

The Bridge

March 2024

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade

Don't forget to put your clocks forward
before bedtime on Saturday 30th March

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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

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

Diary Dates



March

Tuesday 5th

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

Friday 8th

Corsley Film Festival – doors at 7 pm, films start at 7.30 pm and finish by 9.45 pm

Sunday 10th

Mothering Sunday Celebration – 10 am, St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Monday 11th

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room (lower room), including a guest from Wiltshire Council speaking about the new houses being built and how to apply for one

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 16th

Corsley & Chapmanslade Churches Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, St Philip and St James', Chapmanslade

Thursday 21st

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

Friday 22nd

Easter Messy Church Workshop – 3.15 to 4.15, St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Saturday 23rd

Get Set Day – 10 am to 3 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field - getting the field ready for another fine summer – turn up when you can!

The Half Cut Theatre present 'The Canterbury Tales', 7 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Two Bob's Quiz Night – 7.45 pm start, Warminster Conservative Club to raise money for Maridi, South Sudan appeal. Book direct with Conservative Club. £12 a head to include fish & chips supper. Teams up to six people.

Wednesday 27th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites Soup Lunch, from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Parish Council Meeting

**7pm, Monday 11th March
Corsley Reading Rooms**

**Our guest from Wiltshire Council will
update us on the new houses being
built and how residents can apply to be
considered for them**

We have been asked by a number of residents how they can apply to get one of the new affordable homes and how the shared ownership scheme works.

We have therefore asked Home's for Wiltshire to attend the meeting and field questions from Corsley residents.

We expect there to be a lot of interest in what is going on, especially in light of the heavy rains and unprecedented flooding of the A362 next to the building site



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We had our first Soup Lunch of 2024 in the Reading Room on 24th January. We were extremely pleased to see so many villagers and friends, but we always have room for more! Those who attended enjoyed a choice of four delicious soups; Pea and Mint, Leek and Potato, Minestrone or Mushroom. Judging by the little that was left, I think they were appreciated.

Whilst everyone was enjoying their coffee or tea and biscuits Hugh Deed showed us some trailers of the films to be seen at the forthcoming Film evenings in the Reading Room in February and March.

Our chosen charity for January was the Wiltshire Air Ambulance and I am very pleased to report the generous contributions of our “customers” enabled us to donate £135 to the charity.

Our remaining dates for 2024 are:

28th February, 27th March and 24th April.
We will then break for the summer and be back again in September.

Maureen Willcox

Wiltshire Mobile Library

Chapmanslade School

Arrives 1.45 pm, departs 2.30 pm

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 3rd April

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 1st May

Wednesday 15th May

All for Maridi Annual Quiz

A date for your diary!

Thanks to quizmasters ‘The Two Bobs’ we will be running the popular annual quiz in support of our Maridi, South Sudan Fund. For those who don’t know! – Maridi is in the South West of South Sudan, Africa, in the area called Western Equatoria and is the allocated Anglican Diocese that we, in the Heytesbury Deanery group of Churches, are linked with. The quiz is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we value everyone who comes along and supports us.

The quiz is on Saturday 23rd March, with a 7.45pm start (doors open at 7pm) at Warminster Conservative Club. Tickets cost £12 each and include a fish and chips supper (please let us know if you have any dietary needs). Teams may be up to six in number. Unfortunately we have had to increase the ticket price this year due to the rising cost of the fish and chips.

Payment for tickets is at time of booking and may be done through me after Monday 4th March or directly through the Club on 01985 217895. Their opening times are:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 12 noon to 3pm,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7.30 to 10pm,
Friday, Saturday 7pm to 11pm,
Sunday 7pm to 10.30pm.

There will be a raffle and if you would like to donate a prize it would be very much appreciated. The bar will be open.

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Bob's bafflers

The 'V' quiz – all answers begin with the letter V – if it's a name then the surname begins with V

- 1 From which mainline London station would you depart for Brighton?
- 2 What is the capital of the Canadian province of British Columbia?
- 3 In Norse mythology, which hall located in Asgard and presided over by the God Odin, was known as the hall of the slain?
- 4 Which Italian-born star of *The Sheik* and other silent films was a sex symbol in the 1920s and was known as the Latin Lover? Rudolph Valentino
- 5 Which word that means to defeat or conquer is also the name of an oven cleaner?
- 6 Which seaside resort on the south east coast of the Isle of Wight has botanical gardens?
- 7 Which singer and songwriter who had a hit with *La Bamba* died with Buddy Holly in a plane crash in 1959?
- 8 What is a statement or address made as a farewell to someone?
- 9 Which rotund comic played *The Oracle* in TV's *Benidorm*?
- 10 What was the name of Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar?
- 11 Which Venice born priest composed 'The Four Seasons'?
- 12 Which four letter word can follow 'Deli', 'bra' and 'disco'?

Answers on page 16

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Corsley Film Festival 2024

Part of the London Mountain Film Festival which runs from 23rd February to 10th March*



Film Shows are back at the Reading Room

Second date is Friday 8th March

Doors at 7pm, films start 7.30 and finish by 9.45 pm

A different selection of short films will be shown this evening

Details of this evening and how to buy tickets (£2 each) are on our website, along with other information

We would appreciate online purchases in advance, fully refunded should we need to cancel

The bar will be open serving wine and tea/coffee

The intention is for this to be social occasion as well as film showings

We look forward to seeing you at the film!

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Corsley Tennis Club News



Its beginning to feel like spring is round the corner, there's a distinct buzz in the air, and excitement of what's to come. Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page and website, as we launch the new coaching programmes.

Our esteemed coach, Martin, is orchestrating an Easter Special tailor-made for our young juniors. Whether you're dusting off your racket after a spell or venturing onto the court for the very first time, be sure to watch out for our Rusty Racquet sessions crafted just for you.

With the warmer days looming, we're all eagerly awaiting the resurgence of lively action on the courts. Amidst meticulous planning and thorough research, we're exploring the installation of retractable floodlights boasting state-of-the-art LED

technology and time-sensitive controls. Keep your ears to the ground for updates on an upcoming demonstration evening, where you can witness firsthand how these innovations will extend our playing hours into the twilight, ideal for both leisurely matches and evening coaching sessions.

A hearty round of applause is certainly due for Martin and Mimi, as they've been nominated for the prestigious LTA Wiltshire Awards. Their unwavering dedication and infectious passion for the sport truly set them apart, and this nomination serves as a testament to their remarkable achievements. Here's to you, Martin and Mimi!

We look forward to seeing you on court soon; new members are always welcome.

What's good about Good Friday?

Have you ever wondered why we call Good Friday 'good'? Why not come and see?!

This year we will be meeting for a service in St Philip and St James' Church at 2 pm on Good Friday, for the final hour of the three hours that Jesus hung on the cross. The service will include a short time watching some video clips from the Jesus Film Project, focusing on the lead up to and including the crucifixion of Jesus and His burial, with the opportunity to reflect on this most significant time for the whole world.

There will also be a time to share in some refreshments, including Hot Cross buns – it wouldn't be the same without these special buns, traditionally eaten only on this day.

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Corsley Memorial

Playing Field update

Neil Carpenter brings news of the latest activities

Winter is finally feeling like it is over, the daffodils are all raising their heads and it will soon be time for the spring clean at the Playing Field on Saturday 23rd of March. Please come along and help get this free to use village asset ready for a busy summer or just have a cup of tea and slice of cake.

We wanted to apologise for the grass at the field being a little long, it has been impossible to cut given the amount of rain we have had but we are hoping that by the time this edition of The Bridge has been published the tractor will have been serviced and the first cut of the year has been completed.

As you know, everyone who helps at the Playing Field are volunteers who work extremely hard to keep it as a place where everyone from the village can come and enjoy the space, whether it be for to play tennis, football, cricket or table tennis, using the marvellous play equipment we have or just walking or resting and enjoying the space.

It is therefore very disappointing, as some of you may have seen on the village Facebook page that, for the second time, somebody has decided to deface these lovely resources with blue spray paint.

Thank you to Marion and Isabel for working so hard to get the language nobody needs to see, especially young children, off the picnic table and flying carpet. We will have to repaint the football goal when the weather improves as it wouldn't come off the white paint.

For the parents of AJ (who decided to put his name on the mindless vandalism),

clearly proud of his work, I would ask that they consider why he has left the house with a can of spray paint and perhaps even get him to volunteer to come and remove it so he understands the consequences of his actions?

Whilst not in the Playing Field, I also note that perhaps he and his mates might want to remove the classic 'cock and balls', he felt it was necessary to put on the salt storage at the top of Fuzzy Lane.

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Victoria
- 2 Victoria (Vancouver is the largest city)
- 3 Valhalla - half of those who die in combat enter Valhalla, while the other half are chosen by the goddess Freyja to reside elsewhere. The masses of those killed in combat along with various legendary Germanic heroes and kings, live in Valhalla until they will march out of its many doors to fight in support of Odin
- 4 Rudolph Valentino
- 5 Vanquish
- 6 Ventnor
- 7 Ritchie Valens
- 8 Valediction
- 9 Johnny Vegas
- 10 Victory
- 11 Antonio Vivaldi
- 12 Very (delivery, bravery, discovery)

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Dear Friends,

As you read this we will be well and truly in the season of Lent. Lent is a funny season as many people have heard about giving up something as we enter into the Easter story, yet do not really understand why we do it. We associate Lent with fasting. In the Bible we are told that we might fast in order to try and get closer to God, it helps focus our hearts and minds as we allow other distractions to fall away.

It is common practice to give up chocolate – especially for those who hate the stuff! Some choose to give up alcohol, or meat, others go without a meal one day each week, some will give up screen time or in particular their TV. It is incredible how much time you regain when you switch off the TV!

As a Christian I have practiced fasting through Lent giving up an hour of sleep each day to start my day with prayer instead, I have indeed given up things like the TV, and meat. Rather than focusing on what I am missing I tend to focus on something more positive for example my time with God, and how I love my neighbour. The 40 days of kindness challenge recently released to our local schools pick up on this idea, that each day through Lent try do something extraordinarily kind. We are being selfless in the act yet practising what Jesus taught us exactly – love thy neighbour. Can you incorporate one selfless act each day into your daily schedule? It will involve sacrifice, thoughtfulness, love, and careful listening as you discover the needs of those around you.

Through Lent we remember the passage that tells the story of how Jesus was flung into the desert by the Holy Spirit. We must remember this is not a punishment, it is an opportunity to grow and to understand God's purposes within the world. This is what happened to Jesus. He was able to focus on God's will and not give into the temptation to be relevant i.e. feeding the world, to be spectacular, as he resisted throwing himself off a high place, and to be powerful, by resisting the temptation to take control of the world. Jesus chose instead to follow his Father's footsteps to humbly serve the world through love, mercy and grace. This Lent what will your focus be?

Grace and peace,
Rev'd Caroline

March Church Diary

Sunday 3rd March: Lent 3

8 am Holy Communion, Kingston

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 10th March: Mothering Sunday

10 am Informal All Age Service to celebrate Mothering Sunday
including contributions from Chapmanslade School

10 am Eucharist, Kingston



Sunday 17th March: Lent 5

11 am Matins, Corsley

10 am Eucharist, Brixton



Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

10 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade

10 am Longbridge Deverill



Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal & Reading of the Passion

7 pm, St Philip & St James Chapmanslade



Friday 29th March: Good Friday

11 am Stainers, Brixton

2 pm Good Friday service including hot cross buns, Chapmanslade



Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Eucharist, Kingston

Church and Community Events in March

Crafternoons

Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th March
3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Community Church Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st March, 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Lite Bites Soup Lunch

Wednesday 27th March, from 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Lent Course

Wednesday 6th, Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th March

We continue sharing times and venues to offer both daytime and evening sessions. You are welcome to choose the venue and or time which you find most convenient. The daytime course will run in Chapmanslade, kindly hosted by Ian and Janet Buick, beginning with coffee at 10.30, and in the evening at Dilton Marsh beginning with supper at 6pm To book your place at Dilton Marsh please register your interest (and any dietary needs) with Sally
DiltonMarshPCCSecretary@Whtministry.org.uk

Agape Meal

Join us on Maundy Thursday, 28th March at 7pm at Chapmanslade Church for the Agape Meal

Maundy Thursday is a Christian holiday that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples before his crucifixion.

An Agape meal is a Christian communal meal that is shared in a spirit of fellowship and love. It is also known as a love feast. https://www.episdionc.org/uploads/images/sharing-in-maundy-thursday-in-an-agape-meal_406.pdf. This meal is often associated with the early Christian church, where it was a common practice to share a meal together as a sign of unity and love. On Maundy Thursday we share a simple meal of bread, wine, cheese and fruit, as we read the Passion together. All are welcome.

Church and Community Coffee Mornings

Third Thursday of each month, 10 am to 12 noon
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

A well-attended public meeting was held on Thursday 8th February to discuss the perceived pro's and cons of a report received from the Taking Actions on School Journeys team at Wilts Council (TAOSJ). The report was the culmination of several years' work by the village school and the PC to improve road safety in the vicinity of the school. Many valid issues were highlighted during the meeting, and all will be forwarded to Wiltshire Council as part of the consultation process. Thank you to all who participated in the meeting and to Chapmanslade Primary School for canvassing parents on this matter as well as its ongoing work to improve road safety in the vicinity of the school. There still remains a small window of opportunity to email your views. If you want to do so, please email using the subject TAOSJ CHAPMANSLADE to either: chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk or travelplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk

After the public meeting there was a Parish Council meeting, a summary of which is below.

An update was given on the Resilience Plan which is now taking shape after a meeting of the core team. Planning will be done on the K.I.S.S. principle with significant reality checks in place regarding the capability of the village team to deal with events during a major crisis and an emphasis on communication in adversity.

The proposed paint lines to mark the entrance to the Village Hall were agreed with Wiltshire Council and, with funding in place, work will start in due course.

The updated Village Plan was agreed to allow further work to go ahead on the 'what's next' agenda. It was requested that a short piece be added to reflect Chapmanslade now

coming into the extended Great Western Community Forest area. Many thanks must go to Terry Rose for all of his work updating the Plan.

Planning applications

PL/2024/00784: Householder planning at 63 High Street, for conversion of an existing garage to a granny annex to house a co-resident family member. There were no objections.

PL/2024/00328: Full planning permission for a bat barn with office and store at Thoulstone Park Golf Club. The PC objected to this on a number of grounds based around a lack of clarity in the application and uncertainty where the building would actually be based. Other concerns were that what was being applied for was far in excess of a previous condition outlined in a planning permission and with the additional ground floor amenities of kitchen, office and store gave the impression of a small dwelling rather than just a dwelling for bats.

Councillors also discussed the School Journeys Report to date, whilst the PC has supported the process, it had not met to discuss the detail. There were a number of points of concern some of which echoed residents' concerns outlined in the earlier public meeting. The PC wants to look at options but is mindful not to cut across the public consultation process which must run its course.

2024 marks the Parish's 90th birthday with 6th April 1934 being the date of the first PC meeting. We are looking forward to an article in the April edition of The Bridge by Terry Rose and the History Group about some of the history of the Parish and the PC.

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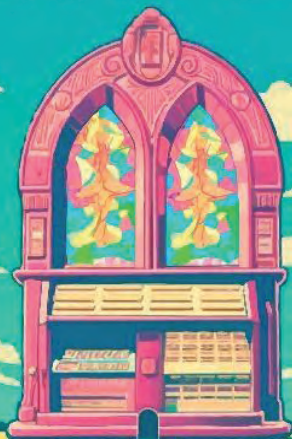
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Corsley WI

February news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the February meeting



The guest speaker at our last meeting was Alice Moore from the Garston Veterinary Group. The Group was declared ‘Green Veterinary Practice of the Year ‘ in 2023 at the Webinar Vet’s Virtual Congress. Winning the award was the result of several years’ careful thought and changes brought about within the practice, and was one of several awards the Group have won recently.

It began in 2019 when a group of colleagues set up a sustainability team with the aim of reducing their carbon footprint and the carbon pawprint of their clients. As a focus they started working towards bronze accreditation with iE, investors in the environment, which is a national scheme to help businesses reduce their impact on the environment. The Garston Group achieved the bronze award in August 2022, the first of three levels – bronze, silver and green. They have since gained the silver award, and were also declared the ‘Best Carbon Reduction’ Winner last year.

The team began by focusing on easy wins; remembering to turn appliances off, switching to LED lights and promoting efficient use of heating and air conditioning. They reduced the use of disposable items such as antiseptic wipes, switching to smaller pads and reusable wipes. The amount of paper used was reduced by moving towards online billing and using both sides of the paper when printing. They moved on to using bamboo toothbrushes and paper bags, rather than plastic ones. The staff use the Ecosia search engine, which uses the majority of its profits

to plant trees around the world.

The practice now uses washable theatre caps and aprons rather than disposable ones, and bedding used for in-patient care is also washable, as the evidence is that this is more sustainable, even allowing for the washing process. Medical procedures have a big carbon footprint so recyclable drip bags and sustainable anaesthesia are used.

The Garston Group have considered the outside of their surgeries too. Areas have been planted with bee friendly plants and some plants their patients might enjoy – fresh parsley for rabbits!

The Group promotes welfare friendly agriculture and sustainable pet ownership. They encourage owners to reduce the carbon pawprint of their pet; for example by buying products that are in recyclable packaging and considering the materials used to make toys and where they come from.

The talk was very informative, the awards won by the Garston Group are well deserved and Alice’s presentation clearly highlighted areas of sustainability we may not have thought about before.

Corsley WI will meet at the Reading Room in March when we will hold our Annual Meeting. This will be followed by a workshop to make a living wreath of spring flowers. We normally welcome guests at our meetings but spaces are limited for this event and all the available guest spaces have been taken.

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Wonderful Walks

Two surprises!

Wooden bridge to Harnham Water Meadows

This month's walk included two surprises in the making. I've been catching buses everywhere since March 2023, and thought I knew all the local choices. But another passenger on the main Salisbury bus told me about a 'Wylde Valley' Service, a surprising meander alongside water meadows to Salisbury on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 9.15am; I can alight in a village and walk until the bus returns!

For this walk, though, I used Beeline Service 24 and got off near the railway station, where I found Surprise Number Two. By the station entrance, a green bus pulled in – a private service to Stonehenge and Old Sarum. The journey isn't cheap, but it gives me more possibilities for 'Wonderful Walks'! I can pay the fare only (£18.50) or pay entry

fees, too. Thrilled with that discovery, I set off on this walk, finding the far end of the station car park (for those needing it!) and turning left, towards an exit onto Churchfields Road. Cross the road here and turn left again, turning right into Mill Road. Along here you'll find Fisherton Island - a private estate – and maybe swans, too.



'Walk on By' (who sang that?) and ahead, on your right, you'll find a pretty mini-garden with a path first, leading right onto a wooden footbridge and Harnham Water Meadows. These meadows are awash with man-made channels and ditches, remains of a 17th century farming initiative that allowed the warmer waters of upland streams to heat the cold, flat pastures here. This provided early grazing for

sheep – essential for local weaving industries. The meadows are an 84-acre site bounded by the Nadder and Avon rivers. Wander the wide tarmac path and Salisbury Cathedral is away to your left. After some distance, you'll cross a tarmac footbridge with sluice gates and find you're approaching West Harnham. The Old



Old Mill at Harnham

Mill Inn, on your right, looks out on a former mill pond and I was glad the doors opened at 11am, when I did this walk! I stopped for facilities and a cuppa, but if you do this trip and wish to eat here, ring and book a table

enter the field and walk diagonally across, to where you can see traffic on a busy road away to your right. I kept with the drier lane instead, walking out to Lower Street, which is where you'll arrive walking the field way.

There's a long trek on that street, then, to reach the traffic on the A3094, Harnham Road, which has a pavement, fortunately. Turn left and keep walking, until you pass All Saints Church on your right. Take the next turning left, still Harnham Road, walk past the Rose and Crown on your left and on again, till you find the Harnham Local shop on your right. At the T-junction, go left into St Nicholas Road until it splits at a Y-junction, then turn left along pretty De Vaux Place, which eventually goes through the Harnham Gate arched



de Vaux Place

first, because the place became busy as soon as the doors opened.

When you leave, turn right and head to the end of the Mill Pond, where there's another water meadow; this is Harnham Meadow and Cricket Ground and it's where John Constable set up his easel, etc, for his famous painting of the Cathedral. There's no hard path through this area, but if the ground's dry,



Harnham Gate into Cathedral Close



Carvings from the west front of Salisbury Cathedral



Rechabite House

gateway in the Cathedral Close walls.

The Cathedral is away on your right, so use the tarmac path to pass it and reach the busy road round the Close, North Walk. Go right again, then left at the parking attendant's booth and you'll see another gated archway to your left, past almshouses on the right. Through the arch you're on Salisbury High Street, walking to crossroads, where there's a pedestrianised section of the High Street ahead. If your car's at the station, go left round Prezzo Italian Restaurant – granddaughter Jess and I have wonderful memories of pasta dishes in there! – and pass Rechabite House, named after a family in Jeremiah 35, who didn't drink wine. The Rechabites here were a teetotal Benefit Society, founded 1835. Walk on and you'll eventually recognise Mill Road; on your left will be Queen Elizabeth Gardens, then Fisherton Island; your car isn't too far away! If you parked at the Cattle Market (Central



High Street Gate

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Whitbourne Chapel

'For I know the plans I have for you...'

Jeremiah 29, v 11

Who needs God anyway?

A visitor at one of our Coffee Mornings last year, not a church member themselves, asked me if I thought that the terrible state of our country, indeed of the world, could have anything to do with the fact that people don't attend church today!

Well, people don't want God. Sometimes at funeral services they will have requested that Frank Sinatra's 'My Way' be sung. What if their way was the wrong way? The Bible records that the Lord Jesus said 'I am the Way the Truth and the Life'. John 14 v 6.

People wanted Sunday to be just another day; shops and supermarkets were allowed to open on Sunday. Paul the Apostle, writing to Timothy, said that in the last days men would be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

'Remember to keep the Sabbath day Holy' says God.

"We don't need to go to Church to be a Christian", people say. God says 'Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together...'

They don't want the Bible. 'That is not for today,' they say.

So what have we got instead? People don't bother to get married. Perhaps they don't know the Bible says, 'A man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his

wife'. Yes, we know this is first recorded in the Old Testament, but it is reinforced again in the New Testament.

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Murder is commonplace: we read daily of shootings and fatal stabbings. Perhaps they don't know they should not commit murder.

Shoplifting is rife: perhaps no one has taught them they should not steal.

Some of our young people sadly go to university and it does not satisfy and they end their lives.

What a pity they didn't read the Bible. Jeremiah 29 v 11 says 'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'.

On Sunday mornings before the service, we have a prayer time and we often pray for

Corsley and Chapmanslade, not that people would come to the Chapel necessarily, although that would be nice, but that people would seek the truth, for God says in the Bible, Jeremiah 29 v 13: You will seek me, and find me, if you seek for me with all your heart.

In answer to the question at the start, WE DO and desperately!

Ray Mead
Chapel Secretary



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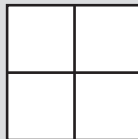
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Chairman, Hugh Deed, reports on the latest happenings at the hall

Coffee Mornings

Tuesday 5th March and every first Tuesday of the month (10 am to 12 noon). Please come and join us and meet others, pick up the local gossip or just put the world to rights!

We plan the coffee morning on the 5th March will include a few minutes of the Film Festival films to give a taster and you can book for Friday 8th March!

Corsley Film Festival – second event Friday 8th March

We are sure by now the reaction to the first Film Festival evening will have got around the village; at time of writing (before the first event) we hope it was positive! See the advert in this edition of The Bridge for more details or visit our website.



*Hugh Deed
Chairman of Management Committee
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YOUR CORSLEY VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU or someone you may know!

Later this year two essential trustee positions, Treasurer and Chairman, will become vacant as both those involved will step down at the AGM in November. Please consider if either is a role you, or someone you know, could take on. Please put the word about!

Without a treasurer the hall closes as we cannot handle receipts/payments etc.

Existing trustees are already doing a lot and cannot absorb the additional work of the Treasurer and Chairman. We recommend they get involved as soon as possible to ensure smooth transition.

Please do contact me or any of the trustees if you can help.

Booking the hall

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

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

Trustees

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

Small ads

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

Please note: no cash, no advert!

FOR SALE

24" Mountfield lawnmower – 4 years old,
in very good condition **£145** (or nearest offer)
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unused **£65** (or nearest offer)
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Raleigh Stonefly 21 Bicycle – gents **£50**
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Mole Catcher

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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!

Local organisation adverts

£2.50 per month for a small boxed advert or £8 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

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

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

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

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



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