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June 2024

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

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

June

Sunday 2nd

Corsley Tennis Club - Men's Doubles tournament – 2 pm,
Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Tuesday 4th

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

Thursday 6th

Road closure – from Lane End junction on A362 to no 84 Lane End – 9:30 am to 3:30 pm (for 1 day)

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Friday 7th

Walking Tennis - come and try it out! – 2 pm, Corsley Tennis Club

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – visit to Heywood House, 6.30 pm (see page 26)

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall – all welcome!

Saturday 15th

Dorothy House Night Walk – Bath

Thursday 20th

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

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 22nd

Field Day – 2 - 5 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Sunday 23rd

Corsley Tennis Club - American Switch tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

Wednesday 26th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



Diary Dates

July

Tuesday 2nd

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

Thursday 4th

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 6th

Corsley History Day – Corsley Reading Room (for full programme, see page 13)

Tuesday 9th

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

Sunday 12th

Corsley Tennis Club - Women's Singles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 18th

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

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 21st

Corsley Tennis Club - Men's Singles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

Saturday 27th

The Elizabethan Evening presents 'The Gondoliers' – 7 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley (gates open 6pm). Tickets on sale now

August

Thursday 1st

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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Wednesday 12th June

Wednesday 26th June

Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday 24th July

Wednesday 7th August

Wednesday 21st August

Wednesday 4th September

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 2nd October

Wednesday 16th October

Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 13th November

Wednesday 27th November



Our new Police Community Support Officer

My name is Lukasz and, from the 17th May, I will be the new PCSO serving your area.

Should there be any questions or issues you would like to raise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further to that, I am going to exercise my visible presence in your parish to provide reassurance to your community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any issues or let me know about any events or meetings you would like me to get involved in.

*Lukasz Kolasinski 70901
Police Community Support Officer
Warminster Rural Beat
Police Station, The Avenue, Warminster
lukasz.kolasinski@wiltshire.police.uk*

Lite Bites April Lunch

A very big THANK YOU to all those who attended our April lunch and gave so generously to our chosen charity. We raised £245 for Dorothy House which, I am sure you will agree, is a very worthwhile charity.

Over the year we have supported nine different charities and thanks to the generosity of our 'customers' have donated a grand total of almost £1,000.

We have provided a great variety of soups but we have never taken a survey (they're everywhere these days aren't they?) to find out which soup is most popular. Answers please or come and tell us in September when we start serving again.

I hope this current warm weather continues and we have a summer which can be called 'summer'! We look forward to seeing our regular lunchers and hopefully some new faces, in September.

Maureen Willcox for the Lite Bites Team

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Bob's bafflers

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- 2 Which film company uses the symbol of a snow-covered mountain top at the start of productions?
- 3 The Jordanares were the backing group for which rock and roll legend?
- 4 How many players in a netball team are allowed to score?
- 5 Who is the only Coronation Street actor remaining from the original cast?
- 6 What is the longest side of a right-angled triangle called?
- 7 How many faces does a cube have?
- 8 In which English county is Bosworth Field, the site of a battle in 1485?
- 9 From which country does the cheese Edam originate?
- 10 Hepatitis C generally affects which organ of the body?
- 11 The city of Riga is the capital of which Baltic State?
- 12 Who is the patron saint of lost causes?

Answers on page 40

Corsley Tennis Club **Walking Tennis – your chance to try it!**

2 pm, Friday 7th June

Who can play?

Walking Tennis is for anyone that wants to play tennis, but at their own pace.

It's ideal for those who:

- Are just starting out and want to build up their confidence
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- Just need a bit more time getting to the ball.

How do I play?

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- Players can't run or jump.

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Corsley Tennis Club News



At last it feels like the right weather for tennis. Tournaments are underway and junior sessions busy on Sunday. One parent told me this week her 7-year-old daughter's serve was better than her own because of the lessons!

Martin's experience and enthusiasm makes his sessions great fun for all ages. For the younger children he uses the single court and the older groups move onto the double courts to allow enough space for proper games. That causes a bit of pressure on court space in the middle of the day on Sundays but we hope the adult members understand and welcome the fact that we are building tennis players for the future.

Is there anyone out there who would like to train as a coach for the juniors? It takes about a day a week. Martin tells us he will not be continuing in the role after this year. We are already looking for someone who could take it on and the best possible solution would be for someone living locally to train up working alongside Martin. Getting the training and accreditation through the Lawn Tennis Association does take time and money but there are bursaries available from Wiltshire Tennis and the club would help and support anyone who wanted to undertake the training.

Do contact me or Martin if you would like to know more.

Member survey

Thank you to the 35 members who responded to the club survey sent out earlier in the year. Most people said that they found the court booking system easy to use and that they were satisfied re the club's equipment. There was a mixed response on how happy people are with club sessions. Few make use of the pavilion and there was a request for a shelter (from rain) nearer to the courts.

Respondents also said that the WhatsApp group worked well and most said the access to the single court was satisfactory.

Under the heading of new equipment which would enhance play, a ball machine was suggested by a significant number of people.

Good to know what people think and it helps the committee in planning the coming year and considering purchases or developments.

Check out our advert about Walking Tennis session elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge.

See you on court!

Liz Garrett

Club secretary

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Ian Curtis rounds up the PC's latest activities

The Parish Council met on 9th May. The first part of the meeting was the Parish Council AGM and was largely procedural. Councillors confirmed the reappointment of Cllr Phil Holihead as Chair, and Cllr Tim Humphreys as Vice-Chair for the coming year. They also received the audited accounts, with the completed audit statement. Councillors thanked the Parish Clerk, Minnie House, for her dedication in completing these and in dealing with all manner of issues, particular related to CIL (see below) and S106 (for the playing fields) funds. A notice of public rights to view the accounts will be posted on the Parish Council website on 29th May.

The main agenda included two planning applications, both of which councillors considered to be non-contentious. These were:

- **PL/2024/03455** Householder planning permission, Front porch extension at 18 Brimhill Rise, BA13 4AX – Councillors confirmed they had no objection
- **PL/2024/03071** Full planning permission. Installation of fence parallel to A3098 Turnpike Cottage, Chalcot Lane, BA13 4AB – Councillors confirmed their support.

The Parish Council has recently posted a guidance note and application form for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) projects on the Parish Council website

[www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/
wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/05/
CIL-Application-Form-Final.pdf](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/05/CIL-Application-Form-Final.pdf)

The final date for submission of applications is 30th June 2024, for projects to be considered for funding from the first tranche of funding (around £26,000). The CIL is a charge local authorities impose on new developments (in our case Honey Glade and Thoulstone Farm) to invest in new infrastructure – with 15% allocated to Chapmanslade Parish Council to administer for local parish initiatives.

The recently completed Chapmanslade Community Emergency Plan is also now available on the Parish Council website

[www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/
wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/04/
Chapmanslade-Community-
Emergency-Plan-2024.pdf](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/04/Chapmanslade-Community-Emergency-Plan-2024.pdf)

Should any members of the community have any comments or suggestions, or would like to be more closely involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th June in the Village Hall – community members are very welcome to attend.

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Corsley History Day

Reading Room Saturday July 6th



The Reading Room Committee are celebrating the village's past with a step back into Corsley's History

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- The Forward Family Photographs of Corsley Village life in the early 20th Century
- The history of the Memorial Playing Fields
- Corsley School
- Maps and documents relating to the history of Corsley.

6.30 doors open: 7pm - 10pm Social Evening of talks, presentations and Q&As

- Mike Forward - the Lost Castle of Horningsham
- Chris da Costa - the history of Manor Farm
- Fiona Carruthers - the men of Corsley who served in World War One
- Film - Death of a Sociologist, Maud Davies

Other contributions are to be confirmed

There will be a paying Bar and tea and coffee available.

Tickets for the social evening are £7 and will be available from June 6th online or on the door.

If you would like to contribute documents, maps, artefacts or just your memories and stories of Corsley in the past please email events@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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Wiltshire Council

Annual Report

Bill Parks summarises the Annual Report for Town and Parish Councils

Wiltshire Council’s Annual Report for Town and Parish Councils can be found at Resources for Town and Parish Councils - Democratic Services - Wiltshire Council

Overall, the council’s budget for 2024/25 stands at around £490m. More than half of that is spent on adult and children’s social care services.

Secure Finances – Investing in Key Services:

Despite the ongoing budget pressures arising from increasing demand for services and inflationary costs, the Council has been able to effectively manage these challenges to ensure a firm financial footing. Key to this sustainable approach to delivering for Wiltshire, is to invest in services, especially those which tackle issues in a proactive way. The Council

receives nearly 83% of its funding from local taxes, Business Rates and Council Tax, so we take delivering on our promises to local people very seriously.

The most significant spending in 2024/25 will be on:

- Adult services - £179.4m
- Families and children - £70.8m
- Education and skills - £38.9m
- Environment - £49.6m
- Highways and transport - £43m

Highlights

Children’s Services – ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted

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How the money is spent

For every £100 of core funding we receive to fund services, we spend:

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|  £38 on caring for vulnerable adults |  £21 on supporting and safeguarding our children and young people |
|  £9 on managing Wiltshire’s waste |  £8 on funding the investment in Wiltshire schools, roads and housing |
|  £9 on maintaining Wiltshire’s highways and subsidising local bus services |  £6 on running the council and holding elections |
|  £4 on property assets |  £3 on our online and digital services |
|  £1 on Wiltshire’s leisure and libraries |  £1 on improving Wiltshire’s economy |

their long-term life chances and gives them the best opportunity to live full and healthy lives. We have worked relentlessly to improve our services and now deliver consistently outstanding services that ensure the needs of families and children are met at the right time by the right people. This is reflected in the Ofsted inspection report from November 2023 that rated us ‘Outstanding’ across the board.

Additional funding for highways and flood prevention

Heat, flooding and severe winter weather had caused significant damage to some of Wiltshire’s roads in 2023. Whilst the overall condition of Wiltshire’s classified road network is better than the national average this continues to be a priority. We are investing an additional £10m in highways maintenance, which together with increased Department for Transport (DfT) funding, will enable an extensive programme of road surfacing and treatment in 2024/25. We are also investing an additional £1m to support preventative drainage programmes and have confirmed additional £1.5m funding from 25/26 onwards to help with gully cleaning and potholes.

£179m for adult services, which includes over £9m of efficiency savings

Adult Social Care accounts for the highest percentage spend of Wiltshire Council’s budget and continues to see significant demographic and cost pressures. The Transforming Adult Social Care programme ensures that the Council is proactive in ensuring services meet need. Continued investment is being made in preventative, enablement and reablement services that support people to stay in their own homes and take full part in their communities. The Shared Lives Scheme, which offers a fostering style model of care and support continues to grow, and the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) is a key priority. Moving from children to adult services is one of the most

critical times for anyone’s life, this is even more important for young adults who have Special Education Needs and Disabilities.

Locally, I have continued to support parish councils and residents with specific local matters, and I have attempted to attend the PC meetings across the area.

As chairman of the Local Highway Footpath Improvement Group, I am very pleased to support parish highway improvement schemes brought before the group. I will continue to press for road safety improvements across the area, especially near schools and seek a resolution to speeding vehicles and HGVs seeking short-cuts and travelling through the villages.

I have been delighted to gain various grants for village organisations and will continue to ensure that the villages never become forgotten in the wider context.

Looking forward, I will continue to listen to local views on planning applications and support efforts to ensure that the applications only deliver sympathetic outcomes where planning policy permits.

It has been a pleasure to support parish councils, community groups and residents with a whole host of local issues over the last year including flooding, road safety, footpaths, and planning matters. If there is a local issue that you are concerned about, please do get in touch and I will do my very best to help.

I hope you feel that your village has benefited from our joint efforts with your local projects and concerns.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parish councils across Warminster Rural West – they and the many other local organisations help ensure our villages are such fabulous communities and brilliant places to live.

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks I have been reflecting on the busyness of life, and how as Christians we are called to be counter-cultural. I always find this to be a bit of a challenge!

We are typically, myself included, very much part of our own culture. We have ideas, we make assumptions, we think we know what the world is about. Sometimes as we experience life we wonder if ever we really do know what's going on. And sometimes when we try to work it out, we never quite know what we don't yet know!

So, how do we navigate life? How do we know if we make good decisions or not? How do we align our own moral compass? Is common sense something we are born with or something we learn? Does it matter which part of the country, what your education was like, your gender, your age, the type of house you live, whether you're a half full sort of person or a glass half empty? There are so many variables that we take for granted or make assumptions around. Sometimes these get in the way and sometimes they help. I suspect that depends on your particular perspective! I recently attended a safeguarding training for leaders in the church. It made me aware of just how much prejudice and bias exists and how much I have experienced it. I will no doubt have also exercised these particular traits. There is nothing like attending a course to help you grow a little in self-awareness. As I do so, I can observe my own behaviours and ask myself whether I really am behaving in such a way that demonstrates God's love to the various people that I come into contact with, and whether I extend that same courtesy to strangers as well as friends. I was reminded of this passage, from Matthew 25:42-45

"For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me."

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'"

"And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'"

All volunteers in the church are required to undertake a short in safeguarding awareness, this is designed to help us see the things that others want to keep hidden. But we have a duty of care to ensure that our churches are welcoming and safe for everyone no matter who or where they may have come from. For more information please contact: Safeguarding officer , Sarah Humberstone cleyhillbeneficeoffice @ gmail.com

Yours in Christ,
Revd Caroline

June Church Diary

2nd June: 1st Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion, Kingston

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill



9th June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity

10 am Praise and Worship, Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist, Kingston



16th June: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11 am Matins, Corsley

10 am Eucharist, Brixton



23rd June: 4th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist, Longbridge



30th June: 5th Sunday after Trinity

11.15 am Benefice Service, Horningsham

Church and Community Events in June

Crafternoons

Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 26th June
3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Community Church Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th June
10 am to 12 pm, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

What's going on in the Diocese?

The Grapevine is the Diocese of Salisbury's weekly newsletter, sharing stories of lives transformed in Christ from around Dorset and Wiltshire. You can find it online at www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoware/news/publications/publications

Sudan Fete

2 to 5 pm, Sunday 9th June

Bishop Stephen and Carol warmly invite you to their garden at The South Canonry for the long-standing summer fete. This is the major fundraising event for the Sudan Medical Link each year.

30th Anniversary of Women's Ordination

11 am, Saturday 15th June

A celebration service marking 30 years of women's ordination to the priesthood is being held in Salisbury Cathedral. Everyone welcome.



Church and Community Coffee Mornings

Third Thursday of each month
10am to 12pm
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Corsley WI

May news

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



In May we were joined in the Reading Room by Kady Chatman, of the Saxon Group, Riding for the Disabled, who spoke about ‘Changing Lives with Horses.’

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) is a nationwide organisation, founded 55 years ago and the Princess Royal has been their patron for 54 years. Nationally, there are about 25,000 participants but each group is run as an individual charity under the umbrella of RDA. Initially the aim was just to provide horse riding for disabled people but this has widened beyond riding, supporting social inclusion by grooming and interacting with the horses. The aim is to provide ‘fun, therapy and personal challenges for children and adults with disabilities.’

The Saxon Group is based in Bradford on Avon working with a wide range of people ranging in age from 3 years old to mid 70’s and there is a waiting list for riding places. The group own six horses and borrow two more from the riding school where they are based; the temperament of the horse is the most important thing. Horses can be trained to deal with hoists or other equipment which may be needed, but must have the right temperament for the riders. Great care is taken when matching horses to new riders.

Kady spoke movingly about individuals with a wide range of disabilities, including physical and developmental ones and explained the very positive impact the charity was having on

their lives. She explained that the benefits of riding are immeasurable. It can give a sense of freedom to the wheelchair bound, it gives confidence and a sense of achievement. It also has a positive physical impact, helping to strengthen core muscles. Riders from the group sometimes go on to compete in RDA competitions which often means overcoming tremendous anxiety as well as dealing with physical disability. The focus is on what you can do, not what you can’t.

The Saxon Group provide non-riding sessions called ‘proficiency sessions’ where children can develop social skills, making friends and learning to work as a team. The group have also extended their activities with a monthly ‘Tea with a Pony’ session. These drop-in sessions give an opportunity to stroke a pony and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. They were initially for those with dementia but now attract a huge cross section of people.

All the activities offered are run by volunteers and there are 18,000 of them around the UK. Volunteering often makes a difference to their own lives too, giving them confidence and widening their social circle. The work of this charity clearly makes an enormous positive difference to the lives of many people and we were grateful to Kady



for giving us a real insight into it.

Our next meeting is on 13th June at 6.30pm when we will meet at Heywood House to learn about the history of the mansion, tour the house and round off the evening in the café. Non-members are welcome to join us for the evening (£5) but please note that you can only attend three of our meetings as a visitor before joining and becoming a member.

For any further information please contact Alice Helliard on 07989 339632.

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Of the total municipal waste collected for recycling, reuse or composting by Wiltshire Council, 97% was managed within the UK and not exported abroad. A further 2% was reprocessed within the European Union (EU) - this consisted of some paper, cardboard, plastics, and household batteries. The remaining 1% was exported outside of the EU - this consisted of textiles collected at our Household recycling centres (HRCs), which were reused, and a small percentage of kerbside collected cardboard and plastics.

Wiltshire's investment in our highways

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2,800
miles of roads

Our highways network, including roads, bridges and related infrastructure has a replacement value of more than

£5bn

In 2024/25 we have received £40.8m from:

Additional potholes fund:

£3.6m

Integrated Transport Funding:

£2.1m

Highways Maintenance Fund for resurfacing, potholes and maintenance:

£21m

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure:

£4.7m

Bus Service Improvement Plan:

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Purbeck magic



This is more like it – another coach trip, courtesy of Chandlers Coaches of Westbury! The outing was titled ‘Purbeck Magic’ and the description was perfect; Warminster was final pick-up at 9.40am and away we went! There was a comfort stop at Blandford Forum, but we travelled for two hours, passing through Corfe Castle and arriving at Swanage by noon for our two-hour-plus stop. If you’re driving to Swanage, you can walk further than I did here, but for £24 to visit Swanage AND Poole, this trip suited me!

Our drop-off point was behind Swanage Railway Station and, after using the nearby zebra crossing, most people turned right, heading into town. Not me! I crossed the road, turned left and then right, through a car park and alongside fenced Chadwick Playground (a children’s huge play area), and walked towards the sea. When the fence goes left, do the same and you’re walking on the cliff top; the sea is on your right, but the view is mainly

of buildings. Keep going and the water will emerge beyond the cafes, huts and kiosks! Eventually, there’s enough open space to see the vista and Old Harry Rocks in the distance.

Once the playground fencing goes left again, there’s a large notice board on the left ahead, with a sunken bandstand beyond it. This lovely creation was manufactured in Glasgow, 1923, totally refurbished in 2019 and it’s one of very few examples still existing today. Keep walking ahead and Swanage War Memorial is next, still on the cliff-top and surrounded by acres of open land and gardens. The wall in front of the Memorial includes a plaque to the American forces stationed nearby in the last war; there’s also a metal plaque to a local man who died in Palestine, 1948. After this, you’ll have options – follow the paths along the cliff, or descend to the promenade and beach. I had no choice, after the coach travel and only one break, but if you have the bladder and the stamina, why



War memorial



not walk the three-and-a-half miles out to Old Harry Rocks and back?

Facilities and food were on my mind – and must have been vital, because I forgot to paddle in the sea! It was a beautifully warm and sunny day, but with a sharp wind, as I descended from the cliffs by convenient steps and turned right, heading towards Swanage town itself via the promenade and local Tourist Information Centre. Where a major building juts onto the beach ahead, you'll pass an odd monument on your left, a stone pillar with (maybe!) three cannonballs at its top. This was erected in 1862 by John Mowlem – and the building ahead is the Mowlem Theatre. As I followed the tarmac path edging the structure, waves were splashing against the theatre base, while the pathway felt like it was part of a wind tunnel! I had lunch at this point, reasonably-priced chips with beans, plus a pot of tea, in the Brook Tea Rooms, before setting off again.





Among the throng of people on right-hand pavements, there's a red-brick rounded building proclaiming 'Fish Plaice', but past it on the far side of the road, is the stone-built Salvation Army Citadel, set back from the kerb. Again, keep walking ahead and eventually, Swanage Health Centre is on your left, with the Railway Station away to its right. As the coach was due soon, I used the facilities and toured the station shop, before part two of the day. That involved crossing from Studland to Poole on the chain link ferry, included in the coach ticket price..!

From the tea rooms, I turned right along the same windy path, which was now part of the sea defences. This is the 'livelier' end of Swanage, with roundabouts, kiosks, and people. To my left, at one point, was a stone 'slipway' into the water; there may once have been a stone-built jetty near here, too. I wandered right, between outdoor diners and drinkers, onto a town road and turned right again, passing new buildings named 'Weighbridge Court'; perhaps I was right about the jetty? Keep walking and you'll see, across the road on your left, a turning uphill called 'Park Road'; it leads to The Downs, a huge area of grassland overlooking the sea. The lady I sat with, on the coach, walked to that grassland this day, to find a statue called 'The Globe', as her big sister took her there once, as a child. From the maps I saw, she walked much further than I did at Swanage, possibly five miles!



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Miracles

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They were possibly even more surprised that the Lord did not tell him to get up but said, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you’.

Jesus was about to prove something to the religious leaders assembled there. He asked them if it were easier to forgive the man’s sins or to tell him to get up! He said to show them He had power to forgive sins He would tell the man to get up. Matthew 9 vv 2-7 Mark 2 vv 1-12 Luke 5 vv 18-24

For the Christian today when we need a miracle, we may ask the Lord in prayer to intervene.

As we get older our bodies show signs of ageing. So perhaps as our eyesight becomes worse, we may ask the Lord to stop the downward trend. It may surprise us that the Lord has done something which will be even better than just stopping the downward trend.

Being diagnosed with cataracts I agreed to undergo a cataract procedure. The result was truly miraculous. Over time the Lord has allowed us to develop all the necessary equipment and people with the skills to give me ‘a new eye’. I had to remove the old lens from my glasses and now I can clearly see the Westbury white horse from my lounge window.

The consultant who advised me to do it said I might think that, ‘that is much better’ or it might be ‘WOW’! Surprise, surprise, it was Wow! Praise the Lord.

*Ray Mead
Chapel Secretary*

Holiday Bible Club

Chapel members and friends will be running a free Holiday Bible Club at the Memorial Playing Field Pavilion, Corsley, on Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd August this year, from 10.30am to 12 noon, for children aged between 4 and 11 years, from both villages. There will be stories, quizzes, games, craft, activities and competitions.

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 or google ‘Whitbourne Baptist Chapel’.

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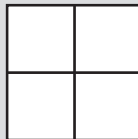
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Wiltshire Council

Pay less for a composter!

Wiltshire Council have teamed up with Great Green Systems to offer subsidised food waste composters, called a Green Johanna, to all Wiltshire residents

You can buy a Green Johanna for just £68 (subsidised from £144.99). The Green Johanna is a top-performing hot composter that turns food waste and garden waste (including all cooked and uncooked food waste) into high quality compost within months.

Recommended as a 'Best Buy' in Gardeners' World magazine and Which, the Green Johanna is an enclosed unit with a perforated integrated base plate that allows access to worms and micro-organisms while deterring rodents.

Composting

Up to 50% of the rubbish we throw away can be composted. Composting is nature's way of recycling. Millions of tiny, microscopic bugs eat the things we put into our compost bins and break it down into a crumbly, soil-like material – compost. This compost can then be used in pot plants or on the garden to improve the condition of your soil, in turn saving you money.

Food waste composters are similar to traditional compost bins but they are able to take ALL cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit.

The Green Johanna food waste composter produces an excellent quality compost for use in your garden. Designed for a shady position, it is a hot composter and breaks down all food waste quickly. It is also suitable for your garden waste.



You can order one by visiting www.greatgreensystems.com/wiltshire-council/ or by calling Great Green Systems on 0113 323 5780 and provide your postcode to benefit from the Wiltshire Council subsidised cost.

Waste you can compost at home

To make successful compost you need a good balance of green and brown garden waste.

Green garden waste you can compost:

- grass cuttings, weeds, fruit/vegetable scraps, flowers/plant cuttings, hedge clippings, prunings.

Brown garden waste you can compost:

- tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, egg shells, dried grass/weeds and leaves, straw/hay and pet bedding, wood ash, sawdust and wood shavings, cardboard e.g. egg boxes, tubes, etc.

If you're using a Green Johanna, don't forget you can also compost ALL cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products too!

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

We need people to join the trustee team/ committee running the hall.

Great news! We are pleased that we now have a volunteer to join the trustees and take on the role of Treasurer later this year.

We will still welcome others to join us, especially some to succeed the current **Chair**

Please do contact me or any of the trustees if you are interested in joining the committee and keep the Reading Room available for the benefit of all villagers.

Coffee Mornings

Tuesday 4th June 4th and every first Tuesday of the month (10 am to 12 noon). Please come and join us and meet others, pick up the local gossip or just put the world to rights!

The coffee morning is in need of others to help run it. David and Anne have a done a great job but need to have support and hand it over to others to run.

Corsley Film Club

Read more about it on our website.



Corsley History Day – Saturday 6th July

See the advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge for this event featuring historical photos, talks and, we hope, an opportunity to see the Maud Davies film (Death of a Sociologist).

Electricity

The electricity rate charged is now 26% lower due to our new contract.

Booking the hall

Please use the website form or email crrbookings@gmail.com. Corsley residents get a discount on our published prices! So please do use the hall – Jamie and Charlie Owen are keen to help with your booking.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

01373 832897

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up-to-date information and more

Trustees

Hugh Deed, Chris de Groot, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett, Caroline Hutton
Jackie Jasper, Mark Richards (Jamie and Charlie Owen look after bookings)

Small ads

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

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Berlin
- 2 Paramount
- 3 Elvis Presley (they also backed Patsy Cline in their early years and acted as session musicians for many other artists, including Cliff Richard, Ricky Nelson and Johnny Cash in later years)
- 4 Two (goal attack and goal shooter)
- 5 William Roache (Ken Barlow). Even the cat on the roof is no longer with us!
- 6 Hypotenuse
- 7 Six
- 8 Leicestershire
- 9 The Netherlands
- 10 Liver
- 11 Latvia
- 12 St Jude (and the patron saint often of people who write quiz questions!)

Local organisation adverts

£2.50 per month for a small boxed advert or £8 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!

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

1 space	(69mm wide x 33mm high)	£24
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£47
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£68
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£85
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£120

Trade advertisement material should be supplied in print-ready format, to the chosen standard size and correct shape.

For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer) at either thebridge832@gmail.com or 01373 832443.



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