longbridge

## Community Church and Coffee Morning

Thursday 15th June 10.00 am – 12.00 pm  
Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

## Crafternoons

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 29th June  
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## Funerals during May

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## Church and Community Coffee Mornings

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**Corsley WI**

# May news

Fiona Carruthers rounds up the May meeting and announces some forthcoming events



Nick King went from policeman to successful soap maker following a car accident in central Bristol. Medical investigations following the accident led to a diagnosis of osteoporosis and the discovery of goats' milk as a source of dietary calcium.

Having decided to source the milk by keeping his own Anglo-Nubian goats, when the herd increased from two to 24, Nick started looking for additional ways to use what had become an over-abundance of milk. Enter soap making – starting in his kitchen at home before expanding into a workshop near Chew Valley Lake and producing 500 bars of soap a day.

Not surprisingly, Nick took early retirement from the police to concentrate on what was becoming a rapidly growing business, being joined by both his sons.

The company is called 'Goats of the Gorge', the name being derived from the goats roaming freely in Cheddar Gorge. Although these goats don't actually provide the milk Nick and his sons use, it is very much a Somerset-based operation.

Their range of goats' milk products now includes bath soaks, skin creams and shampoo bars – including one for your dog!

During the pandemic, the business survived through an online presence, but retail sales are back up and running through around 200 stores nationwide. And a further move into wholesale has now taken Goats of the Gorge

beyond the UK into Europe and the US.

Building a reputation for their slightly unusual products, Nick and his sons are also making soap from water buffalo milk and alpaca keratin, derived from the fleece.

While Nick didn't start out with a concrete business plan and is taking opportunities as they arise, it appears to be working – and saw him win 'New Start-up of the Year' in last year's South West Business & Community Awards.

Our next meeting is on 8th June, in the Reading Room, when there will be an opportunity to learn how to make tapas whilst learning a little Spanish too. We would be delighted to welcome non-members (£5). It would be helpful if anyone hoping to come could let Alice know so that we can cater for everyone but if you decide at the last minute. . . we'd love to see you!



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**Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the latest activities of the PC

Chapmanslade held its Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting on 11th May. The highlights are below.

**Parish Meeting**

The Parish Report was well received and prompted dialogue about footpaths, use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds, planning principles and pressures, and road issues including plans to resurface the remainder of the High Street in this financial year and the ongoing work to reduce the weight limit to 7.5t. The general trend was that those who attended understood the issues which the PC was trying to resolve, and some of the complexities associated with this work.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The PC nominated Councillor Phil Holihead to remain as Chairperson, and Councillor Tim Humphreys to be the Vice Chairperson. Councillors' responsibilities were reiterated and agreed with any gaps being undertaken for when the PC is back to full strength. Details of who is leading on what and other PC business can be found on the PC website [www.chapmansladepc.org.uk](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk)

During the public section of the meeting a small team from Thoulstone Park Ltd gave a very useful update on the progress of work to date. They also apologised for disruption caused by their sewerage works needing to come under the A36 and up the slip road near Hesdin Hall, noting that this had not been

their original plan, which was for foul water soakaway, but this had been rejected resulting in the requirement to link to the mains sewer in the village.

Some observations on the scope of the planning application PL/2023/02467 (see Planning applications, overleaf) were given by the applicants. A member of the public highlighted concerns regarding the access to The Grange site adjacent to the school and explained why he had made representation to Wiltshire Council to improve this on road safety grounds.

Councillor Bill Parks, Unitary Councillor and Chair of the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG), was able to explain work he has been progressing with the PC and Wiltshire Highways for a topographic survey of the centre of the village to look at options to improve road and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the school and its approaches. This is at an early stage, but his support for this and our lorry weight limit issues has been most helpful. An update was also given on the meeting between Wiltshire Council and the school attended by the PC and Councillor Parks to start implementing the recently completed School Travel Plan with all parties in agreement to try to make improvements for the safety of children and their parents when travelling to or from school.

Once the PC went into closed session, it

discussed the process for filling two vacancies that have recently come up on the PC. There had been no applicants for an election to the PC and as that period was now closed the process for co-opting new councillors would be started soon. If you feel you could meet the requirements and want to give back some time to wider community issues, keep an eye out for information on the co-opting process which will be on the website soon.

### **Planning application**

**PL/2023/02467**

For a new dwelling within the land of 3 The Grange. Whilst finding positive and encouraging aspects over design, environmental and ecological considerations and with no objections from neighbours, the PC felt the planning balance was tipped by the proposal being outside the development

boundary and not meeting criteria for new houses in the countryside and did not help meet Wiltshire Council's five-year housing plan which stands at 4.72 years' delivery. Because of this and the need to be consistent with other recent applications the PC objected to the application.

### **Finance**

The PC agreed the internal audit paperwork and findings and the payment of upcoming expenses. Once again, the Parish Clerk should be applauded for making all the audit arrangements and for managing the PC's funds so carefully throughout the year.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 8th June.

*Details of minutes and reports are available at  
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## Salisbury – our first ‘bus walk’



For our first ‘Bus Walk’, Salisbury’s a good choice, though I’ve started the walk from the huge market car park. From there, head for the Sainsbury store ahead and right of you, then go on to the small specialist shops beyond the store, in The Maltings. Next, turn right alongside the river, to the signs for Bishop’s Mill, going left at the ‘Conker’ sign on the building edge, but staying with the river on the left and with machinery visible for river flow and control, at the right. Turn right beyond that and go through the street leading to St. Thomas’s Church.

Tradition holds that this church was built by the builders of Salisbury Cathedral and

dedicated around 1220. Pop in here if you can, for its almost unique medieval survival – the Doom Painting, dating to the late 1400s. It’s the biggest in England and one of the best in Europe, though the church is filled with curios and delights. Afterwards, head for the main road left of the church. Once you’ve crossed the busy road, walk straight ahead, through the bustling pedestrian centre and towards what I call the ‘Sheep Gate,’ into quieter Cathedral Close; it’s the High Street Gate. Spot the sheep for yourself!

Once in the Close, you’ll pass an impressive building on the left, dating back to 1690. Turn right at the first corner and, for me, the style



of buildings here are so beguiling! When the Close bends sharp left, Mompesson House is on the corner, a National Trust property well worth a visit, especially if your Membership Card is with you! Along this second side of the Close are Sarum Studios (an art gallery), The 'Rifles Berkshire and Wiltshire Museum' (with a café, whoopee!) and Arundells, former Prime Minister Ted Heath's house. After Salisbury Museum, there's the Walton Canonry and a house that artist Rex Whistler leased for his parents, and visited regularly, as did his brother Laurence, a writer, poet and glass engraver. At the coming corner is the South Canonry, home to the Bishop of Salisbury. Head for the 'gate' in the next corner and leave the Close here (this walk isn't about the Cathedral itself, but its setting) and this road takes you out to the main road, with the Cathedral Close wall at your left.



Study the wall you're walking alongside, carefully. A plaque above a closed 'gate' further on tells the stones for this wall and the cathedral tower came from the old cathedral at Sarum. Look for different sculpted stones (including a Tudor Rose) and guess what part of the old structure they came from; see how many different masons' marks you can spot. Most stonemasons couldn't read or write and these marks are their signatures, their timesheet entries! It's quite a length of wall, but eventually you'll find an open 'gate' with a peculiar 'lodge' building before it and a coat of arms after it. Enter the 'gate' and the building on your right is Malmesbury House, while further along on your right is a modern plaque commemorating an horrific event – the burning to death of three Protestant martyrs in 1556. On the far side of the road, William Golding, novelist and Nobel Prize

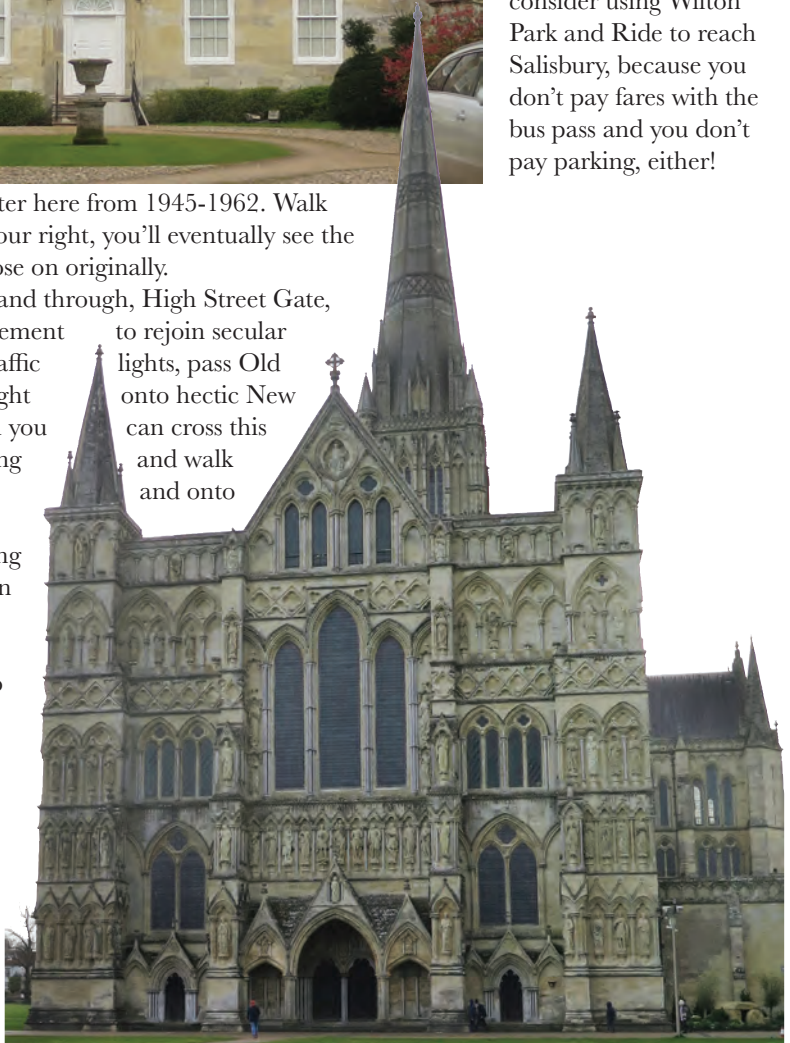


closing of Debenham's wonderful store and walk to the corner. Go right here and cross the street at the crossing, walking right again, past the Tesco store front. You'll soon see a slip road on your left, Avon Approach; use that to reach the car park. If you have a bus pass, consider using Wilton Park and Ride to reach Salisbury, because you don't pay fares with the bus pass and you don't pay parking, either!

winner, was a schoolmaster here from 1945-1962. Walk straight ahead and, on your right, you'll eventually see the road you entered the Close on originally.

Retrace your steps to, and through, High Street Gate, using the right-hand pavement to rejoin secular Salisbury. Cross at the traffic lights, pass Old George Mall and turn right onto hectic New Canal Road. Walk on till you can cross this and walk ahead, through the alley and onto the wider one behind.

Cross that, too, keep going and you'll find yourself in Salisbury's Market Place with its Town Hall, war memorial and a statue to Henry Fawcett, blinded in a shooting accident, but a Liberal MP and the Postmaster General (1880) who founded a savings scheme. Cross this wide-open space and use the crossing to reach Blue Boar Row, where NatWest bank is. Turn left, mourn the





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# Whitbourne Chapel

*“But God meant it for good...” Genesis 50, verse 20*

## Co-incidences or God-incidences?

Things sometimes happen in our lives which people put down to luck (bad or good) but I believe another Hand is at work. Let me give an example. Once my parents borrowed my old Morris Minor to go on holiday. The car made the journey from Surrey to Barnstaple but broke down in a car park on a Saturday afternoon. The AA man came but said the water pump had broken; there would be no garages open; and no spare parts available anyway. However, he knew someone who specialised in Morris Minors and he took them and the car to his friend. The water pump was replaced and they were able to reach their destination, even if later than they planned!

A man in the Bible who knew a lot about God-incidences is Joseph. Looking back on his life, he was able to see God’s almighty hand in both the bad and the good. Sold by his envious brothers into slavery in Egypt, he experienced some hard trials but God was with him. Eventually, he became Pharaoh’s prime minister and God used him to save the nation from starvation during seven years of famine. His brothers, and later his aged father, came to Egypt and Joseph provided for them. After father Jacob died, his brothers thought Joseph would take his revenge, but he said: You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good... to save many people alive

(Gen. 50 v. 20; read about Joseph from chaps 37-50).

Isn’t that so like God? He overrules man’s plans to bring about His great purposes. This happened right through the Bible, until the Lord Jesus came into this world and lived and was crucified and rose again on the third day.

On the day of Pentecost Peter said that, although wicked hands had taken Jesus and crucified Him, it was all part of God’s great plan to save us (see Acts 2 vv. 23-4).

God intended Jesus’ death for our greatest good – that we may find forgiveness of sins and come into a right relationship with Him. Let us consider His goodness in our lives, giving us so many things – food, a roof over our heads, families, friends, even those little God-incidences, but above all in sending His Son to die for us.

*John Hobson*

*Visiting preacher at Whitbourne Chapel*

## A time of great fellowship!

Our May Coffee Morning was the best so far! Fourteen of us sat round a big table, fifteen if we include Freda the dog, who’s settled well into the sit and relax routine! I don’t know who was the oldest person present, but the youngest was five-month-old Esther, daughter of James Wicks, one of our guitarists, and his wife Rosie. Join us on Tuesday 13th June, for tea, coffee, cake and chat!

### Please remember:

If you need help or simply someone to talk to, ring 07980 013685 and we’ll do our best to help you. Otherwise, visit our website [www.whitbournechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitbournechapel.org.uk) or google ‘Whitbourne Baptist Chapel’.



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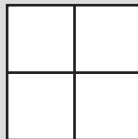
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# Corsley Tennis Club News



As spring moves into summer and the weather feels just right for tennis, the junior and adult coaching sessions are going well. Everyone is enjoying practising and learning and rumour has it that King Charles is missing a crown; it has been awarded within the first adult coaching session to the person with the highest score in a competition thought up by the ever-ingenious Martin.

I'm not sure if we have to give it back or not.

Two tournaments will have been held by the time you are reading this, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles. There were, I am told, worthy winners and close calls and jolly good cake and other food for tea after the event. There are two more tournaments to come. Do get your entries in to Diana Hale – there's still chance to bag a trophy!

## Why play tennis?

A recent article in The Times said 'if you want to stay sharp and agile into old age take up tennis or badminton.' It went on 'tennis offers more benefits than other sports including swimming cycling and walking, because tennis works all your body's muscles at once and requires good hand and eye

coordination'. So its official, tennis is fun and good for you.

Our coach, Martin, is experienced in coaching beginners and older players and is proposing to run some additional sessions called Walking Tennis and Rusty Rackets.

Martin describes Walking Tennis as 'safe, fun, inclusive and a fantastic way to stay active!' He says it offers an easy way for older people to keep their body and mind active, while also enjoying the social side of being part of a tennis community.

Rusty Racquets is an ideal session for anyone of any age wishing to give tennis a try, whether you've never played before or are returning to the game after a long absence.

For either of these sessions all equipment, including racquets and balls will be provided. Keep an eye on our website for launch of these courses.

**[https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/  
CorsleyTennisClub](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CorsleyTennisClub)**

See you on court!

*Liz Garrett  
Club Secretary*

## Church and Community Coffee Mornings

Third Thursday of each month

10 am to 12 noon

The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## Corsley Reading Room

# Your 'village hall'

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



### Make Music Day – 21st June

Book your tickets now for this event at the Reading Room. On National Make Music Day we have arranged, with Wiltshire Rural Music, an evening of live music. The proceeds to be split between us and WRM.

Flautists, saxophonist/pianist, and singers will be performing. Doors open at 7 pm and the live music begins at 7.30 pm.

Bar and teas/coffees available on arrival and during the interval.

Please buy your tickets in advance. Full refund if we cancel for any reason. See website for details and to buy tickets.

### Coffee Mornings

The next Coffee Morning on Tuesday June 6th (10 – 12). Come and you can buy your Make Music tickets if you want to!

### Electric prices

Our existing contract with SSE is ended on 31st May; our new contract with Octopus starts on June 1st. As a result, the unit price is about half what we have had to charge for the last few months, which will be most welcome by all!

In combination with the roof work and the insulation we hope users see a very significant reduction in the costs, especially next winter.

### New Trustee

We are pleased to welcome Chris de Groot to the trustees.

### Roof Refurbishment

Thanks for the many positive comments about the new roof. Photos on the website.

### To hire

To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

### More info

[www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for up-to-date information and more details about the Reading Room.

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

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### Committee Members

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# Small ads

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## Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Suffolk
- 2 Nonet
- 3 Wyoming
- 4 Purple
- 5 Mossad
- 6 Knots Landing
- 7 Lithuania
- 8 Nicholas Nickleby
- 9 The Light Programme
- 10 Four
- 11 The Tolpuddle Martyrs were six agricultural labourers from the village of Tolpuddle in Dorset, who, in 1834, were convicted of swearing a secret oath as members of the Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers and sentenced to penal transportation to Australia. They were pardoned in 1836 and returned to England a few years later.
- 12 I'm not sure I'm normal but I have 24 ribs (12 pairs) as per the majority of humans!

## Local organisation adverts

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6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£120

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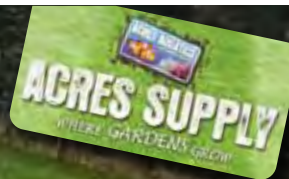
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