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

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

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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**

New!

Chapmanslade Support Service

February saw the launch of an extension to the food support being offered by the COV-AG group in Chapmanslade. From the early stages of the pandemic, the need for food boxes became apparent. A public appeal was launched, and donations have allowed the group to provide freshly purchased essentials to anyone in need. This has been quietly building up, as the effects of the lockdowns and associated job and self employed work reductions have increased. Quite naturally people



have been attempting to weather this from their own resources, however, now we are reaching the anniversary of the first lockdown it became clear that as well as those who need full assistance, there are others who are finding themselves with a shortfall in their food cupboards.

The COV-AG group considered what to do, and decided to provide an open 'Larder' in the village, where anyone can

pick up packet and tinned foods. From the very beginning, the church has been a core member of the COVID relief and caring effort in the village. The funds raised for food boxes have been held in the church accounts and, as a charity, it was possible to add gift aid on those donations. When the call came for a covered place to put the Larder, it was quickly established that the porch in St Philip and St James' Church was the best place to put it. In addition, it was felt that this scheme, along with the expanding food box arrangements should be insured. The result is that both schemes have been fully adopted by the Church Parish Council (PCC).

Churchwarden Ian Buick commented: "As one of the COV-AG team as well as my job in the church, I am delighted that we are able to host the Church Porch Larder, and offer complete backing for both schemes. It was a logical extension to the fund administration we have already been involved in. It is also exactly the kind of support the church is dedicated to provide to everyone in our community, and I would like to thank the members of the PCC for their immediate approval when the idea and possible location were suggested."

The Larder is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is possible to collect items needed from the container in the church porch. Donated packet and tinned items which are in date, are also welcomed, and can be put in the container. There is no upper limit, as any surplus or slow moving items will be sent to the Warminster and District Food Bank, who are always delighted to receive donations.

It isn't clear how long support is going to be needed, but COV-AG organisers have confirmed that as long as there is a need, it will be in place, not just for food, but in all the other many ways they have been working to bring relief and a real sense of community to the residents of Chapmanslade.

Corsley War Memorial

Playing Field

Playing Field confusion

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion about the management of the Corsley War Memorial Playing Field.

The playing field is managed and maintained by the Corsley War Memorial Playing Field

Committee and is an independent charity. The Parish Council provides a donation each year that goes towards insurance but has no control or authority over the Playing Field.

If you need to know anything about the field please contact either:

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The Elizabethan Evening

HMS Pinafore

Your humble scribe managed to get the day and date wrong for this year's performance.

We will be holding the performance on Sunday, yes SUNDAY, the 1st of August. my apologies for saying it was Saturday 7th.

I'm off for little light flogging for getting it wrong, if it's nice I'll go for a heavier flogging later on.

We are still planning for the performance to go ahead in August. Our COViD crystal balls are just about as foggy as HMG, but here's hoping that all of the COVID restrictions will have been eased sufficiently for this to go ahead as planned

We will be keeping you up-to-date as things progress and here's hoping we're not in lockdown 4 in August.

So keep hale and hearty my little lovelings

Chapmanslade's

Coronavirus Action Group

say "thank you" to local teachers and staff

Our doctors and nurses have never been valued so highly as the present, with our hospitals battling a national health crisis and our NHS administering an unprecedented vaccination program. Our scientists, too, are being recognised for their incredible service to the country, with the ongoing research in British laboratories helping us to understand and combat the COVID-19 virus. However, as any parent who has grappled with home-learning will be well aware, there are certain heroes in our community whose incredible dedication to their profession does not receive enough recognition amidst the COVID chaos: teachers.

A very special delivery

To recognise this, Chapmanslade's COVID-19 Action Group (COV-AG) decided to say a special thank you to our village's incredible teachers and staff. With the help of donations from generous members of our community and cupcakes kindly donated by The Secret Baker in Westbury, Charlene Ridler, the head of COV-AG, organised a delivery of 27 care packages for all local teaching and support staff. On Friday 22nd January, a number of COV-AG volunteers



filled gift bags with cupcakes, hand cream, tissues, lip balm, biscuits, and a number of other treats to deliver to the village school and nursery, as well as to some homes in the village.

In the words of Lou Bell, one of the COV-AG volunteers, "the teachers need all the motivation and appreciation we can give at this difficult time". Without a doubt, COV-AG succeeded in showing the appreciation felt by all of the residents of Chapmanslade, parents in particular; and although this small gesture of gift-giving is a mere symbol of the thankfulness we all feel towards teachers, reaching out to those in our community who are making a real difference feels more necessary than ever during this 3rd lockdown. Whilst the dark January days stifle our motivation to persevere through the next few months, it is these displays of community spirit that shine as a light to guide the way forward.



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Clarification of the...

Len White Trust Fund

There has recently been a spate of posts on Facebook about PC business, some relating to the Len White fund, and I thought that it would be helpful to re-state the origin and purposes of this fund

I would hope by this means, in the future, that some of the inaccuracies and misapprehensions which have surfaced might be avoided. This is largely a repeat of the notice I posted in *The Bridge* in late 2019.

The Fund was set up in 1991 by Corsley Parish Council in memory of Len White, a well known and respected resident of the village. The Parish Councillors are the Trustees and the objects of the Charity are:

- “To pay the income from the Charity Fund for the benefit of the pupils of Corsley School, in such manner as the Corsley Parish Council think fit, or
- If Corsley Primary School closes, for the benefit of the children living in Corsley between the ages of five and eleven years for educational purposes as the full Corsley Parish Council shall think fit.”

If the Trust is regarded as ‘failed’ the Deed allows its assets to be given to “...such other charitable institution or institutions having similar objects to those of the Charity as the Trustees shall decide.” Exhaustion of the funds available for distribution could be one such reason, but please note that the fund is not in that position at the present time.

In 2019 the Trustees put the then position to the village with a suggestion for the Trust’s ‘winding up’, this having been endorsed by Len White’s family. Just three responses were received and all were against the proposal. The comments were taken on board at the

time and money allocated in the PC spending plans for the replacement of the Heath bus shelter. Len White money will not be used for this project.

The intention had been to put a notice in *The Bridge* last month seeking bids for the Trustees to consider, but this didn’t happen. It is now in this edition of *The Bridge* with an extended deadline over that published on the Bridge website and on Facebook.

Please use my contact details below if you wish to discuss any aspect of the Fund.

Neil Britten

Chairman, Corsley Parish Council/

Len White Trustees

pc.corsleynb@gmail.com

01373 832515 or 07810 764714

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!

Bob's bafflers

- 1 The Academy Award winning song 'When You Wish Upon A Star' was written for which 1940 film?
- 2 In which English county is Jodrell Bank?
- 3 Where would you find vitreous humour?
- 4 In which radio programme (1965 – 68) would you have heard the characters Dame Celia Molestrangler, Binkie Huckaback, Daphne Whitethigh, Rambling Syd Rumpo and Julian & Sandy?
- 5 Which artist painted The Scream?
- 6 Mount Rushmore is situated in which USA state, North Dakota or South Dakota?
- 7 Who wrote the science fiction thrillers 'The Day of the Triffids', 'The Midwich Cuckoos' and 'The Kraken Wakes'?
- 8 Gary Sparrow was a time traveller in which situation comedy?
- 9 Which breed of dog shares its name with a coastal region of Canada?
- 10 Which TV show was created by Peter Fluck and Roger Law?
- 11 Which town in the Netherlands is famous for its pottery and porcelain?
- 12 What is the sum of Charles, Williams and Henrys that have been King of England?

Answers on page 40

Corsley Old School Orchard

There has been great progress on the hedge laying with the whole of the bottom boundary completed by time of publishing. No further work will be done this year as the sap is rising and the birds will soon be looking for places to nest. To compensate for the trees being removed as part of the hedge laying we have put up a number of bird and bat boxes. We have also managed to plant some additional

apple and pear trees over the winter.

Finally, we wanted to thank Rick Gunning from Wessex Rural Crafts (WRC) who has kindly donated significant amounts of wood chip to allow us to mulch around the trees and for the Wild Flower meadow team to cover their bank.

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Wiltshire Council has consulted with the Parish Council on this layout and will be applying for planning permission in the next few weeks. In normal circumstances, at this stage, the Council would arrange a public consultation meeting with local residents to seek feedback on the plans, but this is not possible at the moment because of the lockdown. Instead, if you would like to make

any comments on the proposed layout, please email christine.brown@wiltshire.gov.uk or post to Christine Brown, Residential Development Project Manager, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JN, with your comments by **12 March 2021**.

The plan set out includes a possible site for a new village hall. This is an option being explored by the Parish Council but is not part of the current development.

If you are interested in being considered for any of the new homes, you will need to be registered on Homes4Wiltshire

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*Christine Brown
Residential Development Project Manager
Housing Assets and New Developments*

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The White Hart food trailer is a 100% an extension of our pub and what we have built so far and we can't wait to take it on the road! We really hope this will create new jobs, new opportunities and really put the White Hart, Corsley on the map. We also hope to use the trailer to continue our work feeding people less fortunate than ourselves. We're really looking forward to 2021 we're soooo ready for this.

It is amazing that our village has managed to keep all three of its pubs during this difficult year. Long may it continue.

Len White Trust Fund

Bids for Donations 2020/21

The Len White Trust Fund was set up in 1991 in memory of Len White. Its basis was a donation from Len's estate and contributions from the village, with the intention of using interest from the funds to help pupils of Corsley School.

Its secondary purpose, in the event of the School's closure, is to disburse the income of the Fund:

'for the benefit of the children living in Corsley between the ages of five and eleven for educational purposes as the full Parish Council shall think fit'.

The Trustees of the Len White Fund (Corsley Parish Council), invite bids for the financial year 2020/21.

Information and details required for any bids can be obtained from John Willcox, Parish Clerk (01371 832171).

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Colin Bell rounds up the PC's activities in February

The PC met virtually on 11th February. Councillor Phil Holihead chaired the meeting at which there were five councillors present. Two members of the public were also welcomed to the meeting.

Parish COVID Action Group

The excellent work of the COVID Action group has been formally recognised by Dr Andrew Murrison, the MP for South West Wiltshire. Dr Murrison sent a letter from the House of Commons to the Chair of the group, to express gratitude for the commitment and support which the group has provided throughout the current pandemic to all Champanslade residents, especially to vulnerable residents within our community.

Parish Plan

Following a positive discussion about the Parish Plan, it was reiterated that this remains a useful consultation document and that numerous steps had already been taken to address identified needs. For example, the PC's progress connected to traffic, now expanded to include pavements. Additionally, to promote well-being and access to the countryside it was agreed that the PC's remit regarding public footpaths will now also include cycleways. As a next step, the Parish Plan steering group will meet to review progress on other initiatives and to consider

how the Parish Plan contributes towards the wider Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group will report back to the PC in due course.

Barters Farm development

The PC has led a nomination process for the naming of new roads on the development. This involved consultation with residents of the village including Chapmanslade School children, Chapmanslade History group and members of the PC. Thank you to all who participated, especially to the children and teachers of Chapmanslade School. The following names have been formally submitted to the developers and Wiltshire Council for a final agreement.

- Barters Drive - the main road through the estate
- Honey Grove or Gardens - spur road
- Weavers Glade - spur road
- Barnard Close, Gardens or Row - spur road

Newland Homes are yet to publish their construction method document. This is expected to be completed as part of the Discharge and Conditions Application which is due to be submitted to Wiltshire Planning soon. The PC agreed to write to Newland Homes to determine if important considerations such as the routing of

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construction vehicles to and from the site and the preservation of the footpath along the north side of the site will be included. For the period of construction, the PC agreed to add the Barthers Farm development as a standing item on the PC agenda.

Finance

The updated budget plan and accounts for 2020/21 were discussed and agreed. Estimated amounts for Church grounds maintenance and connected to the Village Hall were included. No further transactions are proposed for the remainder of the financial year.

Wiltshire Council consultations, maintenance and enforcement actions

Wiltshire Council consultations connected to the Local Plan and the Gypsy and Travellers’ Plan were discussed. The PC will submit a response to each consultation by the closing date of 9 March 2020.

In addition to consultations, the PC continues to liaise with the Wiltshire Council Parish Steward in relation to maintenance matters, which include the frequently blocked and flooded drains in Huntenhull Lane near to the Old Rectory. This flooding causes significant access and health and safety challenges to pedestrians, runners, cyclists, motorists and other road users.

The PC discussed Wiltshire Council Enforcement Actions. The PC recognise that due to the pandemic, Wiltshire Council are not conducting site visits. The PC remain in contact with Enforcement Officers as they follow due process.

Planning applications

20/10074/LBC - Thoulstone Farm

No objections were raised on this application

20/11277/FUL - High Street

No objections were raised on this application

20/11607/FUL - Mill Lane, Huntenhull Green, Corsley

No objections were raised on the proposed construction. However, the PC raised concerns connected to potential environmental issues including the increased number of livestock and the protection of local wildlife.

Next Parish Council meeting




The next Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting will be on **11th March** at 7.30pm. This will be a virtual meeting. Members of the public encouraged to attend. For further details and to attend, please contact the PC Clerk via chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk by 6pm on Tuesday 9th March. The PC look forward to welcoming you.

*Colin Bell
Parish Councillor*

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

If anyone had told me last Easter that there would be the distinct possibility that we may not be able to celebrate Easter in church together this year I don't think I would have believed them. Everyone I speak to expresses the same weariness of spirit; yes we all know we are very lucky to live where we do and to have roof over our heads, we know we are lucky to have access to a vaccine but still, this lockdown seems interminable.

I'm writing this letter the day after Ash Wednesday and by the time you read it we will be several weeks into Lent. At this point I'm supposed to say something about Lent being a time of preparation for Easter when we make a concerted effort to deepen our relationship with our maker. Traditionally we do this by giving up certain things to make more time for prayer, or doing some kind of course to help us see the error of our ways. As Bishop Nick said in his wonderful sermon from the cathedral last night, in the present context it feels as if we have been asked to give up enough already, and quite frankly, the thought of having to wade through a challenging course makes me want to lay down in a dark room and never come out; I am doing a little something, but it's simple. Because if I, with my husband and dog, am feeling exhausted and drained, I really cannot imagine how those of you who are working, home schooling your children and doing all the other things you need to do to stay alive, are feeling.

In his poem entitled 'Ash Wednesday' T.S. Elliot wrote 'Teach us to sit still,' which is good idea for Lent, the thought being that if we just make the effort to stop for five minutes we might be better able to open ourselves up to God and apprehend his presence with us. But that's not helpful if every waking minute is taken up in simply trying to get through this weird, soul sapping time. Thinking about all this, yes, I agree with Elliot, if you have the time to intentionally 'sit still' in God's presence, it is a wonderful and helpful thing to do. But I also want to say that being completely snowed under with the business of day to day living, doesn't mean that God is nowhere to be seen; if God is love, then where love is, God is too. And it's love that is being lived out in the caring and the home schooling, the endless churning out of meals, the story reading and the trying to keep everyone happy. Granted, it may not feel like love sometimes, but it is.

I've got a beautiful hand painted quote from the bible hanging on my study wall and it reads: 'Bidden or not bidden, God is present.' And I suppose that's what I'm trying to say; whether you couldn't care less about Lent, and I can quite understand if you don't, the one who created you, who loves you, who knows you, is with you in all the messy, joy and sorrow of your life

Love and prayers
Pauline

March Church Diary

This diary has been prepared on the basis that restrictions on movement will still be in force. By the time this edition is published, hopefully there will be more clarity

All our other parish support facilities are still functioning, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with anyone on our contacts list if you need help or advice

Details of the Zoom services will be sent to all on our contacts list each week. All these services are for everyone in the Benefice. If normal services should return, we will advertise the change



Sunday 7th March
10am online Morning Prayer
5pm online Evening Prayer



Sunday 14th March
10am online Morning Prayer
5pm online Evening Prayer



Sunday 21st March
11am online BCP Matins
5pm online Evening Prayer



Sunday 28th March
10am online Eucharist
5pm online Evening Prayer

Date of the Event

Corsley House ~ garden open to the public

Raising money for our local churches

With the current uncertainty about the situation in May, it was felt best to delay announcing the date of this event. Further information will be published, as soon as we are clear about what will be permitted

All about Birds Quiz

Bob Maynard, our resident Quizmaster has come up with another great competition to keep you all occupied. It's the Birds Quiz, and the cost is only £3. Question sheets are available from Sue on 832074 and Judith on 832803 or by emailing Sue at suefearpcc@gmail.com. The prize is a £20 garden centre voucher and the closing date is 17th April.

A new Benefice Facebook page

We now have a private group page on Facebook for live-streaming, it is called...

'Worship in the Cley Hill Benefice'

It can be viewed publicly but only members can comment on it or see what others have written. Join us for a 9am. Morning Prayer on Tuesday and/or 5pm Evening Prayer - both services last approximately twenty minutes. Some Sunday services will also be live-streamed. If you would like to become a member of the group simply go to Facebook, put in the group name and search. You can then request to join. Check out our website at;

www.cleyhillchurches.org/welcome.htm

on a regular basis to keep up to date. We hope you can join us.

Reverend Gay

Food support in the Parish

As the effects of the pandemic stretch into a second year, the needs of everyone who have been left short of work and earning capability, has increased as savings become depleted. Two schemes are in place to help:

The Chapmanslade Church Porch Larder and Food Box Schemes

Early in the first lockdown, a need was identified in the village, and food boxes have been provided ever since. As the effects have become more acute, a further need was identified for those who were maybe a bit short of food but not needing the full support. The Church Porch Larder was created last month, to meet this need. Please read the article in this edition of The Bridge. Corsley and Chapmanslade Parish have adopted both schemes, to allow them to be properly supported with administration. Both schemes are self-supporting through donations and any surplus larder donations will be sent to the Warminster and District Food bank.

The Warminster and District Food Bank

Started by the church, the Food Bank, which covers the area in and around Warminster has a small group of volunteers taking in donations of food and filling the bags for clients as requested. Another group then delivers the bags. During January they fed 132 adults and 32 children. Each month they supplement food available for distribution using their own and donated funds which enables them to continue to meet the needs of the increasing number of people who find themselves in crisis.

Your support for either of these vital services with food donations is essential. Contact Ian Buick on either 01373 832318 or ibuickuk@gmail.com for further details.

The 50/50 Club Thank You!

A Big thank you to everyone who has joined the 50/50 Club in the past month. It isn't too late to join. For only £24 a year or £2 per month, you can join the Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 50/50 Club. Half of the payment is returned as prizes, with the other half supporting church funds. There is a £100 prize to be won each month! It is possible to pay by cash, cheque or standing order. If you would like to take part, You can sign up with Neil Britten on 01373 832515.

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

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

There was one meeting in February, on the 15th, with a very full agenda and discussions on number of key issues. These are summarised below and, as always, full minutes of the meeting are available to the public from the Parish Clerk. The PC met after the main meeting in their capacity as Trustees of the Len White Fund. A note relating to this meeting is published elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge.

I must apologise to readers of these articles over their absence in the last two editions of The Bridge. This was entirely my fault; both articles were written well in time, but keyboard finger fumbling failures intervened! Both briefs were published on The Bridge website.

As many of you, I know, will be aware, Steve Meyer, tragically died suddenly on 31st January. He will be greatly missed by the PC and the village and our sincerest condolences go out to his wife and family. He was a great balancing presence on the PC and brought wise professional insight to PC business. The meeting on the 15th commenced with a brief silence in his memory.

Planning Applications update

20/10594/FUL

Change of use of agricultural land to tourism use: siting of one shepherd hut with hot tub

This application was considered "out of committee" by email correspondence and the PC had no objection.

20/09699

Change of use of existing access off Lanes End Hill

from agricultural use to residential/equestrian use and improvements to the access.

This application was considered by the PC in December 2020 and objections were lodged because of concerns over the road safety from the likely additional traffic and the visual nuisance to local residents. There was one public objection.

Wiltshire have now approved the application. Highways had no objection subject to creation of suitable visibility splays and widening of the track. They did not believe that the increased traffic over current levels represented any threat to road safety.

Casual vacancies and co-option

There were two casual vacancies on the PC, one arising from the resignation of John Fairgrieve at the end of 2020 and the second from Steve Meyer's death. Due process had been undertaken in respect of the first vacancy, with no takers. Invitation for volunteers for co-option resulted in one application, from Dr Neil Carpenter, which was unanimously accepted. With the proximity of the forthcoming elections on 6th May this year, it was agreed to take no action on the second vacancy and await nominations for that event. The closing date for nominations is 4pm on **Thursday 8th April**.

Wiltshire Consultations

The PC has been given notice of two important consultations, Planning for Gypsy and Travellers Communities and the Local Plan. Both are requirements of government

policy and comments are required by **9th March**. Anyone who wishes to comment on these two consultations should contact the Parish Clerk who can provide links to the appropriate documents.

Gypsy and Travellers Communities

This consultation seeks views on Wiltshire's approach to assessment of the need for sites for Gypsies and Travellers and their criteria for their selection. The documentation includes comprehensive reports on the assessment of site needs over a 20-year period and a set of principles for site selection.

Local Plan

This is a key part of the Wiltshire core strategy and sets out the assessment of housing needs, open market and social, across Wiltshire and how and where the need is to be met over the next 20 years. There are many documents available for perusal and these cover extensive consultations and workshops over the last two years, including consideration of rural needs and settlement boundaries (ie the spacial limits for development). The Local Plan provides the basis for all planning decisions by Wiltshire. It should be noted that Corsley settlement boundary is unchanged and limited to Lane End and two areas at the Heath.

Presentation on housing development scheme – Corsley Showfield

Oliver Hares, PC councillor, in a private capacity, gave an informal presentation to the PC of plans he is developing, in conjunction with the Landstrom Group, for a housing development on the western edge of the Showfield, behind the Red Cottages. The presentation was intended to inform the PC of his plans and answer any questions (see sketch layout on next page).

As presented, the development comprises 14 open market houses (a mixture of 2/3/4 bed), 6 affordable houses, including some bungalows. The offer of a village hall site was also included, should that become a

village requirement. Three points of access are proposed; at the southern end via Bay Tree and the latest development plans for social housing on that site, from the west via Birchwood Close and from the north to the Village Hall site from the Heath. The underpinning for the plan is the shortage in Wiltshire of affordable open market housing, the results of an informal survey of village housing views in 2019 affirming more small (2/3 bed houses and bungalows in Corsley and the developing debate on the future of the Reading Room.

Mr Hares' intention is to offer the plan for "pre-application" assessment by Wiltshire in the next two or three weeks, this being a procedure intended to test the water with the planning authorities. Subsequent to this, the intention is to submit a full planning application.

This proposal represents a very significant development on a greenfield site, outside the village settlement boundaries. Such developments fall under different and much more restrictive planning policies than, for example, the Bay Tree site, which is designated a "Rural Exception Site" on which social housing developments are allowed. Because of its significance it is therefore vital that any view that the PC take on the Hares/Landstrom proposal is informed by the fullest village consultation. In the current climate of COVID restrictions, a normal face-to-face public meeting is impossible without imposing undue delay in the progress of the project to await their relaxation and, in any case, it is probably preferable to conduct a full survey of village opinion by postal questionnaire. The PC took no decision in relation to the proposal except that such a consultation must take place, probably after the results of the pre-application are known. However, it was agreed that it could be beneficial for the PC and Landstrom/Hares to work together to get a full understanding of village views.

Mr Hares' proposal for housing development on the Showfield

Legend:

- RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
- PROPOSED STREET NETWORK
- VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK
- TODDLER PLAY AREA
- WOODLAND/BUSH
- MEADOW
- NEW RECREATION / AMENITY
- EXISTING RECREATION / AMENITY
- DRAINAGE/ATTENUATION

Annotations:

- PROPOSED ACCESS TO NEW VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- VILLAGE HALL & CAR PARK, ENCLOSED FOOTPATHS TO TOWN HALL WITH SUPPORT ACCESS/EGRESS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SHOW FIELDS TRUST BYELAWS
- TODDLER PLAY AREA, LINKED TO LOCATION OF NEW VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- PROPOSED STREET NETWORK, SHOWN AS DASHED YELLOW
- INDICATOR OVERLAIN WITH A FOOTPATH OF 2M, FOOTPATH TO BE PRESERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATURAL TECHNICAL SPACE STRATEGY
- NEW FUTURE RECREATION & RECREATION TREES AS A FUTURE OPEN SPACE TO ESTABLISH
- AREAS OF ADAPTED & NON-ADAPTED ACCESSIBLE RECREATION TREES
- EXISTING RECREATION AND RECREATION TREES TO BE PRESERVED IN FULL, NEW FUTURE WOODLANDS TO BE PLANTED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE WOODLAND STRATEGY
- DRAINAGE PLANTS TO IMPROVE & MAINTAIN THE SEPARATION BETWEEN BUILDINGS
- ORAINAGE WALL & ATTENUATION SYSTEM IN RELATION TO EXISTING LAND CONTAINS A TANK
- DRAINAGE PLANTS TO THE SOUTH AREA OF THE SITE FUTURE SUBSIDISED HOUSES (SHEPHERD) PROVIDING A SUBSTANTIAL BUFFER BETWEEN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREA AND EXISTING BUILDINGS TO THE SOUTH
- NEW WOODLAND STRIP TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITE

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Further development of Baytree Close

At the meeting in January, the PC unanimously agreed to support the inclusion of a potential village hall site in the application, subject to satisfactory answers being given to the questions summarised in the January brief, after which a final decisions would be taken. These were:

Costs

There was a minimum amount of land which is believed is required for a suitable new village hall, including parking and outside green space for activities and/or overflow parking for larger events. To make any informed decision it is essential to understand what size of land could be offered and at what cost. There are also uncertainties about any potential bill for planning fees and extension to the access road for the NE option.

Space requirements

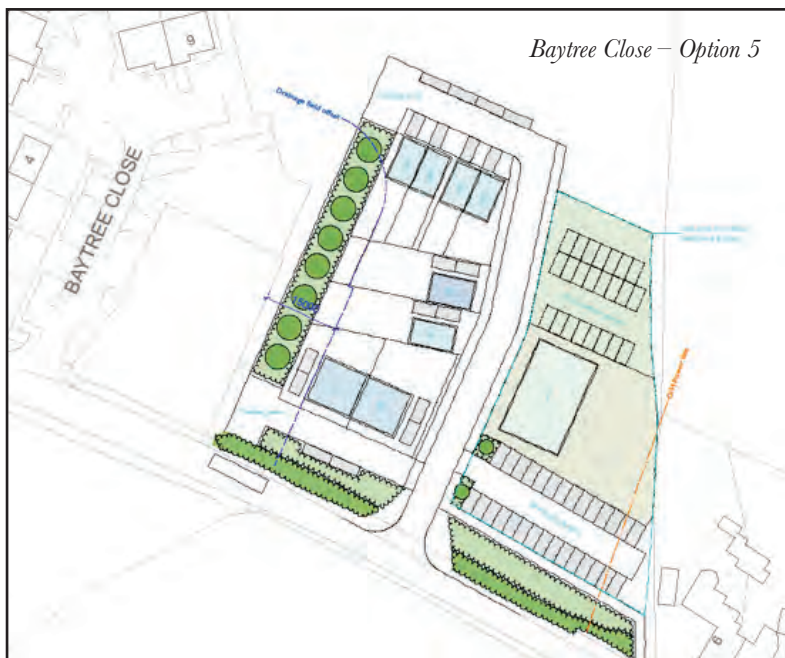
It is important to understand what other green space in the Baytree development will remain for all time. There needs to be outside green space for outdoor activities or overflow parking. The proposed 20-car parking spaces is inadequate in the view of the Reading Room Trustees. The spread out nature of the village into its 11 hamlets means that, along with the age profile of many villagers, using a car to get to a village hall is essential for many in the parish.

Constraints

Would Wiltshire Council impose any constraints on the village hall site as

part of the transfer of land? For example, style of building and materials, prohibiting fencing which could be required, for example, to safely run classes for children there or needing to make the site secure for other reasons.

Representatives of the PC and the Reading Room Trustees Chair, Hugh Deed, met with Wiltshire Council on the 3rd February to discuss the questions raised and satisfactory answers were received within the constraints of knowledge at this time. However, it became apparent that, although the inclusion of a putative village hall was not binding, its withdrawal at a later stage would leave the social housing layout as sub-optimal. Wiltshire were therefore asked to look at a new arrangement with the village hall site placed so that its removal would not upset the social housing site layout. This was done and has become 'Option 5' (see illustration below). This was accepted by the PC, in consultation with the Reading Room Trustees, as an acceptable arrangement at this stage and the



PC unanimously agreed to go forward with this arrangement for the reasons previously expressed. These were:

- To support the development without an outline village hall could risk that option being lost forever.
- If ‘Option 5’ is supported, and subsequently approved, then the planning authority effectively has given tacit support for a village hall to be included within this type of development which could be used advantageously if an alternative proposal were to come forward.

Old School Playing Field

As indicated in the January brief, a very full report from Ann Johnson and Judith Selman, on progress with the OSPF wild flower meadow had been received with full descriptions of the plethora of flora and fauna developing on the site. In addition, a huge amount of work has been progressing in the last few weeks to lay the northern boundary hedge and this will eventually progress round the corner to the eastern boundary, led by Neil Carpenter and his team. In addition, there will be some more tree planting this year of the Corsley pippin and sugar pear trees, which have been nurtured at Barter’s Farm for the last year.

Gill Parkinson has been the able PC coordinator of the interests of the various parties on the OSPF, now joined by Neil Carpenter (see above), and both would encourage anyone to take a walk around the rapidly developing scene down there. Please talk to either if you have any issues relating to the OSPF. Thanks to all for their hard work and cooperation.

Grants/Donations

Because of my failure to get the notice advertising for bids in last month’s edition of The Bridge, it is now repeated in this edition, with the new deadline of **5th March**.

A362 road works

The PC has received notice of resurfacing works on the A362 from the Somerset border to the edge of Corsley Heath, commencing on 1st March, to be completed by 5th March. The road will be closed daily from 7pm – 6am the following day.

Corsley Heath bus shelter

As has been reported previously, the state of the shelter is well known by the PC and consideration is being given on replacement options within the PC budget. One proposal has been made by Neil Carpenter for its rebuild; off the shelf options are also being considered. Please note that any replacement chosen will be funded from the precept.

Communication with the PC

I understand that there has recently been quite a lot of activity on Facebook pages relating to PC business. May I remind readers that I publish my own contact details every month in these briefs and welcome any contact on any issue which you consider to be PC business. For those who might not be aware we also have two PC village noticeboards, one on the back of the Heath bus stop shelter and the other in the Cross Keys car park. PC notices include the Parish Clerk’s contact details.

Dates of Next meetings

Scheduled meeting dates, all at 7.30pm, by Zoom until further notice.

Occasional Meeting	8th March
Annual Parish Meeting	March (TBA)
Annual Parish Council Meeting (election of Chair/Vice-Chair)	3rd May
Quarterly Meeting	7th June
Quarterly Meeting	6th September
Quarterly Meeting	6th December

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Corsley Parish Council

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Corsley Reading Rooms
War Memorial Playing Field
Corsley and Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council
The Bridge
The Lane End telephone box project
Corsley Show
The Village Defibrillator Project
The Village Broadband Project

The Parish Council budgets on spending a total of around £3,000 from your taxes, in areas such as community groups, sports and recreation, open spaces, entertainment and local issues.

Donations and grants will be made on the basis of bids to help us spend this (your) money in appropriate areas. These should be by application to our Parish Clerk (he can provide the relevant forms) and include financial accounts where appropriate.

Bids for defined projects are preferred,
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Walking through lockdown

Warminster Park and Smallbrook Meadows



Here's a very local walk and you won't need me to tell you about the parking! I did this on Friday 12th February, starting from Flers Court and walking through Morrisons car park and into Warminster Park via the main entrance. Walking shoes, boots or wellies are sensible for this walk, as there's a lot of mud to negotiate (it was frozen this day!).

From the main entrance, I walked a straight-ish line, passing the hall on the left and tennis courts on the right, then the mostly frozen lake on the right, too. At the far end of the park, I kept to the straight line, walking a footpath that leads to the road to Henford. There's a tiny bit of road walking and the road is narrow and twisting, just where the footpath joins it – be careful!

You'll soon see another narrow footpath ahead; follow that, with bungalows on the

left and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust car park on your right. Where the car park ends is a main trail, running alongside a stream on your right. Walk ahead, until the trail widens to car width (but no cars here). There should be a handrail up a slope to your left and a tree on the right with a muddy track running round it.

If you want a longer walk than the couple of miles I did, keep going past the handrail. You're on Smallbrook Lane, once a proper lane, but now a dead end. Walk the lane, probably for half a mile, and it bends out to the Bishopstrowe road. At that point, turn left and, after the buildings on your left, go left again into a playing field (newly planted with orchard trees). Follow the flattened grass track ahead and eventually you'll slither down a bank onto Smallbrook Lane again. Turn right and walk back to the tree.

Whichever way you reach this spot, walk round the tree and you're on a picnic site, with seats and trees, and the river in the distance. Turn left past the bench and follow the flattened grass. The trail passes a lopped tree on your right



and becomes a track through a wooded boggy area. Luckily, there are different wooden 'board-walks' through this.

I love this area; I saw a 'soldiers cap' fungus (a tiny red 'cup' on the ground) and snowdrops on the 12th. At first, there's water at your left, but the Wylfe river comes into view ahead; if you can get some quiet here pause, because I've seen egrets and kingfishers. Stay with the curve of the river and you'll find you're heading back to Warminster. Pass the remains of a bridge that once crossed the river and there's a 'pond' area of water next, with a wooden seat there. Stick with the track going left, which takes you over a wooden bridge. You're walking beside a stream that may once have been a mill 'race' and this leads to the

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust car park.

Walk through the car park and cross the road, going through the gate opposite. Stay with the tarmacked or gravel track that takes you back to Warminster Park. You'll pass a board on your right, about the Meadows, go over the bridge beside it and turn left into the park. I walked with the lake on my right this time, until I saw the Pavilion Café ahead. It's open Friday, Saturday and Sunday in winter, 9.30-3.30, but it's take-away only while lockdown persists; there's limited food on offer. It was almost lunchtime then and I couldn't resist sitting on a bench in the freezing sunshine, with a latte and sausage roll, before walking the short distance back to Morrisons car park and through to Flers Court!



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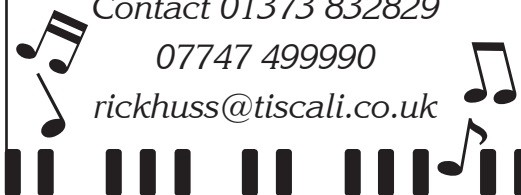
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Whitbourne Chapel

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
John 12:13 (NIV)

This message of hope

As I write, we continue in lockdown, to protect us from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic or, as the government has instructed “Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives”.

We have come to know a number of similar mantras over the last year of COVID. You may recall that it started with that same instruction to ‘Stay at Home’ and then, following the initial period of lockdown, some relaxation was allowed and the message changed slightly to ‘Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives’ before a return to the original instruction to ‘Stay at Home’ as the rate of infection increased and the NHS is again under huge pressure.

We are of course approaching Easter. We are familiar with the events of Easter week, from Palm Sunday when the Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem through Good Friday as He died on the Cross to Easter Sunday where He is found alive appearing to the women and later to His Disciples.

Have you considered how the shout of the crowd changed during that week? From the cries of “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday to “Crucify Him” on Good Friday. How, as Jesus entered the city, they hailed Him as a King,

the One who had come to save them from their Roman rulers? So quickly though the crowd changes and in just a few days the cry becomes “Crucify”.

So what changed? If you look at the Gospel account you see that the mood changed as Jesus told them what they didn’t want to hear. That He is the only and perfect Son of God. The Righteous One. How He taught against those who rejected His teaching and how indeed He was crucified and died for you, for me.

This message of hope though is still true now more than 2000 years later. Our actions, our words change depending on what is going on around us. God doesn’t change. His message of salvation and hope in Him alone is still the same.

Let’s remember that this Easter as we give thanks for His love, His willingness to go to the cross for us. That He did what we could not do for ourselves. And let that be our message to share with a needy world in these troubled times.

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

Chris Andrews
Occasional preacher at Whitbourne Chapel



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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

The days are drawing out and the snowdrops and daffodils are showing themselves, giving us renewed hope that the darker months are behind us and sunnier days are ahead

After some of the coldest days for many years, we had a week of successive daytime temperatures of -2°C and -4°C along with some heavy snow which, fortunately, only lasted the weekend. This was quickly followed by wet and windy weather, but with much improved temperatures.

Living and working in the countryside has certainly brought its headaches – with road clearance from the farm to the main road so the tankers were able to collect milk. Water pipes carrying water to the cattle both in the field and in the covered yards froze too.

Sadly, the outdoor cattle have had to put up with very wet land for some months now, although they have plenty of green root crops and fresh silage to keep them satisfied.

As March comes, we hope the usual drying wind will dry up the land allowing the sheep and their lambs to go outside to enjoy the dryer and sunnier days and the early spring work preparing the soil for cereal crops can begin.

Sheep worrying by dogs is a criminal act and in some situations dogs will be shot on sight by shepherds. Lamping and hare coursing, also illegal acts, are causing problems locally and are taken quite seriously by the courts.

Some of our footpaths and bridle paths have become very muddy and in some places dangerous, so please do take care whether walking, cycling or horse riding.

By the end of March all hedge trimming and hedge laying will be finished for another year so that birds can start nesting – so do remember this in your gardens, if you want to encourage bird life.

Soon, our hedgerows will be showing early blossoms, catkins, willow buds will be forming and those lovely sticky horse-chestnuts promise to burst, so plan your walks carefully, keep your dogs under control and look and listen for those early signs of spring.

Judith Helliar



Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

No change from last month as far as Reading Room is concerned. Hopefully we will be able to do some planning following the announcement on 22nd February. I suspect any normality will not return as far as Reading Room events are concerned for some time.

The impacts of the lockdown/COVID-19 rules on the availability of the Reading Room will be regularly updated on our website based on the latest guidance to village halls. I regularly participate in Wiltshire Council-run meetings on these matters to be updated, and also, understand what other village halls are doing.

We can confirm that a recent inspection by the authorities has passed the building as "COVID Safe" for the May 2021 elections for those who want to vote in person.

Baytree site potential option for a new village hall

Since last month a number of questions have been raised with Wiltshire Council (via the

Parish Council) about a possible new village hall located on the Baytree site. Following clarifications, a further PC meeting was held to which the Reading Room Committee was invited to provide input. Please see the Parish Council briefing in this edition of The Bridge for details.

A number of options are still under investigation for possible improvements to the existing hall or a new hall. As and when the pros and cons of each have been assessed it is the intent of both the PC and the Reading Room Committee that a full, open, public discussion will take place so all views can be expressed before any firm decision is taken.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details about the COVID restrictions and hiring.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

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- 6 In the Black Hills in Keystone, South Dakota
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