

The Bridge

March 2018

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



Go on a village walk, see Paddington 2 at Cinema Corsley, treat your mum on Mother's Day, enjoy 'Friday Night is Music Night' at the church, join in with a Lite Bites lunch, hunt for some eggs with the Little Cuckoos, there's lots to do in March...



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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!

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**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



Monday 5th

Corsley Annual Parish Meeting – 7pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 6th

Film showings of 'Death of a Sociologist' – 10.15am and 11am, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - Annual Meeting and cream tea

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 11th

Mothering Sunday

Wednesday 14th

First Chapmanslade Explorer Trail meeting – Three Horseshoes (upstairs)

Thursday 15th

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

Cinema Corsley - 'Paddington 2' – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 16th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 'Friday Night is Music Night', 7 for 7.30 pm, St Margaret's church

Saturday 17th

Village Walk – meet at 10.30, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Monday 19th

Curry Night at the Cross Keys, Corsley

Thursday 22nd

Stay Safe Online - presented by Wiltshire Online Safety – 2 for 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 24th

Easter Egg Hunt – 10am to 12 noon, Little Cuckoos Pre-school, Lyes Green

Corsley Memorial Playing Field - Field Day – 10am to 3pm

Chapmanslade Barn Dance – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 25th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Diary Dates

April

Sunday 1st April

Easter Treasure Hunt – Cross Keys, Corsley

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room - OPEN Meeting, 'Stourhead Gardens' by Emily Utgren

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Morning 10 am – noon Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade Cinema Corsley – film to be announced in the March edition

Wednesday 25th

Lite Bites lunch 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

Chapmanslade Quiz

Sunday 29th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

May

Monday 7th

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

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 17th

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

Sunday 20th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre Manor Farm 2.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd

Lite Bites lunch 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 27th

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

June

Monday 11th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room *continued...*

Thursday 21st

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

Sunday 24th

Chapmanslade Barbecue

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

July

Thursday 5th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 14th

Military Wives Choir Concert – St Margaret's

Thursday 19th

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

Vacancy Rainfall Recorder for Corsley

Shirley Chapman has hung up her rain gauge before skipping off into a beautiful Corsley sunset...

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Chapmanslade Footpaths

Following from the 'Voice of the Village' questionnaire last year, a number of respondents expressed an interest in the village footpaths. Recently, 22 people (plus 10 apologies) got together to take this project further and it was decided that an 'adopt a footpath' scheme would be initiated. Volunteers are requested to monitor a footpath in the village and carry out minor maintenance themselves and report work which they cannot do. If you were not at the meeting and would like to help with this initiative, please contact John Foster at johnpfoster354@gmail.org.uk

Another outcome of the meeting was arranging a village walk for about 3 miles on 17th March, starting at The Three Horseshoes at 10.30am. Contact Jaimie on 07740 473725 for further information.



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We are supporting the Chapmanslade Explorer Trail this year, looking forward to the next meeting on the 14th March at the Three Horseshoes.

*Thank you
Charlene
Chair of the PTFA*

Chapmanslade Explorer Trail

We have had our first meeting to organise the Explorer Trail for this year which will be held on June 10th.

Last year was a real success thanks for everyone's hard work getting the first Chapmanslade Explorer Trail started! Our next meet is 14th March upstairs in the Three Horseshoes pub!

We are looking for a local sponsor for the event; if you are interested, please message me on charlene_searle@hotmail.com or call 01373 832021.

*Many thanks
Charlene*

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Who was the first President of the United States of America?
- 2 On which island in the Inner Hebrides would you find Tobermory?
- 3 'Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble, Grubb' was the roll-call of the fire brigade in which TV series?
- 4 Which 'family' live at 742 Evergreen Terrace, Springfield?
- 5 Which American city is nicknamed the 'Windy City'?
- 6 Containing the lines "You're asking me will my love grow, I don't know, I don't know," which Beatles' song did Frank Sinatra describe as 'the greatest love song ever'?
- 7 In which English county would you find the football club Port Vale?
- 8 Whose novels include 'The day of the Jackal', 'The Odessa File' and 'The Fourth Protocol'?
- 9 What was the first name of the character played by John Inman in the sitcom 'Are you being served'?
- 10 Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, lies on which of its islands?
- 11 In the human body, what was formerly called the hallux?
- 12 The American satirist Robert Benchley sent a telegram to his editor 'Streets flooded, please advise' on arriving in which city?

Answers on page 48

Volunteers Needed!

After 25 years of fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support in Corsley and Chapmanslade, I would like to hand over the baton to someone or a group of people who would like to hold a Coffee Morning (big or small) on Friday 28th September 2018 in aid of this wonderful charity.

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Biology: changing the world

Can mosquitoes save the world from Zika virus?

2016 was the year when Zika virus hit the news, and I wrote an article for The Bridge in March of that year about the devastating effects of this virus in causing developmental abnormalities during pregnancy. It was anticipated that there could be a viral epidemic. Two years on is a good time to see what has happened.

Since 2016, Zika virus infections have been identified not only in South America, but also in the United States, particularly Florida, California, Texas and New York. Most of these US cases were infections picked up due to travel, but about 5% were locally-acquired cases. Surprisingly, 2017 had fewer cases in the US than 2016. This could be due to more of the population having been infected with minor symptoms in 2016 and thereby becoming immune. However, the US Center for Disease Control considers that the virus may return.

Zika virus and a number of other infectious agents, such as the virus causing dengue fever, are transmitted by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*. The virus reproduces in the mosquito and is transmitted to humans when the mosquito bites. A recent scientific



development offers some hope that the spread of Zika and dengue infections may be controlled by using these same mosquitoes.

A bacterium called *Wolbachia* is found in about 60% of the world's insects, but is not usually present in the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. *Wolbachia* can block viruses from reproducing in other insects, such as fruit flies. If it could be introduced into *A. aegypti*, then it might prevent the transmission of Zika virus and dengue virus.

A group at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia has been working on this problem and successfully infected the mosquitoes with *Wolbachia*. In 2011 they released these infected mosquitoes in Cairns in Queensland, where dengue outbreaks occur frequently. Within a short time 90% of the mosquitoes were found to be infected with *Wolbachia*. Similar experiments have now been performed in Vietnam and Indonesia, and more recently in Brazil.

However, it is not yet clear whether the incidence of dengue fever has been significantly reduced in Queensland. We only know that the *Wolbachia* bacteria

can spread rapidly through the mosquito population in the environment. Furthermore, laboratory experiments have shown that *Wolbachia*-infected mosquitos block transmission of dengue and Zika viruses. Large scale trials, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, are being carried out in Brazil and Columbia, and the results of these are awaited. This should help determine whether the mosquitoes infected with *Wolbachia* can reduce the transmission and incidence of Zika, dengue, chikungunya and other mosquito-borne viruses in the wild. If so, this will be a remarkable step forward in reducing the impact of these diseases.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com

Church and Community Coffee mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our church and community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our vicar, and Candida Jackson, our PCSO, are often able to join. We look forward to seeing you.

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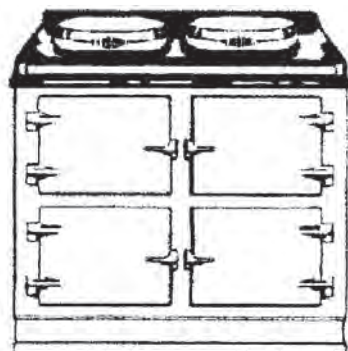


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in February

If January was a quiet month for the Parish Council then February was even quieter, with no scheduled meetings and no new planning applications. The seasonal weather continues to have an impact on local roads, but regular liaison with Highways has yielded positive results in most cases and there have been some encouraging developments in the areas of traffic management and road safety which are reported below. These will be the subject of more detailed presentation and discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on Monday 5th March.

Planning application

17/11001/FUL

Proposed single storey extension to Harromint House, 51 Whitbourne

(Re-submission of 17/03495/FUL).
Approved with conditions. The PC had offered no objection.

Streetscene and traffic

Simon Jasper had very useful meeting with Martin Rose, Chief Traffic Officer, during February to discuss a variety of traffic safety issues and potential remedies. These will be presented in detail at the APM and are summarised here:

Speedwatch

The results of the recent metro count and the consequences for a speed watch were

reported in January. It appears that the closeness of the result could provide a basis for a case to be made to the Police for a speed watch.

Speed Indicator Devices (SID)

Use of such devices is a possibility, provided that their positioning is effectively managed to avoid driver familiarity.

Safety review

A number of potential road safety improvement issues were discussed:

- **Bay Tree development**
Coordination with Highways on the Bay Tree development to erect additional signage. (Note: the Bay Tree development already includes new bus stops and a larger island in the A362 adjacent to the entrance to Bay Tree Close – see below).
- **Reading Room Hill/White Horse Motors junctions.**
Move the give way lines out into the A362 to improve visibility.
- **Bus stop pedestrian improvement Corsley Heath.**
Change line of kerb into the road, matching with re-alignment of give way road marking and place a pavement on the new kerb line

All of these carry a cost and would have to be prioritised in relation to work already

approved and the financial burden. Each is likely to carry a PC 25% contribution.

Bay Tree social housing

Details of the A362 improvements associated with the Bay Tree development have now been received and these include:

- **Bus stops**

Two new stops east of Bay Tree Close, one on each side of the A362, accompanied by improvements to the connecting footpaths, hard-standing areas at the stops, and road markings. The stops will not have shelters. Note that buses will stop on the A362 east and west carriageways, rather than pull off the road, this being deemed safer than buses having to turn into and out of traffic streams.

- **Road Crossing**

The road crossing giving access to the westbound stop will include a new 2m long x 1.5m wide refuge protected by bollards. The approaches will be marked with white lines and reflective studs.

All these items will be funded by Wiltshire as part of the overall Bay Tree development.

Annual Parish Meeting

As already mentioned recent briefs, Corsley's APM will take place on Monday 5th March at 7pm in the upper Reading Room. The agenda includes presentations by a senior manager from the Longleat Estate, who has been asked to cover their development plans and interfaces with Corsley, and from Traffic Officials from Wiltshire to cover the Corsley traffic safety issues and HGV weight limits outlined above. A Chairman's report will be presented according to audience demands and will be available in hard copy. Fleur de Rhé Philipe will attend to provide

her uniquely well-informed high-level perspective of the A362 traffic issues and HGV weight limits.

Please see the advert elsewhere in this Bridge for the notice and look out on village noticeboards for the final details of speakers.

Dates of next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting 5 March, 7pm

Annual Parish Council meeting 7 May,
7.30pm (election of Chair & Vice Chair)

Quarterly Meeting 11 June, 7.30pm

Quarterly Meeting 3 September, 7.30pm

Quarterly Meeting 3 December, 7.30pm

There will be occasional meetings at short notice; please watch the village noticeboards.

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



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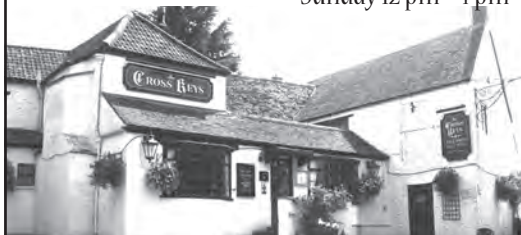
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Dear Friends,

I'm sitting writing this letter on the evening of Ash Wednesday which is the very beginning of Lent when actually you could be reading it in the last weeks of March or such like which is the end of Lent and almost Easter. So, what do I write about? I will content myself, and you I very much hope, with sticking to the subject of journey, which is after all what Lent is about. It is a journey of 40 days through Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week eventually arriving at Easter Day.

It's traditional is it not to 'give something up' for Lent in order to focus more effectively on matters of a spiritual nature. The trouble is with giving something up is that often that 'thing' becomes the focus of our attention, whether it be chocolate, alcohol, or watching box sets on TV all in one go: because we can't have it 'it' looms large in our imagination, exerting an almost irresistible urge to give in to our desires. There is no doubt that trying to do without something can alert us to just how dependant we are on our particular fix at as it were, and that's no bad thing, but I prefer to approach Lent in a positive way by trying to set aside time to pray and reflect in a more focused manner, it's not easy and I need the help of my old friend poetry to do this. So I'm reading Malcolm Guite's book 'Word in the Wilderness: A poem a day for Lent and Easter.' It's a wonderful book and it will be a good companion for my journey towards Easter.

Speaking of journeys, I promised to tell you more about my sabbatical journey. I'm not going away as such but I'll be spending a number of chunks of time at Hillfield Friary, a Franciscan community deep in the Dorset countryside. If you are now envisaging a quiet, monastic place you couldn't be more wrong! It's a working farm and centre of ecological excellence that attracts young and old to come and spend time in community as a guest to experience life there. All meals are taken around the huge table in the refectory where I have met people from all over the world; I think the last time I went for a few days I met some Franciscan brothers from Papua New Guinea, a man of the road who had stayed there for some time but now felt he had to go back to his former life, a few other clergy on retreat, some very elderly folk who had come as church group, and a couple of young people who were spending a year there. The brothers from Papua New Guinea asked me why I loved Hillfield so much and my answer explains why I want this place to be a focus for my sabbatical; it's the prayer. Undergirding and holding all that goes on at Hillfield is the daily round of prayer; Morning begins with half an hour of silence, followed by Morning Prayer, Eucharist at noon, Evening Prayer, and Compline, the ancient office of Night Prayer at 9pm after which silence is held until after breakfast the next day. There is such depth of prayer here, such a connection to the created order, it's a way of life that speaks volumes about what living lightly on this beautiful earth looks like, and how important it is to love and care for our neighbour. So I hope at the end of my sabbatical I will return refreshed and inspired with a deeper understanding of myself and my relationship with God, and what it means to serve these communities.

Meantime, Lent is to be lived!

Love and prayers,
Pauline

March Church Diary

Sunday 4th March: Third Sunday of Lent

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

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



Monday 5th March

10am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade

Lent Talk



Sunday 11th March: Mothering Sunday

9.30am at Chapmanslade School Hall: Family Holy Communion

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

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



Monday 12th March

10am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade

Lent Talk



Thursday 15th March

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Church & Community Coffee Morning



Friday 16th March

7pm for 7.30pm at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley

Friday Night is Music Night



Sunday 18th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.30am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship

Tuesday 20th March (note this session is on Tuesday!)

10am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade

Lent talk



Wednesday 21st March

7.30pm at 28 Huntenhull Lane, Chapmanslade

Parochial Church Council



Sunday 25th March: Palm Sunday

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist

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



Wednesday 28th March

12.30pm at The Reading Rooms, Corsley

Lite Bites Soup Lunch



Thursday 29th March: Maundy Thursday

7pm at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Agape Meal

7pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Agape Meal



Friday 30th March: Good Friday

11am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Stainer's Crucifixion

12pm at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Service for Good Friday

11.15am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Messy Church

12pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Service for Good Friday



Sunday 1st April: Easter Day

9am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

Easter Day service at St Mary's

The Communion Service being held at St Mary's on Easter Sunday will be a unique and special occasion in that it will mark a critical event in the history of our beautiful little church and holy place. Most sadly it will be the last service held there for a while and possibly for ever. Traditionally we have had a strong congregation at our Easter Day Holy Communion and this year we hope for even greater support in view of the significance of the occasion. As for all of our services at St Mary's this Easter Holy Communion will be the 1662 Prayer Book Service. Let us not allow St. Mary's to fade quietly but go out on a strong positive note with heads held high.

Into the next decade

At the end of January we began our journey into the unknown. Our Strategy Meeting was blessed with a superb attendance of people from the parish. There was a lively discussion about how our churches could be more accessible to the whole of our community and the facilities that might be offered. A record was kept of all the comments received and if you would like a copy please contact either Phil or Keith.

The big issue, the one impacting St Mary's right now and which will affect our two other churches in the future, is finding the volunteers to ensure that our churches are ready for services or any other use. What is now needed is a new body of volunteers who will accept the need to be trained up so we can ensure that the sustainability of all our Churches is safe. There is much to do and much to think about but we will be taking action. You will be updated on progress on a regular basis and, no doubt, there will be specific appeals for your help!

Fundraising

Our next event is "Friday Night is Music Night" at St Margaret's on Friday 16th March. You are invited to come along to an evening of light music and other features, everything from Eric Coates to Abba! The evening will be compered by the indefatigable Dennis Barnard and there will be a licensed bar. There is no admission charge so you do not need to buy a ticket – just come along and enjoy the evening of great music. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the work of the church.

Messy Church

Our next event will be on Good Friday, 30th March at 11.15am at St Philip & St James church, Chapmanslade. We shall run a workshop at 11.15am followed by a short service for Good Friday at 12pm. All families most welcome to either or both events.

Volunteers needed

Mrs Chapman, Head Teacher at Chapmanslade School, would love to hear from anyone who can offer help at lunchtimes to play board games with her pupils. It need not be a regular or frequent commitment and would only be for a few minutes each time. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way please have a word in the first instance with Phil on 832845.

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Mothering Sunday is 11th March, be sure to book a table to treat your Mum to a delicious roast. We always have a choice of meats, served with a selection of vegetables and delicious desserts.

Our March theme evening will be on **Monday 19th March** and will be a **Curry night**, pre-booking is recommended. There will be a choice of delicious main and side dishes, including vegetarian options. Refer to our website, Facebook page or blackboard for more details.

Our popular **Quiz Night**, this will be held on **Sunday 25th March**. Why not make up a team with your friends or neighbours? **Starting at 6.30pm**; a maximum of 5 people per team at a cost of £2 per person, or £5 per person to include a light supper of chips and sandwiches. Book your place

by calling the pub. If you'd like supper, you will need to book by Saturday 24th March.

We will be holding an **Easter Treasure Hunt** on Easter Sunday (**1st April**) for our younger visitors, pre-booking a table is strongly recommended over the Easter weekend.

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We look forward to seeing you soon.

Corsley WI

February news

Carol Seward rounds up the February meeting and announces some forthcoming events



'Tai Chi for All Ages' was ably demonstrated by Anne Tottingham at the February meeting of Corsley WI. Tai Chi is drawn from ancient Chinese tradition and was originally developed as a martial art but, with its deep breathing and flowing gentle movements, it has many health benefits, improving balance, flexibility and relieving stress. Tai Chi is suitable for anyone and can be done either standing, for those with good balance or whilst sitting, for those less mobile. It takes a very long time to learn all the moves, which all have a story behind them and are aimed at strengthening muscles in a controlled manner. Anne explained the moves and what they represented and then everyone joined in with the exercises, with varying degrees of accuracy! Charlotte Beswick gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for an oriental souvenir was won by Annie Campbell, with Hilary Vallis second and Charlotte Beswick third. There was a lovely display of cushions made by members for the Hilda Guy Arts and Crafts Cup competition and after a difficult decision, Val Benbow's was chosen as the winner.

Some new events being organised by the Wiltshire Federation include visits to Exbury Gardens and the Ginger Piggery, a morning with Mendelssohn and a talk by Pippa Greenwood, the gardening expert. All details are available at WI meetings.

On Friday 20th April 2018, we have a coach trip (open to all) to the Royal Mint Experience. There are still some places available so if you would like to join us, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 to book your seat on the coach or you can email carol.seward@talktalk.net for details and any other information about Corsley WI.

The Annual Meeting of Corsley WI will be held at the Corsley Reading Room at 2.30pm on Thursday 8 March when we shall be presenting the Rose Bowl to the winner of the monthly competitions during the past year and there will also be a Cream Tea.

Are you new to the area? Don't know anyone? Why not come along to one of our meetings? WI meetings are held in the Reading Room at Corsley on the second Thursday each month at 2.30pm until March, then in April the time will change to 7.30pm. We can usually help with travel if needed or arrange for someone to come with you, just phone Carol!

Can you play skittles or scrabble, or would like to learn? We are looking for new WI team members, so please contact us if you would be interested.

The Bridge Club, Gardening Club and Lunch Club are open to both members and non-members and are run by Pauline Scott. Please phone 01985 215760 for details.

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Thursday 15th March 'Paddington 2' (PG)

'Paddington 2' finds Paddington happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's hundredth birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr. Gruber's antique shop, and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief...

The critics' consensus is that 'Paddington 2' honours its star's rich legacy with a sweet-natured sequel whose adorable visuals are matched by a story perfectly balanced between heartwarming family fare and purely enjoyable all-ages adventure. It's great fun!

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- If you didn't get the chance to do it before the winter it's not too late to dig over those plots for use this coming season. Ensure that the ground isn't frosty, grab your spades and give those compacted plots a breath of fresh air and a lease of new life, your plants will thank you for it. (Don't forget to add organic matter!)
- Spread your newly dug plots with a layer of organic matter such as horse manure or mushroom compost as a form of nutrient replacement. Mulching the area with these organic matters will also help to suppress all those troublesome perennial weeds which are currently dormant as well as warming the ground a little to help start your plants off in the spring.
- Why not add a layer or two to the beds in your greenhouse too, applying a thick layer of horse/farmyard manure will not only get vital nutrients and trace elements back into the soil but you will also help to warm the soil and the whole green house. As the manure decomposes it produces a lot of heat helping to keep your greenhouse a bit warmer which everything will benefit from.
- If the ground is still frost free why not apply a lawn feed, weed and moss killer to your

lawns helping it to produce lush, healthy growth in the spring, as well as ridding your lawn of competition from unwanted guests.

- Now is a good time to cut back those buddleias, roses, willows and fruit trees ready for new growth to start in the spring. Remember to remove all dead and decaying material while pruning to prevent disease problems occurring later in the year.
- In those spare minutes why not do some little jobs too, hygiene is an important part of good gardening, cleanliness prevents disease being spread so why not spring clean your greenhouse ready for seed sowing in the spring.
- If the weather has been dry it's a good time to give all the timber structures and fences within your garden a coat of paint or timber preserver. Remember to wire brush all the timber surfaces you wish to apply it to, to remove all lichen and debris.
- Give your tools a good scrub and use a little oil to prevent them rusting.
- Clean out your birdbath too, as bacteria can build up and cause disease to spread.
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February

The meeting in February was a short meeting primarily held to agree decisions on two planning applications.

Weight restriction and associated road signage

The Chairman was able to report that following a meeting that morning it now appears that Highways England and Wiltshire Council have agreed a plan and that the necessary will proceed in the near future.

At the same meeting there was discussion about the A303/A350 junction and the association with the consultation about the proposed tunnel at Stonehenge. There will be consultations in the area between now and the end of March. This subject has a bearing on the possibility of a lower weight limit of 7.5 tonnes in Chapmanslade.

Planning applications and issues

The application for a Granny Annexe (18/00244/FUL) at 107 High Street was discussed. Although in general there were no objections there was concern expressed by one councillor that the requirement to provide adequate off-street parking was not

fulfilled and voted against the application.

There were no objections to the application for an extension at 58 High Street (18/00533/FUL).

Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be **March 8th at 7.30pm**. Prior to the formal meeting, at 7pm there will be a presentation to the Parish Council, and the village, of the planning application by Lochailort for the development of the site at Barter's Nurseries. The purpose of the presentation is to inform the Parish Council and the village of the proposals for this site. The Parish Council will not be discussing the planning application at this meeting as it is not anticipated that the application will have been received from Wiltshire Council at this date.

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Corsley Annual Parish Meeting

**7pm, Monday 5th March
Corsley Reading Rooms**

Corsley Traffic Safety and Weight Limits

***Speaker from
Wiltshire Highways***

Longleat Estate *Plans for 2018*

followed by the

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report *and 'Any Questions'*

Posters detailing speakers will be publicised on village noticeboards, telegraph poles, etc, nearer the time.

All Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting each year. The meeting allows the Council and local community organisations to explain what they have been doing over the last year and electors can have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish. Note that this is not a Parish Council meeting although it is chaired by the PC.

Warminster Rural

Community Policing

This month's report will focus on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV's). Wiltshire Police uses UAVs, more commonly known as drones, to provide air support to officers on the ground.

What kind of drones do Wiltshire Police use?

We currently have two DJI Inspire 1 drones that can be equipped with a HD camera or a thermal imaging camera. Each drone has approximately 18 minutes flight-time per battery, and is able to reach a top speed of 49 mph.

The total initial set up cost was £30,000 for aircraft, two non-standard high-definition optical zoom cameras, two thermal imaging cameras and six pilots, including all administrative costs.

What do we typically use drones for?

Searching large open areas for missing people or offenders hiding from us
Aerial photography of crime scenes and road traffic collisions
Intelligence gathering for warrants
Over-watch for high risk policing operations on the ground.

What are the benefits of using a drone?

It's much cheaper to charge a drone than to fuel a helicopter. As it's much cheaper, we can use air support more often meaning

officers on the ground can have an eye in the sky for more incidents, rather than just the really serious ones.

The drones are electrically operated, so their carbon footprint is smaller than a helicopter. They are much safer, with no crew or fuel and weighing a mere 2.8kg, if anything goes wrong it's much less likely to cause damage or injury to anyone.

Drones are less affected by the weather, helicopters have to consider weather systems at their base and in transit to the scene. Drones are driven to the scene by car so only have to consider the weather conditions at scene.

How many pilots are there and how are they trained?

We currently have five pilots across the force area, all of whom are volunteers in the Special Constabulary. We also have one Police Constable within the People Development Department (training). The team were trained by a commercial National Qualified Entity (NQE) and awarded their Permission for Commercial Operations (PfCO) by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

How are drones deployed?

Our drones are driven to the scene from Police Headquarters in Devizes in a police vehicle and deployed from there.

Who do we film with the drone?

We will only ever use our drone to support a lawful policing purpose, or for commercial purposes relating to Wiltshire Police.

The vast majority of recording will take place overtly with an obvious police presence on the ground. In some cases we will use the drone covertly, with appropriate authorities complying with all relevant legislation.

We're not always recording, most of the time we are merely using the camera to assist us from the sky, and we make every effort to remove or reduce the chances of recording you. Recordings are stored and deleted in line with requirements of the Data Protection Act. Information relating to the laws on drones (Air Navigation Order 2016) can be found at www.legislation.gov.uk/ukqi/2016/765/contents/made

What does this mean for West Wiltshire Community Policing Team

West Wiltshire Community Policing Team will be the first hub within Wiltshire to be allocated a drone. Six officers will be trained to pilot the drones, which will ensure more coverage.

CRIME EXCEPTIONS

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two-year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

January 2018 saw 77 recorded incidents for the Warminster Rural area, this is a very slight increase compared to 74 recorded incidents during the same time period last year.

Offences of Theft are showing slightly lower than previous months.

Offences of Violence against the person are showing as a crime exception, with an increase from an average of 8.8 offences a month to 17 reported during January.

- 7 of these incidents are linked from the same location, and all relate to minor or no-injury assaults.
- Three other incidents are linked by location and suspect, which occurred during the early hours of the 1st January. This incident is still being investigated.
- A 15 year-old female is being charged with assault. Due to her age, it would be inappropriate to provide further information.
- Separately, a 30 year old female from the Frome area was issued with an adult caution following damage caused at an address in Corsley on the 12th January.

OTHER INFORMATION

Reported crime for Corsley and hamlets, January 2018

- Anti-social behaviour
- Non-dwelling burglary
- Two thefts
- Theft from a motor vehicle

Chapmanslade and Upton Scudamore January 2018

- Anti-social behaviour
- Theft from a motor vehicle
- Hare coursing/lamping

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit www.police.uk/wiltshire

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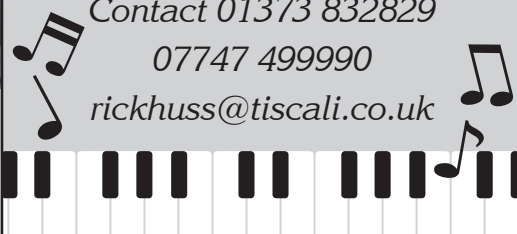
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Preachers for this month and for Easter Sunday

4th March – Mr Jonathan Brain, based at Ladyfield Church, Chippenham, and reaching out to people in schools, markets, festivals, pubs, etc.

11th March – Mr Trevor Brain, uncle of Jonathan and a mainstay of our Corsley Show stall. Trevor's worked for many years with Operation Mobilisation, a large missionary agency giving Christian work opportunities to young people from many countries.

18th March – Mr Andrew Coxhead, a landscape gardener who's based at Clink Evangelical Church.

Palm Sunday, 25th March – Mr Richard Wilson, one of Whitbourne's own preachers; he delivers 'Good News' papers and tracts locally and is another mainstay of our Corsley Show stall.

Easter Sunday, 1st April – Mr Craig Jennings, a nurse at a private hospital in Bath. Craig and his family attend Coleford Gospel Hall.

Can I start again?

As Easter approaches we see signs of new life, spring flowers and lambs in the fields.

Thinking of lambs reminds us of two things. Firstly, lambs become sheep and sheep are noted for going their own way. The Bible likens us to sheep: "We all, like sheep, have

gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way". We're born thinking we can live without God and it ends in trouble. We may not fall foul of the law, as the thieves crucified alongside Jesus did, but it does mean separation from God.

Secondly, lambs remind us of innocence and none was more innocent than Jesus. He was likened to a lamb when John the Baptist said: "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" When Jesus died, He was bearing the punishment for our sins.

Easter's also a time of new life. One of the thieves crucified with Jesus showed signs of new life by his sorrow for living his life without God and his faith in Jesus. He also understood the cross wasn't the end for Jesus, but that He would rise again. The man prayed: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise".

Like that thief, we can have our past wiped clean and have a new start. The apostle Paul said: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

*Mr John Hobson,
Visiting preacher at Whitbourne Chapel*

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Regular times

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We hope March will bring better weather which will allow some of the cattle that have been winter-housed a chance to get out and stretch their legs for a few hours in the day.

Sheep that have lambed will carefully shield their lambs from wind and rain by nestling by hedgerows and in hollows in undulating fields.

Now is the time when electric fences must be in good working order, hedges that have been laid or cut back by mechanical trimmers must now be stock-proof and gates made secure to prevent stock escaping. Ditches must be cleared before ploughing starts so that field drains can run into the ditches and then flow onwards to streams and rivers.

Look out for the mad March hare running round in circles and then standing on hind legs appearing to be boxing. March is the spring month when the countryside begins to wake up; buds are bursting, birds are singing and the greyiness of winter slowly disappears, blown away by the March winds

Another country saying is 'if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb', I wonder if this will come true in 2018!

Judith Helliar

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(Talk by Tim Wilton)

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'Life in an English Village' about Corsley, written by Maud, was published in 1909.

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