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# The Bridge

monthly village magazine

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From the Editor

At the time of writing this the sun is finally out and Spring has at last sprung. The Diary is full to bursting so there's plenty of activities for all to enjoy – do go along to the inter-village cricket match on Bank Holiday Monday and cheer on your side!

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

Barbers 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**



## May

### Thursday 2nd

Mobile library visits Corsley and Chapmanslade

Wiltshire County and Parish Council Elections

### Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Sunday 5th

Charity Fun Day – 11.00am-3pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 9th

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall (Zumba Gold Class)

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Saturday 11th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

### Sunday 12th

Corsley Festival Choir Spring Concert – 7.30m, St Margaret's Church

### Monday 13th

Corsley Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

### Wednesday 15th

Bag2SchoolTextile Collection – 9am, Little Cuckoo's Pre-School

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Larmer Tree Gardens – 2.30pm

### Thursday 16th

Mobile library visits Corsley and Chapmanslade

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Chapmanslade Parish Council AGM – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

### Saturday 18th

May Fayre and Table Top Sale – 2.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Wednesday 22nd

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Monday 27th (Bank Holiday)

Corsley v Chapmanslade Cricket Match – 2.00pm, Corsley (see page 11)

## June

### Saturday 1st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

### Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30

### Saturday 8th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Elizabethan Evening – The Comedy of Errors – Manor Farm, Corsley

### Monday 10th

Corsley Parish Council - Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

### Thursday 13th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 20th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### Sunday 23rd

Barbeque – Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Wednesday 26th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30, Corsley Reading Room

## July

### Wednesday 3rd

Corsley WI annual summer outing to Weymouth

### Thursday 4th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed

### Erratum

There was an error in last month's Bridge. This year's 'Bargains in the Barn' will be part of our May Fayre at Chapmanslade Village Hall on May 18th and not at High House Farm in July. Apologies for any confusion. Please see our advert elsewhere in The Bridge.

on behalf of the Fundraising Committee.  
Phil Jefferson

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**Thursday 11th**

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

**Saturday 13th**

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

**Thursday 18th**

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10.00 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes

## August

**Thursday 8th**

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

**Saturday 10th**

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

**Sunday 11th**

Croquet and Boules – Chapmanslade Village Hall

## September

**Monday 2nd**

Corsley Parish Council - Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

**Sunday 8th**

Mystery 450th Anniversary event – see future editions of The Bridge for further information

**Thursday 12th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room

## October

**Thursday 10th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

## November

**Thursday 14th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

## December

**Thursday 9th**

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

**Thursday 12th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School



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Well done to all of you!

Debbie Rickhuss  
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## Chapmanslade History Group

To date this newly formed group has eight  
members. Our intention is to write and  
publish a history of Chapmanslade from  
prehistoric times to the present day.

We hope to gather information by:

- Walking every part of the parish to  
record historic features
- Collecting and dating artefacts lying  
on the surface of fields
- Studying documents, photographs,  
maps and newspapers
- Talking to present and former residents

We would like more people to join us. If  
you are interested please contact Joyce  
on 832845 or by email phil.jefferson@  
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## Litter pickers

### Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite  
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noon on Saturday 11th  
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### Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak  
at 11am on the first Saturday of  
each month. Our next 'pick'  
is on Saturday 4th May – do  
come along and help keep  
our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and  
Sue Taylor

# Bob's bafflers

- 1 How many seconds are there in three hours?
- 2 Who was the female lead in the film "Singing in the Rain"?
- 3 Where were the Spode Pottery Works established in the 1760s?
- 4 "Welcome to my World" was the first UK top 10 hit for whom in 1963?
- 5 What did the Owl and the Pussycat dine on?
- 6 Winston Smith is the central protagonist in which novel?
- 7 Barwick Green is the theme tune to which radio series?
- 8 In maths, what name is given to an angle between 180 – 360 degrees?
- 9 Who wrote the 2011 'romantic' novel "50 Shades of Grey"?
- 10 Which constituency does David Cameron represent as an MP?
- 11 The hyoid bone is located where in the human body?
- 12 What had the slogan "Looks good, tastes good and by golly, it does you good"?

Answers on page 44

**The Elizabethan Evening 2013 brings you**

## THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

**Saturday, June 8th, Manor Farm, Corsley**

Once again we wait with quivering (or is that shivering) anticipation of the first glimpses of Mays' darling buds and their little pink heads peeping forth.

But what, I hear you ask, of the character Nell, perhaps better known as Luce and her prodigious proportions about which the world can be mapped.

Perhaps Dr Pinch is more your draw, the very model upon which the character Snape from Harry Potter is based?

The answers to all these conundrums will be revealed and so much more when you join us for our rollicking 11th year of theatrical therapy – better known as the Elizabethan Evening 2013.

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## At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

First the bad news; due to  
lack of support we did not  
hold a presentation evening.  
The trophies have now been  
engraved and can hopefully  
be presented at the Double

Wicket Competition on 28th April. So again  
I have to warn that without support the club  
is still in danger of folding. Anyone, over the  
age of 14, is welcome to come to senior  
practice on Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm  
onwards.

Unfortunately due to my work commitments I  
will not be able to start with the juniors until  
mid May and Fred will not be able to

manage on his own due to 'dodgy knees'!  
I will contact Sue White when we are in a  
position to start up.

On a happier note, the match against  
Chapmanslade on Bank Holiday Monday  
(27th May) will definitely go ahead. This  
of course is for the honour of holding the  
coveted Bridge Trophy. Refreshments will be  
available during the afternoon, including a  
bar. Fun will commence at 2.00pm. Anyone  
over the age of 12 wishing to play will be  
welcome. The actual format of the game(s)  
will be decided on the day – anything could  
happen!

AR Pearce  
(Club Captain)

### Fixtures for May/June

May 5 Red Star (h)

May 19 Mells (h)

May 27 Chapmanslade (h)

June 9 Dinton (h)

June 16 Deverills (a)

June 23 Keevil (a)

June 30 Witham Friary (a)

## Chapmanslade Loose Women

Please note the next meeting  
will take place on

**Thursday May 9th** (not 2nd) at  
Chapmanslade Village Hall at 7.30pm

Gina Fry will be running a Zumba  
Gold Class – hopefully we will be  
keen enough to start a class in  
Chapmanslade!!!

Chat and refreshments after the session,  
so please come to watch or take part!

Visitors welcome!

### The mobile library service visits next on:

**Thursday 2nd May**

10:10 - 10:30

Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

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Future dates for this round are:

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 30th May

Thursday 13th June





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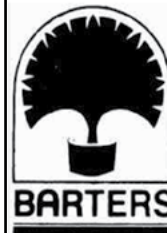
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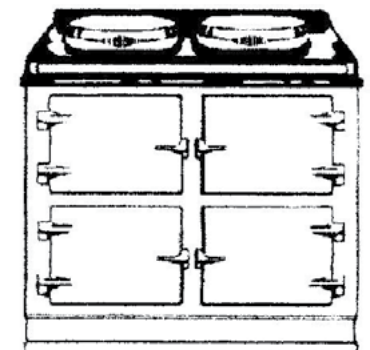


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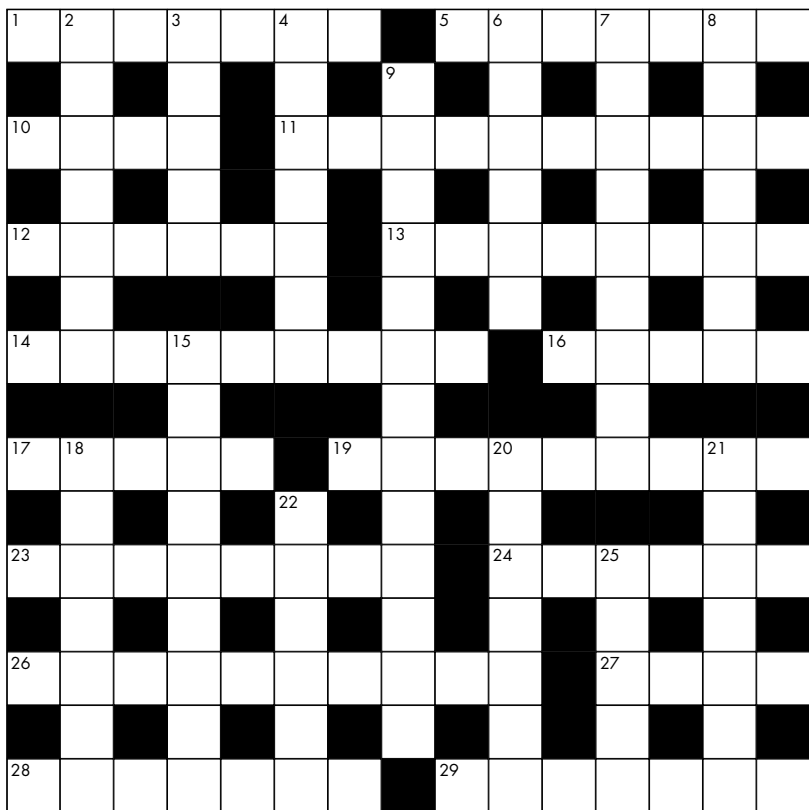
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## Clues across

- 1 In favour of a trial demonstration? (7)
- 5 Internet home for arachnids (7)
- 10 Proceed quickly to suspend a wrong! (4)
- 11 Destroyed by aid created sensibly (10)
- 12 Thing one may take exception to? (6)
- 13 In addition, Maureen is excited with tights at first (8)
- 14 Medics surrounding theatre's opening – that's fishy! (9)
- 16 Enthusiastic to agree anyhow! (5)
- 17 Thespian's objective having searched the artiest agencies (5)
- 19 Information gained from 500 in week-long wrangle (9)
- 23 A live lot, temperamentally unstable (8)
- 24 I am hardly flushed, despite being run through! (6)
- 26 Relief after over-indulgence at the races, maybe? (5, 5)
- 27 Dance about to give one the once-over (4)
- 28 Methodical hospital aide? (7)
- 29 Isn't it hell? Assume the negative! (7)

## Clues down

- 2 Portion infrequently relished in Wales? (7)
- 3 Appoint it legally within a caption (5)
- 4 Phantom regarded with dubious respect (7)
- 6 Puzzle solved by Elgar's alternatives? (6)
- 7 On which to raise cats up – or down! (9)
- 8 Arena where 17ac. is housed? (7)
- 9 Used to repair end-grain linen? (7, 6)
- 15 Finding the smashed Grail in the ruins of Rome causes such a fuss (9)
18. Private soldier is a porter nothing disturbs (7)
- 20 Scrap day this month for Pentecost (7)
- 21 All gone out to see the sailing ship (7)
- 22 Fuel that embodies elastomeric content (6)
- 25 Bean beat? (5)

## Corsley Parish Council

# Your council needs you!

The Vice-Chairman's update on the forthcoming PC elections

The most important news this month is that nominations for election of Parish Councillors on Thursday 2nd May are now all in. Disappointingly, these numbered only seven for the nine seats and the Returning Officer has issued formal notice that all nominated are elected to the Parish Council unopposed. There will thus be no election for Corsley Parish Council on 2nd of May. (I hasten to add that there will be a contest for our West Wiltshire Council representative, so please don't forget to vote on 2nd May in this election).

Those now elected to the Parish Council are myself, Mike Butler, Robin Chapman, Olly Hares, Judith Helliard, Gill Parkinson and John White, subject to formal declarations of acceptance of office. Malcolm Holley has retired and Michael Clarke did not seek re-election.

The Parish Council can and will continue to exercise its role with the numbers elected, but we are duty bound to try and fill the two vacancies. The process that will be followed is that the Parish Council will co-opt new members selected from those who express an interest. Any of you who wish to be involved in local affairs and help to influence what happens in Corsley please apply to me by **12th May**, applications to be accompanied by a personal statement giving your reasons for wishing to become

a Parish Councillor and a brief CV all on one side of A4. These will be considered at the **AGM on 13th May**.

Also at the AGM, the new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.

Our Parish Clerk, Sally Evans, will be standing down at the end of April and we hope to have a new Clerk in post by the date of the AGM. I would like to publicly record our huge thanks to Sally for fifteen years of service to the PC and her enormous contribution to the supporting administration, without which we could not have functioned.

Since last month, there has been one occasional PC meeting, primarily to consider three planning application, the new elephant 'retirement' compound in Longleat, a garage/workshop re-build in Dertford and an extension replacement in Sturford Lane. The PC recorded no objections to any of them.

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*news from the ladies*

## Corsley WI May News

At the open meeting on 11 April 2013, Julie James gave a talk about 'Seafarers Tales' to members and visitors. Julie is a 'Ships Visitor' and works at both Southampton and Poole Docks in a voluntary capacity, welcoming sailors arriving on container ships from abroad after many months at sea.

The crews often come from warmer climes such as India or the Philippines, have never been to England, do not speak English and are completely unprepared for our freezing cold winter weather and the bitter winds on the high decks. Wearing hard hats and high visibility jackets in a dangerous dock environment, Julie works with other volunteers and takes woolly hats and neck warmers for the seafarers, giving out as many as a thousand hats in a week! Over a million seafarers come in every year but they have barely any time ashore and the ships are usually docked quite a distance from the town centre. However, a Southampton based charity for sailors' welfare has a minibus which can take the men to a room provided in the security office, where they have access to the internet, are able to call home and rest and relax for a while from their tough, lonely and dangerous jobs.

Once the men understand that she is offering them hats, treats and church

newspapers which include articles written in foreign languages, the gifts are enormously appreciated. Val Benbow thanked Julie for a most interesting talk.

The new President, Carol Seward reminded members of the various events organized by the Wiltshire Federation and our own summer outing to Weymouth on Wednesday 3rd July 2013.

Certificates were presented to Di Dowling, Cath Fricker and Judith Helliard for passing the recent Food Hygiene Course.

The draw for a Bursary to attend Denman College was won by Cath Fricker.

The competition for a fish in any medium was won by Gill Parkinson with Caroline Higham second and Edna Ferrier third.

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm when we shall be discussing the WI Resolution on the decline of our high streets and town centres. Phil Jefferson will also give a talk about 'Local Radio and Me'. The competition is for an old radio.

You do not have to live in Corsley to come to our WI, we also have members from Chapmanslade, Warminster and Frome! If you would be interested in joining us to see what we do, please come to our meeting in Corsley Reading Room or contact Carol on 01373 832446.



### Non-members are very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Coffee Morning	5th March, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per programme
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## Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

In April, our parish held its Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is like the annual meeting of any organisation. It gives an opportunity to review the past year, to look at the organisation's finances, to look forward to the events of the current year and very importantly to thank 'supporters' for their continuing commitment.

The present financial climate is challenging for us all. Most people find themselves 'watching the pennies' a little more than in the past as they try to find ways to economise. This is true domestically. It is true for our churches. It is quite right that the members of any organisation support it financially. However, not many organisations with relatively small membership have the responsibility of maintaining listed buildings of which our parish has three.

There are frequent misconceptions about church finance. Many people assume that churches are supported from central funds. This is NOT the case. Congregations all over the country are expected to contribute to their respective dioceses, [in our case - Salisbury] in order that clergy stipends, housing and pensions can be paid. This payment is known as 'the Share' and calculated annually, and is based on the number of worshippers/members. That cost is in addition to the general running costs incurred keeping our churches open and in use. There is a significant and increasing shortfall between income and expenditure, particularly noticeable for upkeep of fabric.

It is sometimes frustrating when financial matters take so much time and energy. However, given the size of the challenge with which congregations are faced, it is not so surprising. In the meantime, enjoy the rich heritage that our churches are, and rejoice that they continue to be valued and available!

With every blessing  
Norma Payne

## May Church Diary

**Wednesday 1st May: Patronal Festival**  
10.15am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade  
Eucharist to celebrate Patronal Festival



**Sunday 5th May: Rogation Sunday**  
9.30am at High House Farm, Corsley  
Eucharist



**Tuesday 7th May**  
10.30am – Time to Think. Details from Phil on 832845  
  
7.30pm - Post Alpha. Details from Richard on 832594



**Thursday 9th May: Ascension Day**  
11.00am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade  
Eucharist



**Sunday 12th May: Sunday after Ascension**  
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade Eucharist  
  
11am at St Mary's, Temple  
Matins



**Tuesday 14th May**  
10.30am – Time to Think. Details from Phil on 832845



**Thursday 16th May**  
Church and Community Coffee Morning  
from 10am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

**Saturday 18th May**  
May Fayre and Table Top Sale  
from 2.30pm at the Chapmanslade Village Hall



**Sunday 19th May: Pentecost**  
9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade  
Eucharist



**Tuesday 21st May**  
7.30pm - Post Alpha. Details from Richard on 832594



**Wednesday 22nd May**  
12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms  
Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch - details Pat on 832650



**Sunday 26th May: Trinity Sunday**  
9am at St Mary's, Temple  
Holy Communion 1662

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley  
Parish Family Worship  
The bells will be rung from 10am



**Tuesday 28th May**  
10.30am – Time to Think. Details from Phil on 832845



**Sunday 3rd June**  
9.30am at St Margaret's, Chapmanslade  
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All welcome – Do come along, enjoy the sunshine, and help us put the fun into fundraising for our churches. Phone Stella Bayman (832230) or Phil Jefferson (832845) for further information or offers of help

Copy for 3 Open Doors should be sent to Keith Muston at  
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# Neighbourhood Watch

Alarming increase in cold-callers targeting local residents

There has been a spate of nuisance telephone calls recently by a company called Direct Response Systems attempting to sell alarm systems. I am aware of a number of residents, including me, who have been contacted by this company. I received the email below from our PCSO, which explains the Police response to this type of direct selling. If you are considering installing an alarm or upgrading an existing system, you should contact a NACOSS registered installer, your home insurance company, or if you have a neighbour who has one ask who they used.

"I have received a couple of emails today from local residents who have received cold calls from a company trading under the name of "Direct Response Systems". The callers are offering very cheap or free alarms in return for an appointment to survey your property with a view to installing an alarm system. There is intimation in the sales script that this is part of a Crime Prevention Initiative, which is being run in conjunction with local Police. The calls are originating from the number 0121 270 0730

Wiltshire Police do not work in conjunction with this company or

with any other companies selling alarm systems.

If you wish to purchase this type of product I would recommend that you do not buy from companies that cold call to make an appointment with you, as you simply do not know who they are. Trading Standards and Age Concern both have schemes where you can find or verify legitimate companies (Buy with Confidence/Approved Traders). I have spoken with Trading Standards today and they would like to hear from anyone who has an appointment with this company. If you have please let me know and I will forward details to them.

Kind Regards

Caroline Wright  
PCSO, Warminster NPT (Rural)"

Another email arrived in my inbox from our PCSO, which I have copied below for you for you to read containing, amongst other things, useful information about the Telephone Preference Service.

"I have just received the information below from our Community Safety Team as we have had a few of these calls in and around the area. Cold Calling is on the increase and some heavy

pressure sales tactics are being used to sell products, especially in the area of Home Alarms. Trading Standards and the 'Op Liberal' National Team are looking at a number of companies who are acting fraudulently in this area. Reducing the number of cold calls will inevitably reduce the number of offences.

Unsolicited (cold) calls and mail are not only a nuisance, but can also lead to pressured sales and sub-standard goods being sold at premium prices. To avoid unsolicited sales calls and mail in the future you should remove your personal details from any sales lists. This can be done by registering with the Telephone Preference Service (a free service)

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## Electoral registers

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There are jobs to be doing, bedding to be planted out and, as summer is just around the corner, some plants are flowering already. So now May is here, you can see what you've got, where the gaps are and what didn't survive all that frost and snow in January's big freeze... Maybe it's time to think about a few additions to your garden?

Herbaceous perennials are a fantastic way to add height, fill in the gaps and add colour to your garden so here are a few good additions to any garden.

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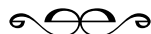
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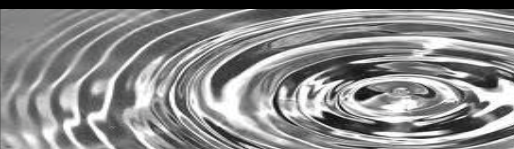
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**A:** I'm not telling, well not yet at least. You'll have to wait for later editions of the Bridge to find out.

But what is happening, is a fabulous Community lunch to celebrate 450 years of that something special in Corsley. Now it's not very often that you get wind of a 450 year anniversary, but 2013 sees something very special being celebrated and a limited number of people (450 to be precise) from both sides of the Bridge will have the opportunity to be fed, entertained and modestly watered at no expense to themselves.

The one tiny catch? You will have to apply for the free tickets in advance.

See future editions of this august periodical for details of how to apply nearer the time.

Ye gads Batman what can this all mean?

**Ps Anyone seen the Maypole?**

Rumour has it that many moons ago either Chapmanslade or Corsley had a proper Maypole. Sadly no-one seems to remember what subsequently happened to it.

If you know of its current location or its fate please let us know. We might need it for September. I'm sure a coat of paint and some new ribbons might be needed to resurrect it to its former glory.

Yours in perpetual erectitude,  
Sir Alphonse de Witt

## Exam mistakes by children...

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Romeo's last wish was to be laid by Juliet.

Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.

Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot.

Queen Elizabeth was the 'Virgin Queen'. As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "Hurrah!"

Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper.

Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. ... Dying, he gasped out: "Tee hee, Brutus."

Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling off the trees.

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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.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Easter Egg hunt at little Cuckoo's. We all had a great time and even the sun made an appearance! There were lots of activities for the children, a fab raffle and excellent funds were raised. Thank you to John and Judith Helliar for judging the cake competition and to all who entered. Congratulations to Joey White and Edward Butler who won first prizes for their cakes.

Our theme this term is 'Spring'. We will be painting and making flowers and plants, and looking at all of the changes that the season brings. Towards the end of the month we will hold another 'stay and play' session and incorporate some Spring activities into these sessions. We will also have a visitor to talk to the children about dental health.

The Little Cuckoo's website has been re-launched and updated. Please have a peek to keep up to date with all the important dates and upcoming events at [www.littlecuckoos.co.uk](http://www.littlecuckoos.co.uk)

Bag 2 school will be collecting from Cuckoo's on wednesday 15th May. All donations of unwanted textiles will be gratefully received. Bags will be sent and handed out although you can send items in any bag but please bring them to school by 9am for collection. For more info, bags or collection please contact Becca on 01373 832206.

There will be a table top sale at Chapmanslade Village Hall on May 10th. Little Cuckoos will have a table so please bring along any unwanted toys, books.

Don't forget our baby and toddler group has re-started and runs monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month in term time from 10-11.30 am. Do come along and say hello!  
Lucy Harnell

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 3pm

Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10am - 11.30am

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# Little Cuckoo's Pre-School Textile Collection Wednesday 15th May at 9am

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 15th May 2013. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Little Cuckoo's Pre-School, Lyes Green, Corsley before 9am and help us have a really good collection.

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

*Rebecca Clements  
(Little Cuckoo's Fundraiser)  
Any queries please phone: 01373 832206*

## Tales from the passenger seat

Having been a driving instructor for almost 30 years I thought readers might enjoy reading some of the things I have experienced.

I will never identify pupils and I do not ever mean to mock, but it is incredible how varied people are in their ability to learn to drive. You can have one pupil who has 2 lessons, who is safer and more in control than one who has had 20 lessons. What one pupil can grasp and do in one go round a roundabout can take another pupil 10 or more goes, and even then they are still at the deadly dangerous stage.

Under pressure, of course, even the most logical rational pupil will stop at green traffic lights and go on red lights. Signalling left and checking the left shoulder to move into a right hand lane is not uncommon. You get the picture....

I remember 'Doreen'. Doreen's front door was 10 feet from the road, yet she would always appear dressed in 3 cardigans, overcoat, a scarf and woolly hat, and then take 10 minutes to carefully remove all this cladding and place it on the back seat before getting in. After spending far too long adjusting the seat and mirrors, she would invariably stuff the seat belt into her pocket and be most surprised when it popped back out again.

When finally settled and we've got up and running, her regular quote was 'I knew something was wrong when the car started bouncing'.

Parked cars were a nuisance that should not be parked where they were because 'they should have known she was having a lesson, and anyway hitting them would teach them a lesson not to park in inconvenient places'.

Other traffic should always make way because 'we had L plates on the car and other traffic should always give way to learners'. Hmm...

Cyclists didn't matter because 'they did not pay road tax and therefore should not be on the road'. So naturally she ignored all cyclists regardless of their innocence and existence.

I had to admire her determination to learn to drive, and so long as I saw progress, i.e. that she would achieve getting a licence, then I felt morally OK with continuing her lessons. She knew she would take longer than her friends I had taught, but finally she did pass.

Cheers all round. Her daughter then decided to learn, and a brisk 19 lessons and 4 months later, she passed. Now Doreen's daughter drives her mother everywhere and Doreen's driving is confined to commentary from the passenger seat, which I am sure is a great relief to readers, although probably not so well received by her daughter...

*Steve Dayman-Johns*



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### "Who do you think you are?"

"Who do you think you are?" is a popular TV programme about celebrities' family trees. It is also a question everyone needs to answer. A group of children answered it for me. They called at the manse with these alarming announcements: "His goldfish died this morning," "My dog's got a stiff leg," "My hamster's got spots," and "My cat's coughing a lot." I waited to be asked to pray. Instead the eight-year-old spokesperson said, "So we've come to see how you are!" I assured them I was well and they seemed disappointed that the drama had ended.

Long after, a poster appeared on the London Underground. "There probably isn't a God!" This was followed by another, proclaiming, "There probably is a God. If so, then what He thinks of you is more important than what you think of Him!" Let the old translation from the book of Proverbs direct us: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." That's as true for you as it is for me!

*Contributed by Reverend K Sobey,  
our preacher for 5th May.*

### ABC of God's promises

**J** for Jesus said, "I am with you always, to the close of the age."

*Matthew. 28.20*



*The Bride and father*

### Prayer

"Heavenly Father, open my eyes to see my failings, open my heart to receive your discipline, and open my will to embrace your loving purposes."

*Bill Crowder, a regular contributor for  
'Our Daily Bread' Bible reading notes.*

### Service of God's Blessing

Ricky and Becky Oliver wanted a Service of God's Blessing in the Chapel, following their registry office wedding last year. This was held on Saturday 6th April and the sun shone, the birds sang and the bride looked beautiful. Thanks are due to Kath Pickup and Steve and Mandy Bain, whose floral decorations made the Chapel look stunning on the day. The couple are having a belated honeymoon in Berlin.

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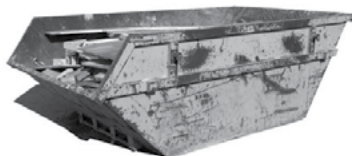
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## Expectation and Disappointment

Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley

When were you last disappointed? What was it that disappointed you? The cold start to spring? A friend letting you down? The team you support losing a match? We do love to plan ahead, to know what's going to happen, to get what we want. We hope, we anticipate, we expect. There are times when hope can keep us going through the tough patches so it can be a force for good. Very easily, though, we can get stuck in anticipating the future and expecting a particular outcome. And, regardless of how we may see ourselves sometimes, we can't control everything. In fact, when it comes right down to it, the only thing we can control is...ourselves. Not the weather, not our friends, not the team we support and so on. So, if we can't control people and things beyond us, how can we avoid disappointment when events don't go our way? It might look impossible but I'd say that, given that we do have some control over ourselves, we could explore the possibility of changing, lowering or even dispensing with our expectations. Radical, perhaps, but: no expectations; no disappointments.

The other thing about expectations is that they have us living in the future and not in the right-here-right-now. And that, if you agree with the Buddhists and many others, is all we have. No-one knows for sure what's

going to happen next. (If we did, we'd never be disappointed - and round we go again - but we'd never be amazed and filled with joyful surprise, either.) Not knowing and uncertainty are, like it or not, part of the human condition. If you prefer certainty, you've got it: right here, right now. But you ain't got it anywhere else. So, how about trying to really be present in this moment. Appreciate and accept it for what it is and how it feels to you. Easy for me to say, right? Absolutely. Being present (or "being mindful") is a practice not a decision. You have to work at it. I have to work at it. Hard. And I forget often and find myself sliding forwards, anticipating the future, expecting things from it and being disappointed when I don't get them. And that's when I gently remind myself to be here, now. It works. Have a go! Enjoy the match for itself regardless of the final score; love your friends for who they are not what they do for you; appreciate the sun when it shines and the warmth and dryness of your home when it doesn't. Just for a minute.

If you're facing disappointments, perhaps I can help. You can find me at [www.carolinelevine.co.uk](http://www.carolinelevine.co.uk). I practice at St Margaret's Church, Deep Lane, Corsley. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. 07817 192008; [le\\_vine@sky.com](mailto:le_vine@sky.com)

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We have experienced 15 months of quite extraordinary weather, drought in the early months of 2012, exceptionally wet weather during the summer and autumn, and then some of the coldest months in living memory from November – March. We hope that Spring is just around the corner, and that the cows and young stock will soon be seen enjoying grazing the fresh-grown grass, that lambs will be seen frolicking in the fields and crops, including potatoes and maize, can be planted.

The first cut of grass should be harvested in mid May and put into a silage clamp: an essential feed for cattle next winter. First there will have to be rolling, harrowing and fertilising for at least six weeks before there is any chance of harvesting the grass. This Spring we seem to have an incredible number of mole heaps, which must be flattened and the soil re-distributed so that the soil is not dragged up into the grass silage damaging the machinery and making the silage buterric (rancid). So when you see those lovely striped grass fields, it's not just to look pretty.

It has been a real treat to see a hedge in the village being traditionally laid: sadly some work on farm hedgerows was not completed before the cut-off date of March 1st. Birds and small wild animals need the hedges for nesting, feeding and cover.

Most of our winter-visiting birds have moved on now, although the Fieldfares, Redwings and Bramblings were very late leaving this year. Now we can look out for our summer visitors: Swallows, Martins, Whitethroats, Chiffchaffs, Willow Warblers, Blackcaps and Garden Warblers should all be here. Listen for their songs and calls, especially that of the Cuckoo.

An annual blessing service called Rogation-tide takes place on May 5th in our Parish, when everyone is very welcome - casual clothes and welling tons are advisable. Just look out for signs for the Farm.

*Judith Helliar*

## Woodland Walk Thursday 23rd May

The footpath walk in May will start at the Triangle, Friggle Street at 6.30 – hopefully to see some bluebells. We may end the walk with a pub supper. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Phone Judith Helliar on 01373 832803 for more information.

**Working with villagers to take matters forward**

# Corsley Broadcast

Don't forget to cast your votes on the 2nd May

As a relatively new member of the Parish Council (2 years so far) and likewise a relatively new member of the village (having only lived in the village for some 11 years now!), I thought it was appropriate to drop everyone a line to reinforce the good work that the Parish Council collectively does on behalf of the village and, hopefully with your vote, you will allow me with others, to continue to apply ourselves as your Parish Council.

I am delighted that we now have an article in The Bridge every month which gives you an insight into what goes on at Parish council meetings, a suggestion I was keen to propose. Those meetings are of course public and all are welcome. I am sure we would like to make them a less stuffy affair and therefore if anyone wishes to express their views on certain matters then there should be an opportunity to do so. The Parish Council should not be seen as a 'closed shop'.

There are a number of important issues facing the village. Managing the impact of the Steiner School is one and there remains uncertainty as to how long and to what extent their occupation of the former school site will be. I am sure the villagers have a view here?

Traffic issues will always remain at the top of the agenda for as long as the main road carries such heavy traffic; the Parish Council remain vigilant in their efforts to make Corsley a safer environment. Crime too is of importance and I am sad to say that only recently we ourselves were subject to a garden shed break-in – a problem that seems to blight many rural properties.

Encouraging opportunities for the young in the village also remains important. Whilst we may have lost our traditional school, we do need to ensure that we preserve as many of the remaining facilities for the young – the playing fields and other recreational areas including the Reading Rooms.

Corsley is a great village in a wonderful setting with fantastic opportunities and I would be delighted if you were able to support me when it comes to voting on Thursday 2nd May.

*Mike Butler*

*(Editor's note:  
Please see page 17 for clarification on the voting situation as Mike's article was received before the PC's Vice Chairman's report.)*



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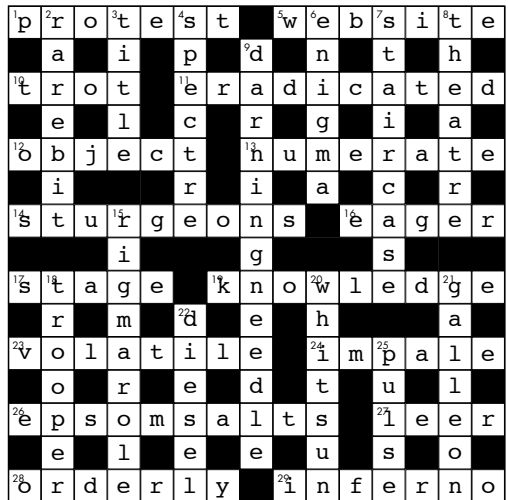
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