

# The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

As I write, we've finally had some rain – clearly nowhere near enough, though I'll wager the farmers and gardeners amongst you were pleased to see some at long last! The spring flowers are almost bowing out, giving way to the fruit tree blossom – such a pretty sight as one walks through the villages!

Viv Thomas, Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at [viv.thomas146@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.thomas146@btinternet.com)

or take them to either

Barter's Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or  
Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley.

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

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

# What's on

## May

### Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Wednesday 9th

Little Cuckoo's Bag2School textile collection – before 2pm

### Thursday 10th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 pm for 7.00, Chitterne Village Hall

### Saturday 12th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes. *Please check beforehand with Phil Jefferson (832845) that we will be doing this month's litter pick*

### Sunday 13th

Corsley Festival Choir - Mozart and Brahms – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

### Wednesday 16th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – 12.30pm to 1.30pm - Pot Luck Pie and Pud Lunch, Corsley Reading Room.

### Saturday 19th

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

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## June

### Saturday 2nd

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Chapmanslade - Mammoth Garage Sale, Scarecrow and Garden Frontage competitions

### Sunday 3rd

Queen's Diamond Jubilee –

Corsley – Big Family Lunch – 12.30 for 1.00pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Chapmanslade – Big Lunch and Village Photograph – Village Hall Playing Field

### Tuesday 5th

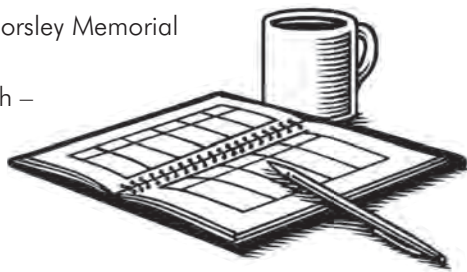
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Open Day – 10.00am, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 16th

Rain or Shine Theatre Company presents 'As You Like It' – Manor Farm, Corsley

### Wednesday 20th

Light Bites - Tea and homemade cakes – 3.00 to 4.00pm, Corsley Reading Room



## July

### Wednesday 4th

WI outing to Winchester

### Thursday 5th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30pm for 7.00, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Saturday 7th

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

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## October

### Saturday 20th

Chapmanslade Village Hall Quiz Night

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# Tennis Club News

## The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Corsley Tennis Club is looking forward to supporting the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 3rd June on the Corsley Memorial Playing Field. The courts will be open and members will be present to welcome both adults and juniors of all abilities who would like to have a go. Children can be coached between 2.00pm and 3.00pm by our club coach, Jon Dilena. We can lend a few rackets but you must wear soft soled shoes. Please come along and have a go.

## The League

Players are ready to play in the various Chippenham and District League teams which kicked off at the end of April.

## American Tournament 13th May at 2.00pm

The American Tournament will take place, weather permitting, at the Club on the 13th May and we look forward to seeing all those who have put their names down. An up to

date list of entrants will be posted on the noticeboard a couple of weeks before the event.

Please contact Sonia Glenn on 01985 219090 if there are any changes. If participants would like to bring a plate of food with them towards the tea that would be greatly appreciated.

## Wimbledon Ticket Ballot

The Corsley Wimbledon ballot took place on court on the 1st April. The Club was allocated six pairs of tickets and the lucky winners have been notified

The tennis season is well underway now and it is good to see so many members enjoying the club sessions.

*Sonia Glenn*



# Little Cuckoo's Pre-School Textile Collection



**Wednesday 9th May, 2pm**

We are pleased to announce that the school has organised a textile collection with **Bag2School** in order to raise funds for **Little Cuckoo's Pre-School**.

**Bag2School** are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 they have now paid out over £8 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together

please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive **£500 per tonne or £0.50/kg** which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**Bag2School** will be collecting from our Pre-school on Wednesday 9th May. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Little Cuckoo's Pre-School, Lyes Green, Corsley **before 2pm** and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

*Elinor Payne*

*(Little Cuckoo's Fundraiser)*

*Any queries or village collection required, please phone 01373 832429*

## Litter pickers

### Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 12th May. **Please check beforehand with Phil Jefferson that we will be doing this month's litter pick.**

*Phil Jefferson – 01373 832845*

### Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 5th May – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

*Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor*



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**Chapmanslade and Corsley  
Parish Churches**

**Silent Auction  
19th May  
Corsley House**

Last year over £900 was raised on this section of the May celebrations in the grounds of the beautiful Corsley House. It is very kind indeed of Ben and Belinda to invite us and we owe it to them to maximise the opportunity.

I am looking for gifts or ledges or experiences which will sell at auction on the day. No noisy auctioneer, just a chance to give or buy something of interest.

Suggestions, which have sold well in the past, include:

- Bottle or cases of spirits, wines, etc.
- Meal for 2, 4, 6 8 or more (with or without wine)
- Car rides to port, airport or railway station
- Croquet and tea
- Mystery tour with supper for 2
- 'Trips to the tip'
- Garden produce
- Honey
- Gardening (light or heavy)
- Picnic for 2 or 4
- Visits to stately homes or cricket grounds
- Ride in a vintage car
- A birthday cake or sponge
- A meal for the freezer

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Dennis Barnard*  
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**Jubilee Year –  
Church 50/50  
Club**

**Draws and Prizes**

For some years members of the 50/50 Club have enjoyed the prospect of a total of twenty cash prizes, ranging from £25 up to £200, at twice yearly draws (at the annual May Fair and in November). The 50/50 Club is open to all, at a cost of £24 per year and is run by Corsley and Chapmanslade PCC to help with the general fund raising for the local Parish Churches. Half the money raised is returned as cash prizes.

To add to the general Jubilee celebrations the PCC has decided to extend the number of draws, in addition to the twice yearly ones, and to have one every month from June until November with a single monthly prize of £60. The monthly winner will be announced in The Bridge.

We all invariably need and expect to use the Church at some time in our lives and this scheme offers a chance to make a modest contribution to the Church funds, whilst having a bit of fun at the same time.

If you wish to join the scheme, please contact either:

**Keith Muston**, PCC Treasurer  
832755 or themustons@btinternet.com

**Neil Britten**  
832515 or neil.britten@btinternet.com

The first monthly draw will be conducted at the Big Lunch on Sunday 3rd June on the Memorial Playing Field. The first monthly prize will be a doubled prize of £120.

# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Foyles in London sells what product?
- 2 The novel "Shirley" was written by which of the Bronte sisters?
- 3 Which species of bird can be Chinstrap, Rockhopper or Erect Crested?
- 4 In which London Square is the American Embassy?
- 5 Which two countries are on the Iberian Peninsula?
- 6 Which word can be an animal enclosure or a unit of weight?
- 7 What colour is the tongue of a giraffe?
- 8 What in your body is affected by phlebitis?
- 9 What is the first name of Mrs William Hague?
- 10 Which fruit is in crème de cassis?
- 11 The Spanish Steps are in which city?
- 12 Which song says "Now I shouted from the highest hills, even told the golden daffodils"?

Answers on page 40

## FOUND

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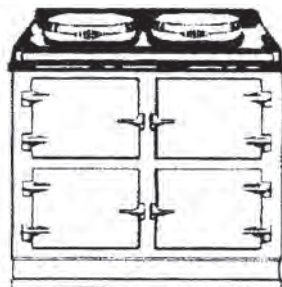


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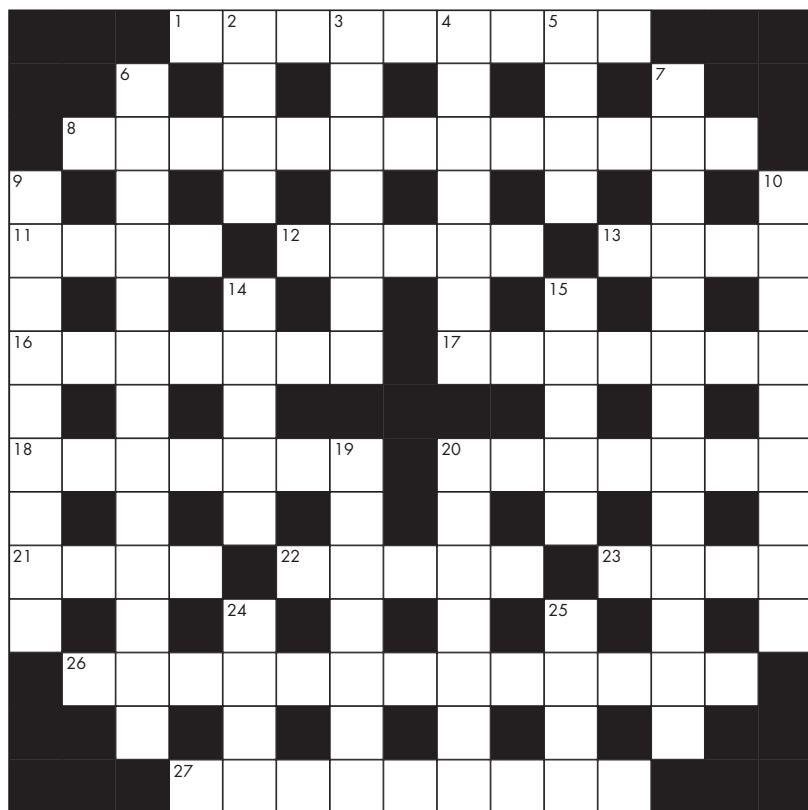
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solution page 40

## Clues across

- 1 Contender Frank consumed (9)
- 8 Just Dan, up and not trendy, without cheating (4,3,6)
- 11 Does it hurt to look through? (4)
- 12 Kingly as depicted in the picture gallery (5)
- 13 And German has nothing to loosen (4)
- 16 Strain of the sonnet I composed (7)
- 17 Tell about foreign nobleman (7)
- 18 Acquire in their organisation (7)
- 20 Chip ingredient? Its elemental (7)
- 21 Useful tip expounded in Shintoism? (4)
- 22 Regularly hears discordant note loudly (5)
- 23 Determinedly mean to have the last word (4)
- 26 Unlucky enough to take a mishap lying down? (9,5)
- 27 Peter accepts a computer memory's characteristic (9)

## Clues down

- 2 Meticulously care for the land? (4)
- 3 Manure a long time in a prison cell (7)
- 4 Misery of French second couple (7)
- 5 Tense as reportedly instructed (4)
- 6 Craning can be tedious (4,2,3,4)
- 7 Verdict in grammar it is bedded on concrete (13)
- 9 Vessel in slender focus (9)
- 10 Diverse contention lacking nothing in Europe, maybe? (9)
- 14 Brief excursion into cotton manufacture? (5)
- 15 Climb in Scotland's Caledonian peaks (5)
- 19 Corpulence up on cheese – or silk? (7)
- 20 Phantasm held in dubious respect (7)
- 24 Rail travel earns old money (4)
- 25 Compulsion in any committed insurgency (4)

# The Elizabethan Evening 2012

## 'As You Like It'

Ten whole years have now passed since the first Elizabethan evening, and those fumbling, first erections were spotted on the lawns of Manor Farm. Even old Sir Walter Raleigh, a frequent visitor in times past, would not look out of place amongst today's merry thong.

We are now amongst the premier sites that host the Rain or Shine Theatre Company as they perform the works of Williams wonderful words.

We anticipate welcoming all our old friends and as many new ones who have heard great things on the grapevine about our unique and truly special event. Perhaps the Play itself tickles your fancy, one of Williams finer efforts we hear, or perhaps stories of a supper par excellence where the ingredients meet their consumers. Or perhaps the staff at the Salty Swallow Tavern can tempt your taste buds with something a little different this year?

This surly scribe thinks the annual opportunity to squeeze into tight leather and compare codpieces should also not be overlooked.

And what will be on offer this year as the warm-up act from that Malevolent Maestro and his band of bawdy players? More knavish folly and high jinks? Nether garments whipped off? Cavorting under red lights?, or perhaps a re-appearance of M'Lord M'leicetser, who knows!

Whatever brings you out to join us, remember Saturday June 16th, at Manor Farm, Corsley is the place to experience all

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# Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

The spring has been wonderful this year. Most people have enjoyed the dry weather and sunny days, in spite of knowing that the lack of rain was problematic. The weather is always crucial in farming and gardening, and already having hose-pipe bans in place, this year will be no exception.

In May, the church marks Rogation-tide with prayers for the land, those who farm it and animals and crops raised on it. This year, special rogation services will be held in Horningsham and in Corsley (details elsewhere in the magazines). The services will give an important opportunity for the community to come together to ask God's blessing on our local farms and all whose livelihoods depend on the land.

In spite of the problems of rain or lack of it, most people enjoy a good standard of living, a varied diet, shelter and warmth. As we think about our own farmers, it is right that we should remember those less fortunate than we are, and Christian Aid week which falls this month, gives us the chance to do that. Christian Aid's philosophy is not just to offer hand-outs but to educate and enable people to stand on their own feet, establish their own businesses and support their own families by the efforts they make. Christian Aid envelopes will be available in the churches of the Benefice if you wish to make a donation.

Against this background, it is salutary to realise that there are people locally who find themselves unable to cope because of illness or redundancy, and that is where the local Foodbank comes into its own. So perhaps, during May by way of thanksgiving for all the good things we enjoy, we could donate an item or two to the Foodbank. This can be done when we shop in Morrisons, Warminster – they keep a large box for the spare BOGOF items we care to donate. Or put donations in the boxes in one of the Benefice churches.

Enjoy the spring and all that is seasonal. Remember those who produce our food and those who go without through no fault of their own.

Norma Payne

# Church Diary for May

**Tuesday 1st May**

7.30pm – After Alpha Group

Contacts Richard 832594 or Alan 832393



**Sunday 6th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade

Eucharist

Please note that this service is at Chapmanslade



**Tuesday 8th May**

10.30am – Time to Think

Contact Phil on 832845



**Sunday 13th May: Rogation Sunday**

9.30am at High House Farm, Corsley

Family Rogation Service with Eucharist

Please join us in an open-air service to ask God's blessing on farms, farmers and their work.

Service inside if wet!



**Wednesday 16th May**

12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Light Bites – Pot Luck Pie and Pud Lunch



**Thursday 17th May**

11.00am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Ascension Day Service

7.30pm - After Alpha Group

For details please contact Richard on 832594

**Saturday 19th May**  
**Parish Churches May Fayre**  
**2.30pm at Corsley House**

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The May Fayre is our major fundraising event of the year and we hope that, as in previous years, it will be well attended, so please help to spread the word. To ensure its success we also need items to sell on our stalls, particularly for the plants, bottles and produce stalls, and for the raffle.

Please contact Stella Bayman (832230) or Phil Jefferson (832845) with offers of help. We also need items (either goods or offers of services) for the Silent Auction. Please contact Jane Parsons (832063) or Dennis Barnard (832262) with your offers.



**Sunday 20th May: Sunday after Ascension**  
**9.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade**  
**Eucharist**



**Tuesday 22nd May**  
**10.30am – Time to Think**  
**Contact Phil on 832845**



**Sunday 27th May: Pentecost**  
**9.00am at St Mary's, Temple**  
**Holy Communion 1662**

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



**Tuesday 29th May**  
**7.30pm - After Alpha Group**  
**For details please contact Richard on 832594**

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### **Monday 29th August - Corsley Show**

We welcome everyone to all our churches and services. You may want to come along and sing. You may just want to spend time in quiet contemplation. You may need to remember someone or celebrate a special time. Please come along and join in one of our services in any of our three wonderful churches. We especially welcome families and children.

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# Countryside Matters

Hedge-laying is a resurgent countryside craft which I have taken up since retirement. It involves the thinning out of the hedge and then the cutting of the remaining stems so that they can be bent over whilst remaining alive. This allows the hedge to grow back from the bottom to produce a stockproof hedge. It is usually quiet when you are working on a hedge with only pheasants, rabbits and sheep for company. This allows time for contemplation of what is happening around you.



Recently, I have been able to watch the young lambs with their mothers while working on a hedge in Corsley and this got me thinking about Schmallenberg disease. This is a virus infection which effects sheep, cattle and goats causing the lambs, calves or kids to be stillborn or born deformed. This can very disheartening for the farmer as well as causing financial problems as the deformed lambs or calves have to be put down, or the mother has to have a caesarean operation to deliver the lamb or calf.

Like any virus infection there is no treatment for the disease and it appears that it is transmitted by biting insects such as midges. It is a disease that was first diagnosed during the summer of 2011 in the small German town of Schmallenberg after which the disease was named. It has subsequently been diagnosed in most European countries and has steadily spread through the southern counties of this country. Because it is transmitted by midges the disease probably reached this country in late autumn last year via midges blown on the wind from the continent.

Unfortunately, often the first sign of the disease on a farm is the birth of deformed offspring as the virus only causes mild signs of illness in adult animals that are easily

missed and from which the animal quickly recovers. As there is no vaccine available yet the only way of controlling the spread of the disease is by controlling the midges that transmit the disease. This is usually done by the application of chemicals to the livestock during the summer months to kill or repel the midges.

As far as we know this virus has no effect on humans, but there are other infections that are transmitted to humans by biting insects that are active at this time of year. Ticks which are, in fact, members of the spider family transmit Lyme disease to dogs and humans and many other diseases to cattle, sheep, deer and cats. Ticks are blood suckers and need to feed at this time of year as the weather warms up. They sit in long grass and undergrowth waiting for any warm blooded animal to pass by. They then crawl onto the animal and start sucking blood and it is during this process that they will transmit the bacteria that can cause disease. The most widely known disease is "Lyme disease" which can be very nasty in both humans and dogs. Cattle can suffer from several diseases transmitted by ticks



one of which is known as “Red Water Fever” because the cattle will produce red urine while they are suffering from the disease which is often fatal to them.

At this time of year and through the summer you should be regularly checking your dog [also your cat, cows and sheep] for ticks and removing them as quickly as possible with special forceps. [You should not do this by just pulling them off as this can leave the tick’s head burying in the animal’s skin where it will cause infection.] Alternatively,

you can use various chemical products and collars to stop the ticks getting on the animal in the first place.

After all this talk of various animal diseases I am pleased to report that the lambs that triggered the thoughts all looked fit and well as they gambolled about and the hedge is greening up nicely as the new leaves appear.

*Guy Parkinson*  
Veterinary Surgeon

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## Corsley WI

Judith Helliard, our president, welcomed members to the April meeting especially our newest member Pauline Clark. It was to be a social evening with a Cheese and Wine tasting but first the business was conducted.

Judith was pleased to tell us that the money raised at the Tea Party for the Scanner Appeal was £775 and thanked all those who had worked to provide such a pleasant afternoon.

Carol Seward reminded us about the outing to Winchester on the 4th July and asked if the fare for the coach of £15 could please be paid to her at the next meeting.

At the coffee morning on the 5th June there is to be a heritage display and the WI is hoping to provide items for a 1950’s kitchen. So, if anyone has any old mangles, jelly moulds, or ancient bread boards, etc., please let us know at the May meeting.

Amongst many other events in the future there is to be a Games Day at Broughton Gifford on the 19th July.

The subject for the 2014 calendar is ‘Wiltshire Water’ and the closing date is

December 2012. WI Life is looking for articles about the Olympics. If you have any connections or any experiences with the Olympics, do write them up and bring them to the May meeting. There is room on the AGM coach for shoppers on the 30th May – please contact Rosemary Collins if you would like a ticket.

There is to be a social skittles evening on the 20th April at the Royal Oak, please let Charlotte Beswick know if you would like to attend. This is open to all. We were pleased to learn that the skittle team has reached the quarter finals. In May the Gardening Club will be visiting Corsham Court - assemble at 2.30pm.

We then enjoyed a splendid selection of cheese and wine which rounded off a busy meeting.

At our next meeting on the 10th May, we will be discussing the WI resolution regarding the shortage of midwives. There will be a ‘Beetle Drive’.

*Pauline Scott*

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# News from the Nest

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

Hope you all had a good Easter holiday and managed to avoid all the bugs that have been going around! We would like to thank everybody for their support for our very successful Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday, the weather was kind to us and we had a record turn out!

Our Bag2School day is fast approaching; it is on Wednesday 9th May so any spring cleaning that needs doing, now is the time! Bags to be dropped off by 2pm. Please see advert (page 4) for all the details.

Spring is here, and with the arrival of our gardening equipment (from the Morrisons voucher scheme) the children have changed their home corner into a garden, and are busy making flowers to decorate it. If anyone one has any plants (fruits or flowers) that they would like to donate, we would be more than grateful so we can start growing outside too!!

We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.

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# Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Chapmanslade

## Timetable of Events

Please look out for the entry form for the garage sale and competitions, distributed to Chapmanslade residents with this copy of The Bridge

## The Great Chapmanslade Boules Tournament.

Help celebrate the construction of the new extended boules piste by entering the tournament, which will be held in the days running up to the Jubilee weekend, with the finals taking place on Sunday 3rd June. No previous experience necessary! Further details from Patrick Cusworth (832432)

## Saturday 2nd June 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

### The People's Vote

Take a stroll through the village, meet up with friends and neighbours, and vote for your favourite scarecrow and garden frontage whilst picking up a few bargains in the Mammoth Garage Sale.

### Scarecrow competition

Design and build a scarecrow to display in your front garden. Choose your own topic but remember that we are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee! Separate prizes for children and adults.

### Garden Frontage competition

Make a right royal show by decorating your front garden with plants or bunting. Separate prizes for children and adults.

## Mammoth Garage Sale

A great opportunity to earn a bit of cash by digging out all those things in the loft or garage that you no longer need and putting them on sale.

The Village Hall will be open for refreshments throughout the day. An Exhibition of Village Memorabilia spanning the past 60 years will be on display

## Sunday 3rd June 12 noon onwards

### The Big Lunch

Come along with the whole family and meet up with friends and neighbours by joining in the Big Lunch on the Village Hall Playing Field. Fun and entertainment for all the family, including skittles, duck racing and pig racing. Tug of war, egg and spoon and three legged races. Displays, including a working display of model tanks, and a few more surprises!

Buy your lunch from the barbecue provided by the Village Hall Committee or, if you prefer, bring your own picnic.

- 1.00 Musical entertainment provided by the Cley Hill Stompers
- 2.30 Presentation of Commemorative Medals to all children living in Chapmanslade or attending the school or Busy Bees (aged up to and including Year 6). Make sure you and your children are there to receive them.



3.30 Village Photograph. We want everyone living in Chapmanslade to be in this photograph so do make sure you come along!

The Village Hall will be open for refreshments throughout the day. Licensed Bar. An Exhibition of Village Memorabilia spanning the past 60 years will be on display

### Poetry Competition

Write a poem in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Separate categories for children and adults. Prizes for the best entries.

### Can you help?

Can you spare an hour or two on Sunday afternoon 3rd June to help supervise the games and activities at the Big Lunch? We also need help with serving refreshments on the two days and with running the barbecue. Offers of baking cakes, etc, to sell will also be much appreciated.

Also, have you any photographs or leaflets, etc, that you are willing to lend us for our display of village memorabilia?

Please phone:

Dennis Barnard 01373 832262,

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The route then heads through Southwick, Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon, Bath, Bitton, Longwell Green and Hanham before arriving in Bristol for an evening celebration.

It is part of an 8,000-mile journey around the UK, before it arrives at the Olympic Stadium for the London 2012 opening ceremony on July 27.

On 11th and 12th July, the torch will be in the Salisbury area, the evening event being on the 11th. On the 12th it will begin travelling south west towards Shaftesbury.

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|                      | 13th | Mr J Coxhead – retired builder                            |
|                      | 20th | Reverend K Sobey – retired Baptist Minister               |
|                      | 27th | Mr T Brain – SW representative for Operation Mobilisation |

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Dr Mansfield told us that, following the death of six British soldiers in Afghanistan recently, the army allowed the Gideons to provide all soldiers from that regiment with Bibles before they were deployed in Afghanistan. These Bibles are special with camouflage covers and a gilded regimental badge.

When I go away, I always look for the Gideon Bible in my hotel room and ask for one, if I can't find it. The same is true of hospitals and surgery visits – reading the Bible while I wait keeps me calm and allows me to remember what's right in my life, not what's wrong.

## Ideals

They are like the stars – we never reach them, but like sailors we chart our course by them.

## Jubilee Fund

At the beginning of Lent, one of the Chapel members suggested we choose to save a specific amount of money each day until Easter and donate the final amount to a charity of our choice. Whether we chose to do it and the amount we settled on was between us and God – no-one else needed to know what we decided.

## William Carey

### Chapter 5

#### Setback and Success

At just about the time of the founding of Whitbourne Chapel, God's work was progressing well in India. From the printing press at the Baptist mission came translations of the Bible in Bengali, Sanskrit, and other major languages and dialects. Many of these languages had never been printed before. The printer had to create the scripts for the type by hand. In March 1812, a fire in the print shop caused £10,000 in damages and lost work. Amongst the losses were many irreplaceable manuscripts. However, the press itself and the punches were saved, and the mission was able to continue printing within six months. In Carey's lifetime, the mission printed and distributed the Bible in whole or part in 44 languages and dialects.

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# Neighbourhood Watch - Corsley

## Watch out, watch out the robbers are about!

There has been a break-in to a garage in Corsley recently. The 2 locks were forced and the intruders gained access to the garage. Fortunately the owner had removed the battery to his ride-on mower the previous night so the machine could not be moved easily. No other equipment was taken.

This is a timely reminder to us all: do not leave your garden equipment on view inside your shed or garage when in your garden or washing your car. You will never know whether someone has decided to break in until it happens. If it is a petrol driven lawn mower, leaf blower, strimmer, chain saw, etc, mark it in such a way that it has no value to the thief because it is easily identifiable.

Have you considered painting your equipment in a vibrant colour so that the thief cannot sell it on easily without spending his money or time on it cleaning it up before moving it on? If you have a ride-on mower have you thought about fitting a tracker to your machine? How about fitting an alarm in your shed or extending your house alarm to your garage. Of course there is a cost, but it will possibly be less than the combined cost of the replacement machinery, policy excess and an alteration to your premium for your home insurance policy for loss of any 'no claims bonus' when you next renew your home insurance policy the following year.

Beauty spot thefts are still a problem in the area. People park their vehicles and usually leave them unattended for a couple of hours while they head off on their walk. Thieves

take advantage of this and windows are often smashed to gain access to sat navs, in-car DVD players, CD players and, in some cases, laptops and handbags that have been stored under seats. Do not lock bags or anything of value in the boot as someone near by or in another car could be watching.



*Please do not leave anything of value in your car – either carry it, leave it at home or lose it!*

## Success Stories

- Out on routine patrol in the villages, a PCSO spotted a vehicle with what was believed to be a man on board wanted by Wiltshire Police. The vehicle was followed while being called in to police officers. The officers turned up and stop checked the vehicle and its occupants who subsequently all turned out to be wanted by police for various burglaries.
- Police conducted a successful drugs raid in Corsley where several people were arrested for cultivation of cannabis.

*Mike Bird  
Corsley Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*

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# Chapmanslade Village Hall AGM

## Another year – another AGM

Our chairman, Frank Lake, reported a busy and successful year. Projects completed during 2011 were the disabled toilet, ramp access, main hall redecoration, new notice boards, and going into this year cavity wall insulation has been installed along with additional roof insulation. A Cleaning Agency has been appointed and after a trial period is continuing. The investigation into the viability of installing Solar Panels proved too costly for the benefits achieved.

Several enjoyable fund raising events had been held, including a village tea party when Dennis Barnard cut a ribbon, and cakes were cooked in the new kitchen in January. The Dames Birthday Musical Extravaganza was a great success in February. This was followed by the ever-popular quiz in March organised by Jeremy Clatworthy. The Shebeen Concert proved yet again to be popular and a good money spinner in May. The Fun Day and Barbecue resulted in a new format, with the help of Adam Oakley and the Cley Hill Stompers in July, blazing a trail for future events! Due to their popularity, another successful quiz was held in November.

Looking forward, the refurbishment of the toilets is now underway, hedging has been tidied and will be re-laid later in the year. Frank finished his report by thanking the committee for their work throughout the year, with special thanks to Sue as an efficient, hardworking secretary, to Tim for keeping the accounts in order, and his hard work in making grant applications – several have been successful resulting in great benefits to the hall. Wendy was thanked for her organisation in the kitchen at social events.

Tim Humphreys, treasurer, reported a successful year financially. Income from regular user group has increased slightly, and casual hire was up 50%. Profit from social events averaged £600 – a great achievement and shows strong support from the community. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their continuing financial support. Some grant funding has been received, but not all that was applied for.

Regarding operating costs, the repair to the water main resulted in bills returning to 2005 levels! Having outsourced the hall cleaning, which is now the highest fixed cost, followed by electricity.

The Hallmark stage one award was achieved last year and we are now working towards stage 2. This is a scheme to show village halls are being managed to current best practices.

John Lewis was thanked for once again scrutinising the accounts.

Sadly, resignations were accepted from 2 committee members – Sue Waterman and Rebecca Clements, who were thanked for their hard work. Adam Oakley volunteered as a new member – he was warmly welcomed.

Looking ahead, the big event of the year will be the Jubilee celebrations, being organised by a separate committee.

Phil Jefferson thanked the Committee on behalf of the Parish Council for their hard work and everything achieved. The meeting then ended as everyone enjoyed refreshments.



# Counselling: What it is and what it isn't

**Caroline Le Vine, counsellor at The Corsley Centre**

Hello again.  
Welcome to the  
second article in  
a series exploding  
a few myths about

what therapy is (and isn't).

## **Myth #2 – you have to be in crisis to seek therapy**

It's true that many people wait until they reach crisis point before coming into therapy and that this is a crucial time to be getting the help you need, but counselling can help in other ways as well as offering emergency support. Some people become aware, for example, that there is something in their past which troubles them and which they've never addressed, having assumed that everyone else feels the same. As they grow older and make contact with other people, they realise that perhaps their experience might be having an ongoing detrimental effect albeit at a low level. Others find themselves stuck in a bit of a rut and feeling restless without

knowing why and still others find certain aspects of themselves puzzling and want to explore. All of these are good reasons to seek the help of a therapist – personal development is as legitimate a motivation as crisis.

On a different note, I'm looking for a new practice room – preferably in Corsley/Chapmanslade or not too far away. Do you have a space you'd consider renting out on an hourly basis? I'll consider anything private, warm and watertight including spare rooms, summerhouses, annexes, etc. If you have a space or you know someone who might have one, please do get in touch. Thank you!

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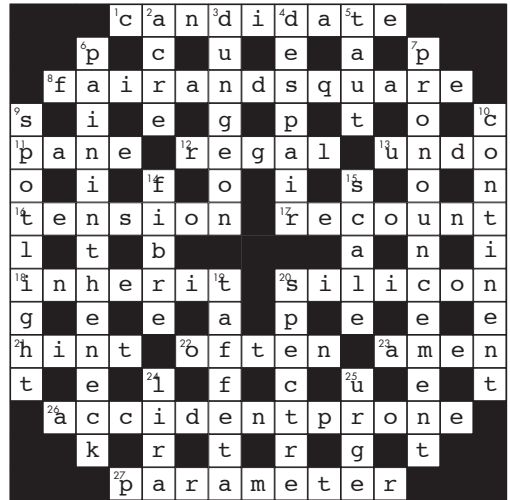
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