

The Bridge

March 2016

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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Articles

Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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 per month for a boxed advert.

Full page ads cost £7.50, 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 (Barbers 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 March**

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

March



Tuesday 1st

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

Wednesday 2nd

Warminster mobile library

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Lent Lunch – Highfield, 4 Roddenbury View, Corsley

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Friday 4th

Little Cuckoo's 'Stories by Starlight', at the school, Lyes Green

Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Frome Inner Wheel Wine and Cheese Lunch – 12 noon - 2 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 6th

Mothering Sunday (Don't forget to book your table at the Royal Oak, Corsley!)

Monday 7th

Corsley's Annual Parish Meeting – 6.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 9th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches - Lent Lunch – 12.30 pm, 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Friday 11th

A Little Light Music for a Spring Evening - popular classics you know and love – 7 for 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Irish Night – 7 pm - 11 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – Annual Meeting – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Wednesday 16th

Warminster mobile library

Corsley Show EGM – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Parochial Church Council – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th

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

Bus consultation presentation (see page 42) – 10.30 am - 1.30 pm, Fore Street,
Trowbridge

Cinema Corsley - 'The Lady in the Van' – 7 for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 19th

'All Things Animal' (inc companion dog show) – 10 am - 4 pm, Rye Hill Barn, Longbridge
Deverill

Barn Dance – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 22nd to Monday 4th April

Journey with Jesus – 10 am to 4 pm daily, St Phillip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 24th

Corsley Show Quiz Night – 7 for 7.30 pm start, Royal Oak, Corsley

Wednesday 30th

Warminster mobile library

April

Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 4th

Deadline for Bus Service Consultation responses to Wiltshire Council

Tuesday 5th

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

Tuesday 12th April

Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM – 8-15 pm, at the Hall

Wednesday 13th

Warminster mobile library

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - 'Objects from the Past' – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Annual Parish Meeting – 7.30 pm and Parish Council 8.30 pm,
Chapmanslade School

continued...

Friday 15th

Fashion Show – 7 for 7.30 pm, M&Co, Warminster. Tickets £6 in advance, please, to include nibbles, from Marion@nmc2.co.uk or Barbara, 01373 832 273

Tuesday 19th

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 21st

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am - noon Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Saturday 23rd

Chapmanslade Village Hall Quiz

Wednesday 27th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch – 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Thursday 28th

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

May

Tuesday 3rd

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

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

Monday 16th

Annual Parish Council Meeting (Corsley) – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 19th

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

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 5th March – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit **www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk**
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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Ermine is the winter coat of which animal?
- 2 Joy Beverly died on 31st August 2015 aged 89. Name one of the other Beverly Sisters.
- 3 Who was the first murderer to be caught with the aid of radio?
- 4 What was the first name of Goldfinger in the book and film of the same name?
- 5 What is the last book of the Old Testament?
- 6 If Monday's child is fair of face, what is Friday's child?
- 7 In which Scottish city is there a statue of Desperate Dan?
- 8 Which Japanese word means 'divine wind'?
- 9 Who created the cartoon character Snoopy?
- 10 Which month of the year is named after the goddess of spring?
- 11 Which Australian city founded in 1837 was named after a British queen?
- 12 The Annual Golden Spurtle is the World Championships in making what?

Answers on page ?

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

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Lent Lunches

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Wednesday 2nd March

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Wednesday 9th March

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Corsley Show Horticulture and Crafts

Division B - Flowers

Open to all residents of the British Isles

Now's the perfect time for all you budding exhibitors to start thinking about your planting plans. Why not include some of the flowers in Division B of the Horticultural and Crafts Show? We have two brand new classes for 2016; **Cosmos** – spectacular, easy-to-grow annuals available in a broad spectrum of colours - perfect for all types of garden. **Small planted container** – let your imagination run wild and wow us with your beautiful creations!

34	Roses	3 blooms (not floribunda)	
35	Rose	1 specimen bloom, named (not floribunda)	
36	Floribunda Rose	1 stem	
37	Garden flowers	3 of same variety	
38	Cosmos	3 stems in a vase	<i>New for 2016</i>
39	Pelargonium/geranium	specimen, max dimension of container 12"/30cm	
40	Mophead type flower	e.g. sedum or hydrangea	
41	Sweet Peas	6 stems in a vase	
42	Rudbeckia	3 in a vase	
43	Flowering pot plant	max dimension of container 10"/25cm	
44	Flowering fuchsia	any cultivar, max dimension of container 10"/25cm	
45	Cactus or Succulent	max dimension of container 10"/25cm	
46	Fresh cut herbs	1 vase any variety or varieties	
47	Gladiolus	1 specimen spike	
48	Single stem from a shrub in flower		
49	Small planted container	max dimension of container 18"/46cm	<i>New for 2016</i>
50	Orchid in a pot	max dimension of container 10"/25cm	

Cups and Prizes

Exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 34-50

The Margaret Gough Challenge Shield

Exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 34-36

The W F Pearce Perpetual Challenge Cup

Exhibitor gaining most points in Classes 51-61

Wheatley Challenge Cup - Dahlias

Meritorious exhibits in Classes 51-61

National Dahlia Society Silver and Bronze Medals & Certificates

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| 51 | Dahlia, giant, large decorative or semi-cactus | 1 bloom, any variety |
| 52 | Dahlias, small or miniature | 3 blooms, any variety or varieties |
| 53 | Planted Dahlia in a pot | max dimension of container 10"/25cm |
| 54 | Dahlias, pompon | 5 small pons |
| 55 | Dahlias, water lily type | 3 blooms in a vase |
| 56 | Dahlias, medium decorative, cactus or semi-cactus | 3 blooms, any variety or varieties |
| 57 | Dahlias, small or miniature, cactus or semi-cactus | 3 blooms, any variety or varieties |
| 58 | Dahlias arranged for effect | any variety or varieties, container max 8"/20cm
maximum of 12 blooms; can include natural
foliage and grasses |
| 59 | Dahlias | 3 blooms in a vase, any variety or varieties |
| 60 | Dahlia | one large pompon |
| 61 | Dahlia, bedding | single bloom |

*Entry Fee
30p per item*

Note: Dahlia classes will be judged in accordance with National Dahlia Society Rules

Biology: changing the world

Zika virus

An old disease giving new problems

A virus that has been known for over 68 years has suddenly become big news. The Zika virus was first discovered in the Zika forest of Uganda in 1947 as an infection in monkeys. It was known to be carried by mosquitos and, like malaria and dengue fever, can be transmitted to humans through mosquito bites. The first human cases were identified in 1952. Why Zika virus infection has suddenly become epidemic in the Americas is unclear.

The symptoms of infection with Zika virus are a mild fever, rash, aching joints and conjunctivitis. The symptoms last a few days and it has not historically been considered a serious illness. It was confined mainly to Africa, with relatively few cases. Only when large outbreaks occurred in French Polynesia in 2013 and Brazil in 2015 were more serious symptoms, such as neurological and auto-immune complications detected.

Zika virus infection during pregnancy has been suggested as a possible cause of women giving birth to babies with small heads (known as microcephaly). These babies may have problems in mental and physical development. The numbers of cases of microcephaly and of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a rare and serious neurological

illness) have risen enormously in line with the Zika virus outbreak, although whether these are a result of infection is still unproven. Pregnant women in Brazil are rightly taking precautions to avoid mosquito bites, as, sadly, there is no vaccine against Zika virus.

On 1st February 2016 the World Health Organisation declared the Zika virus outbreak an international public health emergency and said the disease was "spreading explosively" in the Americas.



There are estimated to be 1.5 million infected individuals in Brazil, with several thousand possible cases of microcephaly. The range of the Aedes mosquitoes, which carry the virus, goes up into the south-eastern United States, including the popular holiday destination of Florida. There are also two cases where the virus was thought to be transmitted sexually.

Little is known about the Zika virus and the complications of infection. The governments of the US, UK and Brazil, among others, are pumping funding into research to learn as much as possible about the virus and to develop a vaccine. Let's hope that rapid progress is made.

The 2016 Olympic Games are in Brazil. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that anyone going to Brazil should take precautions against mosquito bites.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. He is happy to receive comments, questions and suggestions for future articles at nigelsbrown48@gmail.com.

Tickets for this film
are already selling
fast. Please buy your
tickets early from
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Cinema Corsley

'The Lady in the Van'

Thursday 17th March, Corsley Reading room

Doors open at 7 for a 7.30 pm start

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Come and join us for the last of Cinema Corsley's winter season with 'The Lady in the Van'.

Maggie Smith plays Miss Shepherd, a bag lady who combines patrician grandeur with iron determination, and is often guided in matters – such as where to park her old yellow van – by the Virgin Mary.

Her presence in bohemian Camden

Town is tolerated by neighbours

rich with liberal guilt, who

bring her the occasional crème

brûlée! When yellow lines arrive, God advises Miss Shepherd to take advantage of Alan Bennett's (Alex Jennings) off-street parking, and she stays for 15 years, as does a whiff of wet newspaper, onions, and worse. Excellent support acting from James Broadbent, Roger Allam, James Corden and Frances de la Tour, but in the end this is largely a battle of words and wit between the van lady and the playwright!

Tickets will go fast for this film! Buy early to avoid disappointment.

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Illustrated talk

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At first, trying to escape to America, Napoleon sought asylum on HMS Bellerophon, with his entourage, an extraordinary group of the most devotedly loyal and outrageously self-serving adherents along with their wives and children.

This illustrated talk by Andrew Campbell will explain how Napoleon came to make that fateful decision and its consequences for him and his entourage, as well as the attempts made by his surprisingly numerous English admirers to prevent the British Government from exiling him to St Helena. An outcome of such slender legality that it required legitimisation by two special Acts of Parliament passed nine months later!

Tickets, which include a supper of lasagne, mixed salad, bread and pudding to follow, are £10 each and are available from Andrew Campbell at Godswell Grove Farm, Chapmanslade, Wiltshire, BA13 4AE.

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The talk starts at 7.30 pm, with a break for supper at around 8.15 pm. We aim to finish at 9.45 pm.

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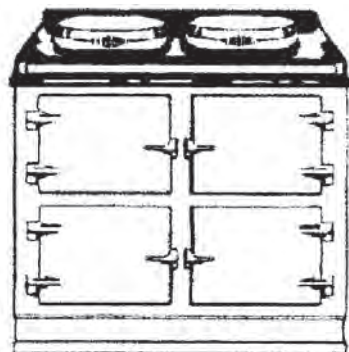


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Neil Britten reports on the parish council's activities in February

The Parish Council had one occasional meeting in February, primarily to discuss a planning application, but also to decide on the grants and donations for 2015/16, confirm the APM agenda and receive an update on the broadband situation.

New planning applications

16/00607/FUL – Erection of six lodges and associated sauna pods at CenterParcs

This is an application for the construction of six luxury lodges in the woods of CenterParcs, with associated facilities (access paths, patios, BBQ, bike racks and recycling point) at a position not visible from public roads. Some tree felling is required to clear the site. The application was accompanied by a very full suite of documents including wild life habitat surveys and a tree assessment.

Whilst the style and location of development itself raised no objections amongst the PC, there is great concern about the traffic issues associated with CenterParcs on entry days. On these occasions the queuing traffic regularly backs up as far as the A362/Warminster by-pass roundabout with consequent blockage to traffic in both directions. This is unsafe and could interfere with emergency vehicle access to the Parish.

Previous representations to the local police and CenterParcs have failed to raise any interest or concern.

The PC were, therefore, unanimous in objecting to this proposal on the grounds that any increase in traffic should not be permitted without a suitable traffic management plan to address and mitigate the current road safety issues. The PC will also write to the CenterParcs management and the Highways Department to express its concerns.

Previous planning applications

15/12379/FUL – Two storey extension at Deerleap Cottage, The Hollow. This has been approved with conditions, though the approval letter has not yet been published on the planning web site.

Finance – donations and grants

Applications for grant and donations and the amounts allocated are shown on the chart opposite.

Precept provision for grants and donations in FY 2015/16 is based on the trends of previous years and it was thus not possible to make payments much in excess of this amount. The amount allocated to grants and donations was £3054.

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From whom	Amount applied for	Project	Amount allocated
Reading Rooms Committee (RRC)	£1000	Donation to running costs	£1000
	£1500	Grant for kitchen refurbishment	NIL
Corsley & Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council (CPCC)	£2000	St Margaret's bell fund, decoration and churchyard maintenance	£1500
Corsley Memorial Playing Field (CMPF)	£800	Insurance	£800
Elizabethan Evening Committee (EE)	£500	Daffodil planting	£250
Corsley Litter Pickers	£217	Safety equipment	£217
Total	£6017		£3767

Of the five bids, the PC routinely supports three, the RRC, CPCC and CWMPPF, but, in the case of the RRC, not to the level bid for this year. The EE and the Litter Pickers are 'irregular' bids and not likely to be repeated for the foreseeable future. It was thus deemed acceptable to meet the Litter Pickers and 50% of the EE bid from reserves and the remainder, at the adjusted levels indicated above, from the provision and a small amount from the reserves, taking into account some items of annual expenditure whose outturn was lower than expected, plus some "windfall" income.

The precept for FY16/17 has been set at the same levels as FY15/16, including the provision for grants and donations, but, for FY17/18, the PC intends to adopt a different procedure. Bids for grants and donations will be sought from the village in autumn 2017, in time for the annual precept setting meeting in December that year. By this means decisions on precept provision can be taken with pre-knowledge of the bids and thus enable forward planning by bidding organisations and the PC alike.

Broadband

There are some encouraging developments on this front. Hugh Deed, Neil Carpenter and myself met, on 1st February, with Matthew Lloyd, (BT Openreach Project Manager for the superfast broadband rollout in our area) and staff from Wiltshire on Line (WoL) The latter are responsible for managing the roll out contract for Wiltshire. Without divulging too much before the Annual Parish Meeting (see advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge), and despite earlier gloomy prognostications, Corsley appears still to be very much 'in plan', to use the jargon. The details are very much subject to the results of survey, which may well have completed by the time of publication, to ensure that technical and cost issues are under control, but the plan is to provide a superfast connection for a large swathe of Corsley, mainly around the Heath area, in the near future.

Extension of this network to other parts of Corsley is not in the current plan, but BT have agreed to conduct further investigative feasibility and cost modelling. We hope to

have sufficient feedback from BT by the APM date to be able to provide a detailed update on the survey results and the potential options for further coverage.

Come to the **Annual Parish Meeting on 7th March** and all that we know will be revealed!

Resignation

Some of you may know that Mike Bird moved away from the Village to Gare Hill, just before Christmas last year, with the full intention of carrying on with his PC duties, particularly the stewardship of the Old School Playing Field. He has now decided that this is not practicable and tendered his resignation at the 16th February meeting. The PC is very grateful for his contribution during his time as Parish Councillor and wishes him well for the future.

There is thus a Casual Vacancy in the Parish Council, for which there is a legal process through which it should be filled. Formal notification will be posted on the village noticeboard and in The Bridge in due course, but, in the mean-time, anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Parish Councillor should contact John

Willcox, Parish Clerk on 832171.

Village noticeboards

Since the closure of the Cross Keys, pending sale, one of the two village noticeboards is marooned behind the security fencing, on the pub wall. For the timebeing, any parish notices will thus be limited to the other noticeboard on the back of the bus stop shelter on Corsley Heath (and on the website).

Dates of next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting	7th March
Annual Parish Council Meeting (Election of Chair)	16th May
Quarterly Meeting	6th June
Quarterly Meeting	5th September
Quarterly Meeting	5th December

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village noticeboards and website for these.

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High-speed internet

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As many villagers know, in October we started work on a survey to understand the quality of the internet in Corsley and if there was a desire to get this upgraded to high speed broadband.

Thanks to all those who delivered questionnaires, to everyone who completed them and Acres for collecting them: it has made a real difference...

Getting the evidence was a key part of trying to persuade Wiltshire and BT Openreach to get Corsley on the list of rural communities who would be upgraded.

Neil Britten, on behalf of the Parish Council, and Fleur de Rhe Phillippe, as our County Councillor, have continued to apply pressure for Corsley to be added to the list of villages who will be upgraded

However, as many of you will know, despite the overwhelming evidence we provided there was a constant reply that we were not on the list and wouldn't be.

At the beginning of February, Neil Britten, Hugh Deed and I attended a meeting with Wiltshire Online and BT Openreach to discuss why Corsley was not on the upgrade list and the costs associated with paying for this upgrade ourselves. To our surprise we were told that BT Openreach would

be upgrading the Heath area with high speed broadband within the next six months (provided they didn't find anything strange during their survey and planning work). Who will get this access is complicated and based on European funding rules, etc. with the Heath being approved because of its highest concentration of occupants.

This is a good start and having around 50% of the village taken off the old system will free up bandwidth for other users and stop the drop-off everyone sees in the evening and weekends. We are continuing to work towards having the whole village capable of receiving high speed broadband.

Finally, one thing that has come out of the work is the variation homeowners are seeing in internet speeds. This is clearly unacceptable and should be addressed by your internet service provider. If one house at the Heath can currently get 5Mb download speed, for example, then every house should be able to get the same speed.

The full results will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting (see Parish Council article). I would urge you to attend the meeting to find out what speeds you should currently be able to obtain and understand the plan to get the village upgraded.

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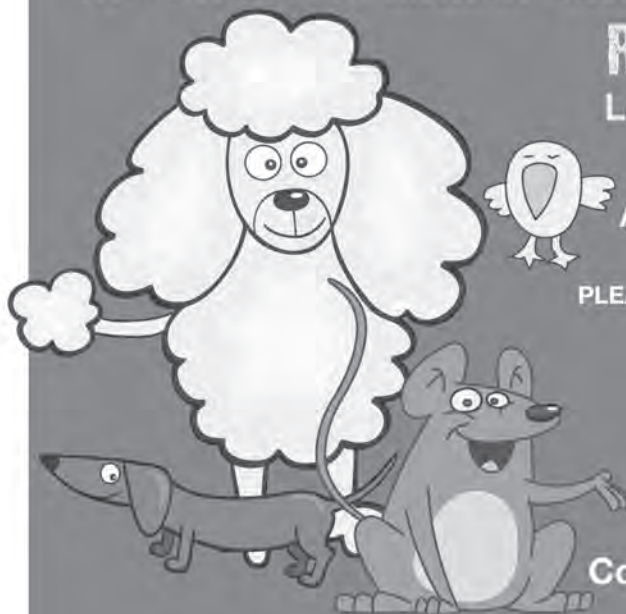
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Dear Friends,

As I think what I want to say in this Easter letter, several seemingly unconnected strands of thought are twiddling around in my brain: the things that have come out of our first session on prayer in the Lent course about how prayer is essentially a relationship with God. A God who loves us and delights in us just turning up to spend some time in his presence, whether that be when we are opened to a sense of the numinous by the glory of the created order or by a piece of music or art, or when we are engaged in seemingly mundane tasks like washing up. How human life is constantly in a state of transition, however much we try to catch hold of it and pin it down. How soon it will be the time to start planting seeds again and watch the miracle of germination and new life unfold once more.

We've been so blessed in our benefice by the Ministry of Reverend Di Britten who works incredibly hard as an Associate Priest here and has been an enormous help and support to me since I arrived almost 18 months ago. Di will retire at the end of July and, as is the normal practice in the Church of England, she will then have a complete break from working in the benefice for six months. She will then return to us with what is known as 'permission to officiate'. This means she will serve as and when she feels called to do so, whilst giving a lot more time, deservedly, to her family and to her many interests.

I want to encourage everyone to view this time of transition as an opportunity to look at the way we do things in a creative and hopeful way. The Church, like human life, has ALWAYS been in a process of transition; that's the nature of its calling to be the Body of Christ in the world, holding fast to the certain knowledge that God does indeed love and delight in us whoever we are, and finding new and varied ways of making that truth accessible to every generation afresh. Of course what that looks like will always be changing and growing in response to human need.

We are very blessed that we have people like John Budgen our Licensed Lay Minister and Robert Shuler, Keith Muston and Ian Buick who have recently been commissioned as Lay Worship Leaders at a wonderful and very moving service, not so they can 'help the vicar', but so that as a team we can together provide a sustainable pattern of worship across the benefice. We are also blessed in our retired clergy who, when Di retires, will be helping us in leading services of Holy Communion across the benefice.

So here we are with our seeds planted ready and waiting for the new life of Easter Day, for the new life that is constantly emerging and growing as we change and adapt; it's an adventure! We celebrate each other's gifts and talents that will surely flourish as we continue to work out what it means to serve God in this beautiful place.

Happy Easter!

Love and prayers

Pauline

March Church Diary

Wednesday 2nd March

12.30 pm Lent Lunch in aid of Christian aid at High Field, 4 Roddenbury View, Lane End, Corsley. Details from Judith on 01373 832803



Sunday 6th March: Mothering Sunday

8 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30 am at Chapmanslade School: Family Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Monday 7th March

10.30 am Lent course 4 at 131 High Street Chapmanslade
or 2.30 pm at the Rectory, Longbridge Deverill



Wednesday 9th March

12.30 pm Lent Lunch in aid of Christian Aid at 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade. Details from Janet on 01373 832318



Friday 11th March

7.30 pm Musical Evening at St Margaret's, Corsley. There is no charge but donations welcomed for church funds. Details from Phil on 01373 832845



Sunday 13th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30 am St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Eucharist

10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist

11 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Matins



Monday 14th March

10.30 am Lent course 5 at 131 High Street Chapmanslade
or 2.30 pm at the Rectory, Longbridge Deverill



Wednesday 16th March

7.30 pm Parochial Church Council at St Margaret's, Corsley



Thursday 17th March

10 am to 12 pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade:
Church and Community Coffee Morning

Sunday 20th March: Palm Sunday
10.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Worship
10.30 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist



Monday 21st March
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade



Tuesday 22nd March
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade



Wednesday 23rd March
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
12.30 pm to 1.30 pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley:
Light Bites Bread & Soup Lunch - Donations for Christian Aid



Thursday 24th March: Maundy Thursday
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
7 pm at St Margaret's, Corsley: Agape.
7 pm at St Peter and St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Agape



Friday 25th March: Good Friday
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
11 am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Stainers Crucifixion
11 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Church workshop
12 pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Good Friday service



Saturday 26th March
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade



Sunday 27th March: Easter Day
Easter Experience at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade
9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist



Sunday 3rd April: Second Sunday of Easter
8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

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Welcome and Congratulations

We welcome into our church family Talia Hope Senilolli Ratukalou baptised at St Margaret's, Corsley on Sunday 21st February.

Musical Evening

On Friday 11th March at St Margaret's we will be holding an evening of light musical entertainment. The evening will be a mix of music for everyone's tastes and some extra special acts inbetween the music. We hope to end with Corsley's own special rendition of the Proms. The musical content is being led by our Organist Geoff Titt and the evening will be compered by that well known local raconteur Dennis Barnard. Wine and nibbles will be available. There is no admission charge but we will welcome donations for church funds. Please put this date in your diary and come along for a relaxing Friday evening.

Fundraising

At the Easter Sunday service we will launch our 2016 Talents Challenge. We will offer you £10 to take away and make it GROW. Participants will come back to the harvest services and we shall reap the reward of their efforts and raise a significant amount for church funds. Examples from previous challenges are jam making, cake making, a bridge afternoon, car cleaning, gardening and general help around the house. How could you use your talents to help raise funds for the church and have fun at the same time?

We are delighted to confirm that our May Fayre on Saturday 21st May will again be held at Manor Farm. Our thanks to Chris and Claire da Costa for allowing us to use their gardens. The 50/50 Club Summer Draw will take place and ten people will be winners of cash prizes, with £200 being the first prize.

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Corsley WI

February News



The President, Carol Seward welcomed members to the February meeting of Corsley WI and began with the business section before visitors joined us for a talk and afternoon tea.

Jean White had recently visited Westbury Dairies with other Federation members and gave us a short account of the work done and the processes involved at the site. The Wiltshire Federation has organized visits to the Abbotsbury Swannery, a Treasure Trail around Devizes and a Smocking Workshop, also the Quizzical Pursuits competition on 29th June.

The summer outing this year will be to Sudeley Castle, near Cheltenham, on Thursday 30th June. If you would like to join us on this trip, please contact Carol Seward for details.

The winner of the Hilda Guy Arts & Crafts Cup for a picture in any medium was Val Benbow. The monthly competition for a Royal Memento was won by Mandy Bain, with Jean White second and Val Benbow, third.

On Thursday 10 March at 2.30 pm we have our Annual Meeting when we shall be presenting the Rose Bowl to the member with the most points gained in the monthly

competitions during the past year and also having a cream tea.

After concluding the business, visitors joined us to hear Susan Marshfield give a talk about 'Barefoot at Buckingham Palace'. This was light-hearted account of her journeys and attendances at several Royal Garden Parties and the terrible troubles she suffered with her feet on these occasions. Susan worked for a local authority which received invitations from Buckingham Palace each year and, on acceptance, full instructions were given by the Palace about the visit. One of the main difficulties is crossing from the main entrance gates into the Palace across the large shingled area, for ladies wearing high heels. Susan's anecdotes about this and various other tales about her visits were highly amusing. Val Benbow gave the vote of thanks. Everyone then enjoyed an afternoon tea, provided by the committee.

If you are new to the area, seeking to make new friends or would just like to hear our speakers, why not come to our meetings? Meetings are always held on the second Thursday of the month, usually in the Reading Room at Corsley. If you would like more information about Corsley WI, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760



The buzz from the Bee Hive



Welcome to the news feature from the 'Bee Hive' – Busy Bees Pre-School, Chapmanslade

The children are looking forward to World Book Day on 3rd March when they will be able to dress up as their favourite book character as well as listen to Mike Gould, local author of "Magic in Fairy Wood", read his book to them.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to talk to an author whose writing is inspired by the telling of stories to his own children. The children

have been learning about space and were very excited to be one of the schools chosen to receive 'space seeds'. To celebrate Major Tim Peake's mission the UK Space Agency, in conjunction with the Royal Horticultural Society, sent 2 kg of seeds to the space station where they will spend their time in microgravity for six months before returning to earth. We are told that Major Tim will be personally looking after the seeds! The children will be growing their space seeds (100 seeds) alongside those that haven't been to space (they won't know which ones are space seeds) to measure the differences in growth over seven weeks. The information will be fed into a national database and



analysed by biostatisticians. This experiment will be the children's first step into scientific research.

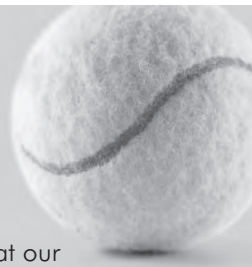
The pre-school also had a visit from a (very large) Mr Hearty as part of the British Heart Foundation fundraising and awareness campaign so that they could understand the importance of a healthy heart.

It will not be long before we have our Easter egg hunt on the 24th March followed by the Easter break when we will all feel that spring is finally here.

*Sally Evans
Chair Busy Bees Pre-school*

If you would like further information about the pre-school please contact Kelly Williams (Setting Manager) on 07749257608 or busybeespre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Corsley Tennis Club News



At our AGM on the 4th February the outgoing Chair, Isabel Lewis, reported an optimistic picture of the Tennis Club's prospects with membership now reaching 100 members, following a successful Open Day and publicity to attract new members.

The Ladies A team were congratulated on winning their division in the Chippenham and District League. Flowers and thanks were given to Diana Hale for her many years as a most efficient Secretary.

A new committee was elected: Diana Hale as Chair, Andy Howson as Secretary, Geoff Levitt as Treasurer and Rebecca Bennett as membership secretary. Enquiries about membership can be made to 01985 212991.

I remind Corsley families that Corsley children are given free membership whilst in full time education, but we must have an

annual application form completed so that our records are up to date to ensure our membership list only reflects those with an active interest. Children outside Corsley pay a £10 membership fee which is excellent value.

This year is the Diamond Jubilee of the club and the new committee will plan a celebration of some kind, more information later in the year.

One group of juniors has been coached throughout the winter on Saturday afternoons. Our tennis coach is hoping to enrol more juniors to increase the number of sessions on Saturdays. Please ring Jon Dilena on 07986 370080 if your children or grand-children are interested in joining in with this regular coaching.

Marlene Latcham

Easter Junior Tennis Camp

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Week 1

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Tuesday 28th March

Wednesday 29th March

Thursday 31st March

Week 2

1-3 pm each day

Tuesday 5th April

Wednesday 6th April

Thursday 7th April

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The healthy option

The benefits of gardening are endless, both physically and mentally

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Gardening is a great way to increase your activity – leading to improved physical health. It helps in building endurance, flexibility and strength as most gardening activity uses lots of your major muscle groups. Activities such as digging or raking increase your heart rate, building endurance whilst flexibility can be improved by bending or reaching for things. At this time of year, when the temperature is cold, many activities are carried out indoors and only use and involve the arms. Going outdoors for a short period of time in the garden is enjoyable and will use most aspects of your body through various movements. Gardening isn't just for adults either – it can be enjoyed just as much by children too. Not only does it bring them away from modern technology, it increases their physical activity, allows children to help and gain a sense of accomplishment and learn about healthy lifestyles.

Gardening is also a very good way to improve mental wellbeing. In the world we live in today it's very easy to become stressed and anxious, allowing difficult situations to

get the better of us. Gardening is a way to escape this, ensuring our mental health is looked after. Tending to the garden brings a sense of responsibility as we nurture living things – increasing confidence and self-esteem. Freud, a famous psychologist once said 'Flowers are restful to look at. They have no emotions or conflict'. From this we learn that being in the garden encourages us to relax and escape from others and, in turn, works in releasing happy hormones, creating a general sense of well-being.

For me, the health benefits that come with gardening are compelling and I hope they are for you too. It's an easy and enjoyable way to stay healthy and one for all the family to partake in. So challenge yourselves this year and resolve to enjoy the health rewards nature has to offer.

Kaylee Evans
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley



Hugh Deed brings us...

Cross Keys update

Community purchase underway!

You have probably noticed that Wadworth have closed the Cross Keys and that it's now surrounded by security fencing.

You may have read in the local newspapers that Wadworth have accepted our offer to buy the pub. This important community asset will soon be reopened in community ownership as a 'free house'. A new company, Cross Keys Corsley Ltd, has been set up by a team of villagers who are currently working through the Enterprise Investment Scheme approval process.

The community has raised the majority of the money to buy the pub; the deficit to be topped up with a small loan. The amount of the loan will clearly be reduced if more people buy shares. Once the share offer is announced, it is hoped many more local people will want to be able to say they own a part of their local pub!

As a community-focused business it is our intention to make some improvements such as easier access, a wider range of beers and more community events. We will still be



keeping the core offering of excellent food and the friendly hospitable environment with a log fire in the winter and lovely garden for the summer.

Finally, we have had lots of support from many people to help get us this far, for which we are most grateful. If you are interested to find out more about what is happening, to help or to invest, you'll find more information on our <http://hdwebsites.wix.com/cross-keys>

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The purpose of the EGM is to agree a proposal to create a company limited by guarantee to run the Show, the appropriate complementary changes to the Society's constitution, and any other supporting decisions.

Full details of the agenda, the proposals and how to raise any questions in advance can be found at hdwebsites.wix.com/corsleyshow

It is hoped the meeting will take no more than 30 minutes.

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See one of us at the Reading Room coffee morning, around the village or contact 01373 832897 if you want to know more. If you have not been before it would be appreciated if you registered via the website but if that is a problem then just give us a ring.

Hugh Deed & Gill Parkinson

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in February

After a busy meeting in January, the agenda for our meeting in February, held on the 11th, was much lighter.

Planning applications

16/00494/FUL We considered one application. The owners of Chapel Cottage, 77 Wood Lane, have applied for permission to erect a first floor side extension and a single storey rear extension at their property. We raised no objection.

15/12100/FUL Wiltshire Council has given planning consent for the storage of up to ten caravans at the former Thoulstone golf club (in Upton Scudamore parish). This is on condition that the caravans are not occupied for permanent or temporary residence at any time. The parish council had asked for this condition to be applied.

14/09400/FUL Sienna's Valley. A reminder that the appeals concerning the static caravan at Sienna's Valley in Huntenhull Lane will be considered by a Government planning inspector at a hearing to be held at the **Civic Centre in Trowbridge** on **Tuesday 15th March**, commencing at **10 am**. This will be a public meeting, which anyone is entitled to attend.

Road safety

The working group set up to come up with ideas to improve road safety in

the village has met twice and is due to meet again before the end of March. It comprises residents, a school governor, a representative of Busy Bees, a parent of a pupil attending the school and parish councillors. The group has agreed that safety outside the school is a priority for consideration. Parents of youngsters attending the school and Busy Bees are being asked to complete a questionnaire (anonymously) informing us about how they bring their children to school and pre-school, where they live and whether they car-share. They have also been asked for their suggestions on how road safety can be improved. The group will analyse the responses and use them in future discussions as we look for a solution to our congestion issues.

Speedwatch

Our Speedwatch volunteers continue with their efforts to persuade drivers to keep to the speed limit whilst they are driving through the village. During half term week in February we held a number of sessions (not on the Wednesday as it rained all day!). Traffic densities were much lower, with fewer than 300 vehicles being logged rather than the usual 450 on school days. On the Thursday morning, at about 9 am, a driver was clocked at 50 mph as he sped through the village towards Westbury. He was one of 10 motorists that morning found

to be speeding. He was driving into low and strong sunlight on a wet road surface and can expect to receive a visit to his home from a police officer. That same morning, a van driver showed his annoyance at us monitoring his speed by driving past us at about 15 mph!

As Speedwatch volunteers our job is not to enforce the law, only the police can do that: our role is to educate drivers by our presence at the roadside. One day, perhaps, drivers will get the message that as well as being dangerous it's also anti-social, and disrespectful of village residents, to speed in our High Street.

If you have an hour or two to spare each month, and are concerned about speeding vehicles in the village, why not join our team? Training and equipment is provided by the police.

We are making progress in ensuring that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) returns to the village every few weeks as another means of trying to educate the motoring public.

Weight limit

Following our meeting with Andrew Murrison, our Member of Parliament, on 15th January, he has now written to Baroness Scott, leader of Wiltshire Council, arguing our case for a 7.5 tonne rather than 18 tonne weight limit through the village. We await her response. You may have noted that the 18 tonne limit has now been implemented and we have new signs at the approach to the village.

The village with no name

Somerset Highways have finally

acknowledged that it's their responsibility to replace the missing village name sign at the Frome end of the village and they have promised to do so. However, they have no money to do this until at least the beginning of the next financial year. Perhaps someone living in the village has a spare sign lurking at the back of their garage that they can donate to Somerset to help reduce costs?

Queen's 90th Birthday

Along with many other communities across the country we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday on Sunday 12th June. Our event, which will be held at the village hall, is at an early stage of planning. There will, however, be a village photograph (remember the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations?) and we do want you all to come along. Adam is looking for ideas about how we can make it a really great day and for volunteers to help with the planning and organisation. You can contact him on 832437 or at adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk

*Our next scheduled parish council meeting is due to be held on **Thursday 10th March, 7.30 pm** at the school. Our April meeting is planned for **14th April**: it will start with the **Annual Parish Meeting**, which provides you with the opportunity to give us your views on how we have performed as a parish council over the past twelve months. We also intend to present our annual report at this meeting. The normal parish council meeting will follow immediately afterwards. In **May** we will meet on the **12th** and this will be our **Annual General Meeting**, at which we elect our officers for the coming year.*

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This term, the children have also been learning about all things snow, winter and frozen.

Thank you to all the sellers, buyers and cake eaters who supported us at our recent 'Nearly New' sale. Every fundraising event we organise helps towards new equipment and supplies for the nest.

Our next events are...

Easter Fayre – please visit our website for more details
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To join in with the World Book Day celebrations we are encouraging the children dress up as characters from books and we will read as many books as possible during the week leading up to our 'Stories by Starlight' on Friday 4th March at 6 pm. Join us, wearing your pyjamas, for stories, hot chocolate and marshmallows!



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Answers to Bob's Bafflers

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| 1 Stoit | 10 May (Maia)- there is a Roman and also a Greek goddess by the same name and the two goddesses have become conflated to give the month of May its name |
| 2 Teddie or Babs | |
| 3 Dr Crippen | 11 Adelaide (named in honour of Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen, queen consort to King William IV) |
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*'...They saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.'
(Mark 16:4)*

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At Easter we confront a two-thousand-year-old conundrum. Who moved the stone? The New Testament informs us that the body of the crucified Jesus was placed in a tomb, which was then sealed with a great stone. Two days later, visitors to the tomb found the stone rolled away. Whodunnit? A large group of people would have been needed to move it. Who would they be? Obviously not the soldiers on guard, nor the disciples who were frightened and shocked.

The Easter message gives us the clue. The power that raised Jesus from the dead also transformed a bunch of scared disciples into a fearless body, publicly defying authority by proclaiming the resurrection. That power can also move the stones that block our path to peace and wholeness. Stones

labelled 'resentment', 'grief', 'prejudice', 'jealousy' and 'obstinacy', and other blockages to progress, can be rolled away by the same force. Millions upon millions of people world-wide vouch for that. Wherever and whenever he is welcomed, the risen Christ guarantees the transformation which new life brings!

*Reverend Keith Sobey
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Thank you!

The Chapel has recently received £500 from the Elizabethan Evening Committee, to help with the cost of repairing and replacing windows. We are very grateful for this financial assistance and work is already underway. Anna Mead, our Treasurer, is in charge of the repairs and we're grateful to her, too, for all her hard work.

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Countryside Matters

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Hedge-trimming is extremely late this year – only the road hedges can be trimmed as the fields are too wet for the tractors to get on to the land, making a mess in gateways, on the roads and causing soil compression in the fields. The other concern is that nesting birds will soon be looking for suitable places to lay their eggs – hedgerows are essential to small birds for safety from other birds and animals and cover against the wind and rain.

Already I see the robins together – these are usually the first to mark out their territory with their quite noisy call. It's lovely seeing them up close when working in the garden – they practically perch on the end of your spade as you are turning over the soil ready to nab any worms that appear! The gulls and carrion crows follow the plough in great flocks and at the moment the buzzards are enjoying the thermals as they search for small mammals.

Neighbouring farmers are now busy with lambing; it's long working hours but rewarding when the lambs are healthy and skipping about. Sheep prefer the drier colder weather which is why they have such thick woolly coats. You will see young lambs quickly learn to lie in the shelter of their mother's frame, getting protection from the elements and warmth from her body.

Today has been another dark day on our farm, four more of our cows have reacted to the tuberculosis test and will have to be slaughtered. No stock can be sold or moved off the holding for at least 80 days (the herd has to have two clear tests every 40 days until we are given the all-clear).

The welfare of all livestock is uppermost in every farmer and farm-worker's existence; it's almost unbearable seeing your animals being slaughtered due to a disease introduced by wild animals.

Thankfully, spring is just around the corner – bringing life into our barns, fields, trees and hedgerows. Let's look forward to brighter days.

Judith Helliar

It's not too late

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

It strikes me often that people say it's too late for things to change for them – that they are too old, too ill, that they've missed all the opportunities life will offer them. I feel sad about this. These sentiments suggest that the person expressing them wants things to be different from how they are, but feels completely powerless to do anything about it. Hopelessness often follows.

I'd like to challenge this. It doesn't matter how old you are or what chances you feel have passed you by. While there's breath in your body, you do have the power to change things. We begin by changing ourselves – our attitudes, the stories we tell ourselves about ourselves and about our lives, the feelings we have about ourselves and the world around us. When we change even tiny things within us, the changes flow outwards and others may change too as a result (but that's not a given and shouldn't be the reason we choose to shift).

A lot of change paradoxically involves acceptance of where we actually are. Maybe we are old, maybe our health is failing, maybe we regret letting youthful opportunity slip away. Clearly, we can't change these things but, in accepting the reality of what is, we alter our own perspective. Perhaps we feel less embattled or embittered. We might move our focus away from what we can't do and begin to value the things that are still available to us. They might be different from earlier options but does that mean that they are less good?

Finding purpose and power in the here and now can be immensely restorative. Don't

forget that it is a process, though.

It's unlikely that you'll be able to make

these changes overnight. Set yourself up for this and, when it doesn't work, you've left yourself in a worse place than when you started. Start by acknowledging where you actually are. Say to yourself, 'Yes, this is how it is now.' Then perhaps experiment with the idea that you could accept what is. Don't force yourself; just suggest to yourself that it might be possible. And keep trying it out. Do it often enough and a habit will form. Once you have the idea that acceptance might be possible, you can check out whether there is anything that you could change or whether simply accepting is enough. And if accepting is enough, that's a valuable change in itself.



**If you'd like to come and see me,
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