

# The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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## From the Editor

With Spring just around the corner, it's a joy to see the hedgerows bursting forth with daffodils, primroses and snow drops! It won't be long before we see the lambs gamboling in the fields; let's hope all the ewes escaped the dreaded Schmallenberg disease – such a devastating start in life for their poor offspring.

Viv Thomas, Editor

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

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items will be accepted  
after this date**

# What's on

## March

### Thursday 1st

Chapmanslade Loose Women visit to Champneys, Bath

### Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 7th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Lent Lunch – 12.30pm, Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade

### Thursday 8th

Corsley WI Annual Meeting – Corsley Reading Room

Warminster Area Board – 7pm, Civic Centre, Warminster

### Saturday 10th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Evening with Shebeen at Chapmanslade Village Hall – 7.30pm

### Tuesday 13th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Lent Talk – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### Friday 16th

Irish Night – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Wednesday 21st

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Lent Lunch – 12.30pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Gardening Club visit to Sharcott Manor, Pewsey – meet there at 2.30pm

### Thursday 22nd

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

### Friday 23rd

Irish Night – 7.00 - 11.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Tuesday 27th

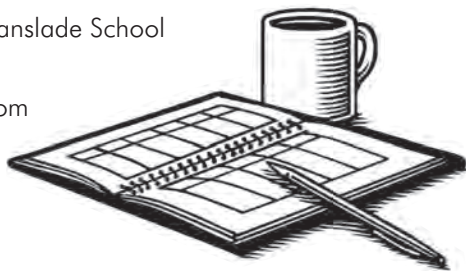
Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Lent Talk – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's

### Thursday 29th

'Afternoon Tea' – 3.00 - 5.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 31st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak



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## April

### Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### **Friday 6th**

Little Cuckoo's Easter Egg Hunt

### **Tuesday 10th**

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8.15pm

### **Thursday 12th**

Corsley WI - Cheese and Wine tasting – Corsley Reading Room

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## **May**

### **Wednesday 16th**

Little Cuckoo's Bag2School textile collection

### **Saturday 19th**

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre – 2.30pm, Corsley House

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## **June**

### **Sunday 3rd**

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Corsley Big Family Lunch – 12.30 for 1.00pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### **Tuesday 5th**

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Open Day – 10.00am, Corsley Reading Room

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## **July**

### **Wednesday 4th**

WI outing to Winchester

### **Saturday 7th**

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Bargains In The Barn – 10.00 - 12 noon, High House Farm, Corsley

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# **Litter pickers**

## **Chapmanslade litter pickers**

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on **Saturday 10th March**. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

*Phil Jefferson*  
01373 832845

## **Corsley litter pickers**

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on **Saturday 3rd March**. Due to the Easter weekend, the April litter pick will actually be on **Saturday March 31st**. Do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

*Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor*

# Corsley Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 14th March in the Reading Rooms. The meeting will begin with a presentation and discussion session with David Bradley, the **Longleat Estate Chief Executive Officer**. David has agreed to talk about the future development of the Longleat Estate and to take questions. Given the recent publicity about access to the Estate this will provide a timely opportunity for local people to raise issues and concerns.

Malcolm Holley, the Chairman, will then give his annual report on the business of the parish council over the past year, followed by discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sally Evans  
Clerk to Corsley Parish Council

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Jenny Ruttly  
Corsley Show Secretary  
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# Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Chapmanslade – update

As we mentioned in last month's Bridge, we are planning two days of fun and activities for all the family to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

On **Saturday 2nd June**, we would like to involve everyone in the village by inviting them to judge a scarecrow competition and a garden frontage competition. There'll also be a mammoth garage sale throughout the village and the village hall will be open for refreshments. An exhibition of village memorabilia spanning the last sixty years will be on display in the hall.

On **Sunday 3rd June** we will invite you to join us at the Big Picnic (actually picnic and barbecue) on the village hall playing field. There will be lots of activities for people of all ages such as duck racing, pig racing, children's races, model tanks, a boules competition and a tug of war. We are planning a village photograph, too, and would like everyone to be on it!. The bar will be open in the village hall and music will be provided by the Cleyhill Stompers.

We are also planning a poetry competition, on the theme of the Jubilee, for adults and young people, and shortly we will be planting some trees on the village playing field to serve as a permanent reminder of the Jubilee.

Further details of our events will appear in the next few editions of the Bridge but it's not too early to start thinking about how you might design and build that winning scarecrow, or planning how you could make a right royal show in your front garden

by decorating it with flowers or bunting. What could you lend us for our exhibition in the village hall in the way of photographs of village or school events or activities spanning the 60 years the Queen has been on the throne? And what could you find in the loft that might make you a few pence (to pay for a round of drinks at the village hall?) in a garage sale on your front drive?

Finally, we are delighted to have secured sponsorship from a local company "Gadgetshelpline.com" and from Wales and West Utilities (the company that closed our road a few times in recent months!) to help pay for all these activities and we thank them for their generosity.

*Phil Jefferson*  
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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which wine is the subject of an annual race to get the first bottle from France to London?
- 2 In which Shakespeare play does a ghost walk on the battlements?
- 3 Which drink was advertised by Joan Collins and Leonard Rossiter?
- 4 Which flap of cartilage prevents food from entering your windpipe?
- 5 Which Saint has 15th July as his Feast Day?
- 6 Who wrote the novel "Jurassic Park"?
- 7 Sir Winston Churchill lived at which house in Kent from 1922 – 1964?
- 8 Who composed the music for the musical "West Side Story"?
- 9 Which sporting obstacle is 3 feet (91cm) high at its centre point?
- 10 Which letter other than X scores eight in Scrabble?
- 11 Which city in the USA was named after an English Prime Minister?
- 12 Which song do these lyrics come from? "The movie wasn't so hot; it didn't have much of a plot. We fell asleep, our goose is cooked, our reputation is shot"

Answers on page 40

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# Corsley Tennis Club AGM

**Corsley Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting on the 26th January 2012 in the Reading Rooms.**

Marlene Latchem, Chair, welcomed members and thanked the committee, League Secretary and Team Captains for their hard work and commitment during the past year.

Marlene also thanked Sandra Whatley, Alison Plummer and Alan Hopkinson, as they step down from the Committee, for the service they have given to the Club in their various roles.

The Club has had a good year with membership slightly increasing. It is looking to refurbish the double court this year to maintain the necessary standards. This will be a major expense that the club has been working hard towards for a number of years.

Charlotte Beswick, President, presided over the election of officers.

Corsley Tennis Club is again looking to enter four teams in the Chippenham and District League: Ladies A and B, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Finally, Charlotte Beswick highlighted Sandra Whatley's 40 years service as a Club committee member. Sandra has made a huge contribution to the life of the Club including being the Club's coach over many years and organising tournaments. As a memento, and in recognition of her commitment, Charlotte presented Sandra with a framed antique Punch tennis cartoon on behalf of the Club. Sandra was surprised and delighted and, although retiring from the Committee, remains keen to continue to support the development of Junior players.

## Junior Coaching

After Easter, Corsley Tennis Club will be starting tennis lessons for children aged 7- 15 years. On **Saturday, 14th April**, at 2.30pm, juniors can sign up and have a game for an hour so groups can be sorted out. Lessons will commence on **Saturday, 21st April**. Bring rackets and trainers, although we do have a few beginners' rackets if required.

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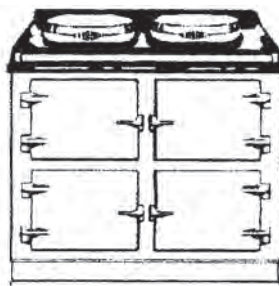


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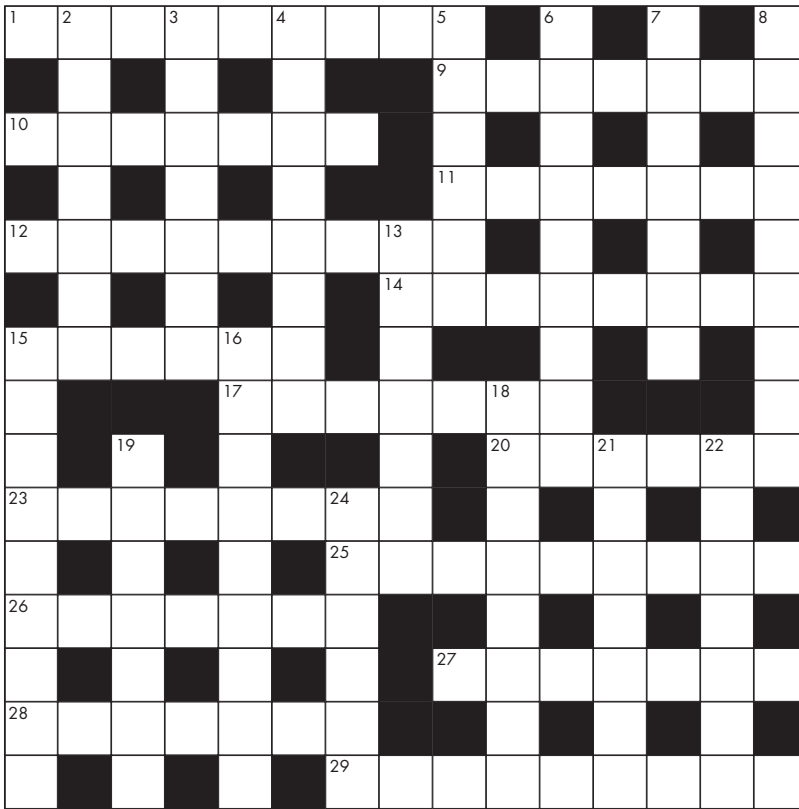
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Doodle pad

solution page 40

## Clues across

- 1 Penny indulgence is only a cliché (9)
- 9 Game order of oil board, not right (7)
- 10 Scrutinize past Maine, strangely (7)
- 11 Apathy if colour's within economic upturn (7)
- 12 Resign in actual, non-U exoneration (9)
- 14 Nick Clegg initially socialised with loose women as a novice (9)
- 15 As mean as a French fete? (6)
- 17 Always in: allow a little bounder! (7)
- 20 Points to wound before stitching (6)
- 23 Tea for Eva's escort? (8)
- 25 Flat hat account? Promissory notes make it roomy! (9)
- 26 He's pragmatic concerning a manifest (6)
- 27 Minority finds part in arithmetic not right (7)
- 28 Old letter describing Pinole's recipe (7)
- 29 How green seas might be viewed by surfer? (9)

## Clues down

- 2 Dictionary resulting from dyslexic ongoing work (7)
- 3 Reportedly you're a stand-in first cooked in Japan (7)
- 4 Awkwardly intercut causing infusion? (8)
- 5 Oddly, belied being palatable (6)
- 6 Manufacture a cloth consumed? (9)
- 7 Censure if conned awkwardly with 1000 (7)
- 8 Report about nothing more odd than getting your own back (9)
- 13 Gives fine reception for Anna, who's about 10 (7)
- 15 Not afraid is about right, having no wounds! (9)
- 16 Unwell, for example, with bad bile – makes no sense! (9)
- 18 Scale consumed with difficulty due to increase (8)
- 19 Illness common to the people of Malaya, I'm told (7)
- 21 Scrawled a decree before ten (7)
- 22 Confused non-user who doesn't employ them! (7)
- 24 Sought in a bid to concoct a new fuel rating (6)



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# Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

As March gets underway, we notice the days beginning to lengthen and signs of spring appearing in greater profusion. We are likely to turn our attention to the garden, to planting, tidying and clearing, to tackling jobs we should have done earlier, but somehow have neglected. There will doubtless be pruning tasks to do, cutting back dead wood or preparing shrubs and fruit trees for a good show when they blossom and fruit.

Our physical and spiritual lives need that sort of attention too. There may be things within, which need work and care to ensure good outcomes. There may be things to be pruned or tidied, or efforts made to find time to do things long neglected. The season of Lent, now underway, is a good time to reflect on what we can do to improve our own well-being.

From a Christian perspective, this may include making time to consider the state of our relationship with God and with our neighbour. It may prompt us to make time for quiet and reflection, to appreciate the blessings we enjoy, to become actively involved in helping another person, or to be more engaged in our communities.

However you spend the remaining weeks of Lent, even though it is traditionally a time of self-denial, spoil yourself a little. Give yourself the gift of time and enjoy the possibilities which open to you. May all you experience be good preparation for Holy Week and the great festival of Easter!

With every blessing,

Norma Payne

## Remember

Lent Lunches and Lent Talks – see details in diary section. Do come and join us for fellowship , food [actual and spiritual] and raise money for our Lent project ~ WaterAid.

# March Church Diary

## Sunday 4th March: Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist



Tuesday 6th March

10.30 Time to Think discussion group

For details please contact Phil on 832845



Wednesday 7th March

12.30pm Lent Lunch at Black Dog Farm

For details contact Lyn on 832858 or Phil on 832845



## Sunday 11th March: Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Family Eucharist Service

11.00am at St Mary's, Corsley

Matins



Tuesday 13th March

7.30pm at Chapmanslade School

Lent Talk: "Living out my Faith"

Heather Skull from BBC Wiltshire

For details please contact Phil on 832845



## Sunday 18th March: Mothering Sunday

9.30am at Chapmanslade School

Mothering Sunday Eucharist

for the whole family



Tuesday 20th March

10.30 Time to Think discussion group

For details please contact Phil on 832845

Wednesday 21st March  
12.30pm Lent Lunch at Manor Farm, Corsley  
For details contact Claire on 832113 or Phil on 832845

**Sunday 25th March: Passion Sunday**  
9.00am at St Mary's, Temple  
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Family Parish Service



Tuesday 27th March  
7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Lent Talk: "Living out my Faith"  
Dennis Barnard  
For details please contact Phil on 832845



Wednesday 28th March  
7.30pm at Chapmanslade School  
Parochial Church Council



**Sunday 1st April: Palm Sunday**  
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Eucharist



Thursday 5th April  
7.00pm at St Margaret's  
Maundy Thursday Agape Supper



**Friday 6th April: Good Friday**  
10.00am to 12.00pm meet at St Margaret's  
Good Friday Walk for all the Family

12.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Good Friday Service

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# From the potting shed

Spring is the time of the year we all start looking forward to, with the arrival of longer, warmer days and so our attention turns to the great outdoors. It is time to make the most of our outdoor space and ponds are a vital element of many gardens.

Fish keeping and maintenance of a pond can be highly rewarding and an enjoyable experience. Many pond keepers are aware that the ideal time for a spring clean is after the frosts but before the frog spawn. Spring is the time for a comprehensive check on the pond in order to maximise enjoyment over the warmer summer months.

The following points provide a good outline of what to consider when carrying out pond checks:

Water quality and fish health. Test kits can help with this, as well as looking for physical signs of ill health.

Cleaning the bottom of the pond may not sound like the most appealing job but it's an essential part of maintaining its health.

Debris, plant matter, uneaten food and fish waste can also collect at the bottom of the pond, creating an unhealthy layer of sludge. Thoroughly cleaning the pump and checking all parts have survived the winter is vital to remember: carefully check the impellor, descaling if necessary and also look at perishable parts such as o-rings.

The UV lamp should be checked to ensure it is in full working order, ideally this should be replaced annually for it to remain efficient. All hosing should be examined for leaks – replacements and repairs should be carried out as soon as possible as these issues will only get worse with time.

Pond cleaning can bring to light a number of issues that may have been ignored over the winter months, such as parasites, single cell algae and blanketweed. One of the best and most simple piece of advice I can offer to existing or potential pond keepers is to carry out regular water tests; the results will speak for themselves as pond carers will quickly know if there's a problem that needs solving, using simple solutions and treatments to ensure their pond is kept clean and clear and looking great.

When caring for a pond, it's often the case that one change will have a wider effect, so customers need to be prepared for this. For example, if new media is added to the filter, or if the filter has been turned off over the colder months, it can take a significant amount of time for the environment to turn into a living ecosystem. Adding a treatment to help re-seed the filter with good bacteria to encourage a healthy environment for both fish and wildlife is essential. Any changes to the water also require a balance of chemicals to ensure that wildlife and fish aren't negatively affected. It's advisable that whenever fresh water is added, a solution be included to eradicate any harmful chemicals and preserve a healthy balance to the water.

The change in season from winter to spring can be a difficult time for livestock, precautions need to be taken to ensure that the fish are safe. Herons, for example, can present a threat to fish if they aren't protected effectively – especially throughout the breeding season, which can begin as early as February. A simple solution is to protect the pond with a net, which can be incredibly discreet and easy to attach.

*(continued on next page)*



Keeping of top of plant life by removing or replacing failed or diseased plants as well as dividing and replanting any that have our-grown their space will help create an ideal pond that is a real pleasure to tend. Flowering and floating plants, such as water hyacinth, can be a welcome addition to any pond for aesthetic and practical reasons. However, it is important to remain in control

of them as they grow quickly and may overshadow the pond.

I encourage you all to take good care of your ponds, especially in spring, as the results will give you a worry-free summer with your pond

*Rob White  
Acres Supply Garden Centre*

## Countryside Matters

February 2012 brought us the coldest weather of the winter – minus 8°C was recorded. A covering of snow lasted a few days, some bright cold days after hard frosts and plenty of grey days. There was 1¾ inches of rain in January and only ½ inch of rain up to 18th February. In 2011 January and February there was 5¼ inches of rain. This will be our second winter with low rainfall which will show in our shallow rooted trees such as beech and ash. – these need regular and large amounts of rain.

Low water levels will mean slower germination of grass and cereal seeds. Sheep and cattle need the fresh new shoots for the lambs and early turnout of cattle and young stock after months of winter housing. So a warm damp spring starting in March is what is needed now.

The upper greensand in Corsley and Chapmanslade has once again provided us with a wonderful show of snowdrops in hedgerows, footpaths and bridleways. They will still brighten up early March walks. It becomes more and more important to us that public rights of way are walked regularly to help farmers maintain them and to keep access to the countryside available for the next generations of

country and town folk.

Already the daylight hours allow field work to start early in the day – farmyard manures are being put on the land for early potatoes and spring grown cereals. Renewing and repairing fences ready for spring turnout, checking ditches and drains is being done so that the longed for rainfall can drain into streams and rivers.

The farmyards are busy 24hrs a day. Lambing on the sheep farms keeps farming families busy for many weeks – great care of the ewes and their delivery of healthy lambs is essential. The mothers and young lambs are kept together (it is not unusual now for twins and triplets to be born). They should be checked for health and navel dipped and small rubber rings are put on the tails so that the tails stay clean in later life. The lambs are then marked and ear tagged and penned so that the mothers give their first milk to her own lambs so that they bond as a family through sound and smells before going out to the fields and the big wide world.

Spring, we hope, is just around the corner.

*Judith Helliar  
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# News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from **Little Cuckoo's Pre-School** in Lyes Green, Corsley.

This month the children continued their focus on books, exploring different text, retelling stories through role play, games, dance, map building and story sequencing.

They have all enjoyed listening and responding to the stories that they have chosen. We had a library visit at the end of February to celebrate world book day and in March we are having 'Stories by Starlight' an evening story time in pyjamas followed by hot chocolate. I can't wait!

If anyone has any spare Daily Mirror book tokens (published throughout February) we would love to have them to help increase our book collection.

We have just started collecting Sainsbury's Active Kid 2012 vouchers. Our next bag2school textile collection is on 16th May. More details next month.

Hope to see you all at Little Cuckoo's Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday.

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# Neighbourhood Watch

## Stay out Stranger advice

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- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting
- If someone comes to your door and you aren't expecting a caller it is important that you check who it is by using a spy-hole or look through a window. Official visitors will always arrange an appointment with you beforehand – if no appointment has been made, don't open the door
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home, keep purses and wallets out of sight and never keep PIN numbers with credit or debit cards
- Never agree to have work carried out by someone who is just passing, or believe such people when they claim that repairs need to be made. If you think work might need to be done get quotes from three companies and ask friends or neighbours for recommendations
- If you see anything suspicious or think a bogus caller may have called at your door or a neighbours door, report it to police immediately by calling 101... in the case of an emergency call 999

## Wiltshire Horsewatch website launched

A new website has been launched for horse owners and equestrian enthusiasts to help tackle equine and rural crime.

[www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk) is the equine version of Neighbourhood Watch. The scheme's aim is to help improve equine and property security by connecting horse owners and local people, and alerting them to any suspicious reported activity or crimes in progress by means of SMS text message or email alerts.

Wiltshire Horsewatch also offers valuable crime prevention advice and a range of free services including tack marking and saddle stamping. The scheme is part of a national approach to tackling equine related crime and it was first set up in this area in 2009 by Wiltshire Police's dedicated Rural Crime Team (RCT). It is a non-profit making scheme and membership is completely free. It is open to individual horse owners, large professional/competition and business yards, and all equestrian enthusiasts.

RCT Police Community Support Officer John Bordiss said: "This scheme is about horse owners working in partnership with the police to help prevent and reduce equine and rural crime. As part of the National Horsewatch Alliance, information of criminal/suspicious activity is recorded across the counties allowing a broad distribution of knowledge to be shared and acted upon.

"The theft of a horse and/or property is soul destroying. It's not just the financial loss but ultimately the emotional distress caused. Wiltshire Horsewatch has seen some fantastic results during the past three years and it is superb to see so many new people signing up to the scheme and getting involved."

To sign up to the scheme, visit the website [www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirehorsewatch.co.uk). There is also

a Wiltshire Horsewatch Facebook page and Twitter feed to follow.

### Success stories

After a number of reports from the public two men were arrested for peddling without a licence - if you have anyone trying to sell goods on your doorstep please let us know so we can check them out.

Two men were arrested for the vehicle thefts in the Deverils and are on police bail.

Due to the observations of a local milkman, a van being used for oil thefts in the villages was seized and several days later when two men returned for the van they were arrested.

### And from the January Farmwatch Newsletter the following extracts

We have had 15 cases of fuel theft reported, this predominantly being heating oil. In relation to the Tisbury heating oil thefts I mentioned last month, arrests were made and that series has now stopped. These were large amounts of fuel, in the thousands of litres.

We have had 21 calls in January in relation to hare coursing and poaching. This is occurring all over County at the moment. There were seven arrests for hare coursing/poaching offences. Nearly 50% of calls gave us a registration number to work on, so keep the calls coming in please. We will send our nearest available units as our highest response. If it is happening now, call 999 – it is a crime, in progress.

If anyone would like a copy of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter or the Farmwatch Newsletter, please let your local co-ordinator know, and we will get you a copy.

*Mike Bird*

*Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator*

## Poet's Corner

### On a Wet Day Out

This was written the day it happened, as my friend Gloria and I searched for more local chapels to view and photograph. We called at the pub in Buckland Dinham – and it was closed, as it was Monday! I used £15's worth of petrol – and we didn't find a single chapel we hadn't already seen. The car glugged through puddles and I kept telling Glo I can't swim; all she did was laugh!

"Let's head for Hardington today,  
And eat at Buckland on the way."  
What could I say to Glo? "Okay,"  
On a wet day out.

I did the driving; what a chore.  
"I'm sure we saw a Chapel before,"  
Said Glo, now desperate to explore,  
On a wet day out.

"Oh, Glo, what do you think you're doing?  
This mud my car is going to ruin -  
What Chapel are we meant to be viewing,  
On a wet day out?"

"There's a Chapel, where d'we park?"  
Said Glo, who thought it all a lark.  
"Will we be stuck here until dark,  
On a wet day out?"

I drove down hills and splashed through puddles,  
Glo's mind in one of its many muddles,  
While her directions me befuddled,  
On a wet day out.

It took two hours, but in the end  
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I said, "Plan things better, next time, friend,  
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*Gill Redman*

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## What a treat!

My neighbour Joyce asked me on Friday, 10th February, if Sunday 12th would be 'Tea Sunday' (that's the third Sunday of the month, when we have hymn-singing at 5pm and tea after the short Service). I said 'yes'.

Joyce made a Victoria sponge for me to take to Chapel on the 12th, which I did in the morning. Someone asked why I'd brought cake, as it was only the second Sunday in the month. I thought about that – and realised it couldn't be the THIRD Sunday if the date was only the 12th! My maths is obviously as good as my sense of direction!

However, the sponge was there... We sliced it and handed it round to the congregation with napkins, at coffee and tea time, before the morning Service instead. On a cold and miserable morning, that sponge was a treat for us all! Thank you, Joyce!

*Rev. C.H. Spurgeon: "I do not think the devil cares how many churches you build, if only you have lukewarm preachers and lukewarm people in them."*

## William Carey

### Chapter 3

#### Growth of the Indian ministry

The newly-formed Baptist missionary society had begun sending more workers to India. The first to arrive were two schoolteachers and a printer. Because the East India Company was still hostile to missionaries, they settled in the Danish colony at Serampore. They bought a house large enough to accommodate all their families and a school. Their principal means of support was a print shop set up with a second-hand press Carey had acquired, and the task of printing the Bible in Bengali was begun. In August 1800 their printer died of dysentery. By the end of that year, the mission had its first convert, a Hindu named Krishna Pal. It had also earned the goodwill of representatives of the Danish government and that of Richard Wellesley, 1st Marquess Wellesley, then Governor-General of India.

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# Let's make a hundred!

## Juba Diocesan Secondary School 2012

A report about the support given by Sponsors to 94 students at the School – and a 'thank-you'.

Richard Dean recently wrote an article for The Bridge about the immense progress and success of the School in Juba, known to many readers. Since the very beginning when the first pupils joined the School, marching alongside the building and expansion programme has been the Sponsorship Scheme. It has ensured that those promising students whose parents or guardians (for many of them are orphans) are not able to raise the full fees have been able to enter secondary education.

Currently we have people, mostly from the Salisbury Diocese, supporting 94 students – slightly over a quarter of the School. A very large number of sponsors come from this benefice and, here, I would like to thank each one sincerely for their sacrificial and generous contributions.

We send £150 p.a. for each student - their families are asked to contribute the small balance, as a commitment to their young people's education. Very many sponsors are able to gift-aid their donations and this extra 25% enables us to cover full fees in cases of special need and to contribute to the provision of a basic, but hearty, lunch. Some sponsors like to write to 'their' student and perhaps involve their own children in doing this; sometimes a Parish or Group jointly support one or more students. In these 'belt-tightening' times some are getting together in twos and threes to find the £150 – every little helps. Mother

Teresa said "We can do no great things, only small things with great love".

In the UK we are accustomed to viewing free education as an absolute right – and so it should be. Not in South Sudan, however, where all students must pay fees and where 85% of the population are unable to read or write: where only 400 girls in the whole country are in the final year of secondary education. What a truly magnificent thing our sponsors are doing to help 94 young people to become educated, disciplined and purposeful members of their new young country.



*Morning Assembly ('Parade')*

However, the School is growing year on year – can we possibly make 2012 the '100 Year'? Will you join us?

For further information please contact me, the Sponsorship Administrator on 01225 863350 or e-mail, if that is more convenient: [margaret.askew@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.askew@gmail.com)

*Margaret Askew*



# March Birthdays

1 March 1910 – David Niven, Scottish-born film actor whose films included *The Pink Panther* and *The Guns of Navarone*.

2 March 1545 – Thomas Bodley, scholar, diplomat and founder of Oxford's famous Bodleian Library.

3 March 1847 – Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish-born inventor of the telephone, photo phone, graphophone, microphone and a host of other really useful phones.

5 March 1133 – King Henry II, son of Matilda and Geoffrey of Anjou who was to become the first Plantagenet king of England.

7 March 1802 – Edwin Henry Landseer, painter and sculptor of the lions in London's Trafalgar Square.

8 March 1859 – Kenneth Grahame, Scottish author of the children's book *The Wind in the Willows*.

10 March 1964 – Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II.

11 March 1885 – Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of the world speed records on land and sea.

12 March 1710 – Thomas Arne, English composer who wrote *Rule Britannia*.

13 March 1733 – Dr Joseph Priestley, scientist who, luckily for us all, discovered oxygen in 1774.

14 March 1836 – Mrs Isabella Beeton, author of *Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management* - everything a Victorian middle class woman should know!

17 March 1939 – Robin Knox-Johnston, the first person to sail single-handed, non-stop around the world.

18 March 1869 – Neville Chamberlain, British prime minister who tried unsuccessfully to make peace with Hitler.

19 March 1813 – Dr David Livingstone,

Scottish missionary and explorer, the first white man to see the Victoria Falls. His missionary work was less successful - apparently he only ever made one convert.

20 March 1917 – Dame Vera Lynn found fame as the "Forces Sweetheart", keeping up the spirits of the public with such songs as "We'll Meet Again" and "White Cliffs of Dover".

22 March 1948 – Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of musicals including *Cats*, *Evita* and *Phantom of the Opera*, to name but a few.

23 March 1929 – Dr Roger Bannister, who, as a medical student, was the first person in the world to run a mile in under four minutes (3 min 59.4 sec)

24 March 1834 – William Morris, socialist, poet and craftsman who was associated with the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

25 March 1908 – David Lean, film director responsible for such greats as *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Dr Zhivago* and *Bridge over the River Kwai*.

27 March 1863 – Sir Henry Royce, car designer and manufacturer who co-founded, with C.S.Rolls the Rolls-Royce motor company.

28 March 1660 – George I, King of Great Britain and Ireland from 1714. Became king following the death of Queen Anne. He spent most of his reign in Hanover, never having mastered the English language.

29 March 1869 – Edwin Lutyens, architect known as the last English designer of country houses. Other works include the cenotaph, vice-regal palace in New Delhi and Roman catholic cathedral (Paddy's wig-wam) in Liverpool.

30 March 1945 – Eric Clapton, songwriter and guitarist.



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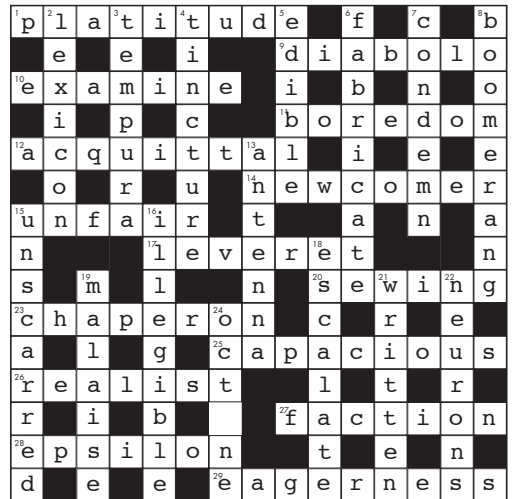
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