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May 2015

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of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

File types

Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

Advertising

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

Events/local organisation ads (churches, clubs, playgroups, etc) are £2 per month for a boxed advert.

Full page ads cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

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Deadline

**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



Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 7th

An Evening with Vivien Lloyd - learn all about jams and preserves – 7.30pm, Royal Oak, Corsley

Saturday 9th

Post-Election Spring Clean – 10am, St Phillip & St James' Church, Chapmanslade

Bluebell and woodland walk, Corsley – 10.30am, meet at Whitbourne Moor stables

Sunday 10th

Corsley Festival Choir - Rossini 'Petite Messe Solennelle' – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Monday 11th

Corsley Parish Council - Annual General Meeting (election of Chair and Vice Chair) – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 14th

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

Chapmanslade Parish Council - Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – Resolution Meeting - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 16th

Tennis Club Open Day – 10.30am to 4pm play tennis for free!

'Walk of Life' – sponsored walk from Devizes to Bath (see page 14)

May Fayre – 2.30pm, Manor Farm Corsley

Thursday 21st

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Sunday 24th

4th Annual Corsley v Chapmanslade Cricket Match - 11.30am start, Corsley Memorial Playing Field (see page 36)

Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Gardening Club - garden visit to the Bennet's garden, Friggle Street – 2.30pm

Thursday 28th

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

June

Monday 1st

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

Tuesday 2nd

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

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Thursday 11th

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

Corsley WI – OPEN Meeting – 'Aberdeen Angus and Waitrose' - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 17th

Corsley Gardening Club - garden visit to the Lacey's garden – 2.30pm

Thursday 18th

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Corsley WI trip to Beaulieu – open to everyone (see page ??)

Thursday 25th

Warminster mobile library (see page 48 for times)

July

Thursday 2nd

Loose Women visit to Borehill Biodigester OPEN TO ALL (see page 4)

Warminster Area Board – 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Tuesday 7th

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

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Thursday 9th

Corsley WI – OPEN Meeting – ‘The history and work of the RNLI’ - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 15th

Corsley Gardening Club - garden visit to the Old Rector garden, Limington – 2.30pm

August

Saturday 1st

‘The Three Musketeers’ (Elizabethan Evening) – Corsley Manor

Tuesday 4th

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

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – Corsley WI Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room



Corsley Gardening Club

In May we shall be having a private visit to Mr and Mrs Bennet's garden in Friggle Street. Please note that this visit will be on 27th May – a week later than we normally meet. We will assemble, as usual, at 2.30pm.

On the 17th June we will be visiting Mr and Mrs Lacey's garden at 2.30pm. This is a private visit and tea will be available.

On the 15th June we shall be having a private visit to the Old Rectory gardens at Limington. As usual, we shall meet there at 2.30pm.

Litter pickers

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next ‘pick’ is on Saturday 2nd May – do come along and help keep our village beautiful. Hi-viz jacket and all equipment supplied!

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

To the residents of Chapmanslade and Corsley

The ‘Loose Women’ of Chapmanslade have arranged a visit to the Borehill Farm Biodigester on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd July. We have some spare places (for men or women!) The cost will be about £5, depending on numbers.

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Denise Page



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The buzz from the Bee Hive



Welcome to the first news feature from the 'Bee Hive' – Busy Bees Pre-School, Chapmanslade

Unlike the 1954 film "An Inspector Calls", it wasn't Alastair Sim who knocked on the door of the Busy Bees Pre-School on the 18th March. It was an unannounced Ofsted Inspector called Jenny Cutler. (unlike schools, pre-schools are not given advance notification of an inspection). Jenny spent the morning with the Team and we were delighted that the inspector assessed the quality and standards of the early years provision at Busy Bees as 'Outstanding'. Copies of the Ofsted report have been given to all the parents, are available to any potential parents who would like a copy and can be downloaded from the Ofsted website. The last inspection was carried out in 2011 when the pre-school was assessed as 'good' so this is an excellent achievement by all the team. The Ofsted report clearly provides all our parents with the reassurance that the care their children are receiving at Busy Bees meets the highest standards.

To give you a flavour of the report here are some points from the inspector's summary of key findings:

- Care practices are outstanding because staff enable all the children to become independent, confident and to follow simple healthy routines;
- The staff are a highly effective team who respond to the children's interests, and plan interesting and exciting learning experiences;
- Children of all ages love coming to pre-school and join in all activities enthusiastically. They experiment and investigate during play, which promotes outstanding learning.

The children returned after the Easter break to a newly painted pre-school and we will have new flooring laid during the Whitsun holiday. The Team have an interesting selection of activities arranged over the next few weeks such as 'people who help us' e.g. the police, who have given a talk at the pre-school, transport issues and speed checking, musical workshops where they can try out a number of different instruments, Shaun the Shark story sack where they will be involved in role play, butterflies and their life cycle (the children will be able to watch caterpillars transforming into butterflies) as well as bug hunting and activities relating to 'Down on the Farm' including a village walk. The busy term ends with a trip to Lackham on the 22nd.

If you would like further information about places in September please telephone Kelly Williams (Manager) on 07749 257608 or email busybeespre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Sally Evans
Chair Busy Bees Pre-School
01373 832906

Bluebell Walk

Join us for a walk in Dertford Woods on Saturday 9th May starting at 10.30 Whitbourne Moor Stables (bottom of Corsley Reading Room lane).

Enjoy an hour or so in the lovely bluebell woods. No dogs please, birds nesting.

Phone Judith Helliar 01373832803

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which one is missing from the corners on a Monopoly board? Go, Jail (Just Visiting), Free Parking and...?
- 2 From which country does the beer and cider Stella Artois originate?
- 3 Of which nation did George W Bush once say "their problem is they don't have a word for entrepreneur"?
- 4 Dove Cottage, the home of William Wordsworth, is in which village?
- 5 In medieval England, rents were frequently calculated and paid in the dried berries of which condiment?
- 6 What are the names of the cartoon mice pursued by the cat Mr Jinx?
- 7 For which writer was the name Gerald Wiley a pseudonym?
- 8 What was the first song to reach number one in the UK charts that was sung in a foreign language?
- 9 In 1927 who was the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic?
- 10 We call a card game for one 'patience'. What do Americans call it?
- 11 Who wrote "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"?
- 12 Which monument is around six inches bigger in summer?

Answers on page 48



Fantastic Quiz Night at the Royal Oak

The Royal Oak at Corsley Heath held a superb quiz night on Tuesday 2nd April as a fund raiser for the Horticulture and Craft section of the Corsley Show. Kerry and Mark laid on a feast for the 82 people who took part and ran a raffle with loads of prizes provided by many local businesses varying from whole ducks, legs of lamb, plants, flowers and meal tokens. The night was a great success and raised more than £500 which will go towards the prizes at this years Show.

Other sponsors who have donated generously are; TMTI ('talk me through it') at Corsley Heath; Chapmanslade Motor Services; Hyde Accounting Services; The Three Horseshoes and Acres Supply. There are some more sponsors who have indicated their intention to sponsor and we will advise you of these in the next update. In the meantime, keep growing, painting, crafting and taking photographs so you can exhibit your best at the Show on August Bank Holiday Monday!

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It has been sited at the outside the Royal Oak (with the permission of Longleat Estate (owners) and the support of Mark Jenkins and Kerry Hesketh (landlords)). The defibrillator was commissioned the same day, so is now fully operational.

Quick action saves lives: survival rate drops 10% every minute without a defibrillator.

Over the coming months we will be providing a familiarising training programme

at the Corsley Reading Room for all who are interested. In the meantime anyone who is unfortunate to have a sudden cardiac arrest, the procedure is:

- phone the Emergency Services immediately
- a paramedic will be dispatched
- the 999 operator will give you a code to gain entry to the defibrillator nearest to your location.
- remove the Defibrillator Pad from the cabinet and take it to the patient.
- press the start button, immediately it will give you audio instructions which are very clear.

I understand the public being apprehensive about using it for the first time, which is why there will be training as soon as possible.

John Helliar
Chairman, Elizabethan Committee

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Reference Number 14/08778/FUL

Notification of REFUSAL of Full Planning Application

Agent

Seren Energy
1 High Street, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5LG

Applicant

Clearwood Energy Ltd
31 Stallard Street, Trowbridge, BA14 9AA

Particulars of development: construction of a single 86.5m tip height wind turbine and associated infrastructure at Thoulstone Farm, Thoulstone, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AQ.

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During this time I happened to pick up a leaflet regarding the 'Walk of Life', a 21-mile walk on the 16th May from Devizes to Bath along the Kennet and Avon Canal. I set myself a challenge, there and then, that I would complete the walk, along with my family and Harvey, our golden retriever.

I am sure many people will know of someone or have themselves been treated at the RUH for cancer and realise how much this new unit is needed. Please help me raise as much as I can for this very worthwhile cause. Donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/ben-hinchliffe2 or to 118 High Street, Chapmanslade.

*With many thanks in advance
Ben Hinchliffe*

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2nd Prize £20

3rd Prize £10

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The prize winners' stories will be displayed in the Horticultural and Craft show tent for visitors to enjoy.

Good luck!

Competition rules

- Entries must arrive 30th June 2015 at the latest.
- The maximum word limit is 300 words with a minimum of 100 words. This does not include the title.
- An entry fee of £3 per story should accompany all entries, so please enclose either cash or a cheque made payable to 'Corsley Show Society (H&C)'.
- You may send in as many entries as you wish but you must include a free for each story.
- All work must be original and should not have been published before. Translations are not acceptable.
- Entries must be in English.
- Copyright remains with the writer but the story should be available, if selected, to be published in an anthology.
- All authors should be over the age of 18 years and stories should be suitable for adult reading. No children's stories please. There is no theme. All styles and genres are welcome but no erotica please!
- Submit hard copy entries only. A cover sheet should accompany each story including author's name, contact details, story title and word count. The author's name should not appear on the story document.
- All entries will be judged anonymously by four independent judges.
- Failure to comply with the rules may result in disqualification, which will be at the discretion of the judges.

How to submit your entry

- Entries should be typed in 12pt in a clear typeface and have double line spacing.
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- Print a separate cover sheet showing the author's name and address (or email address if preferred) plus a contact telephone number, the number of words used and the story title.
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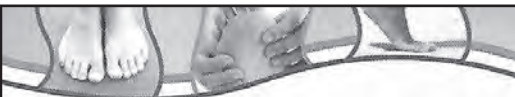
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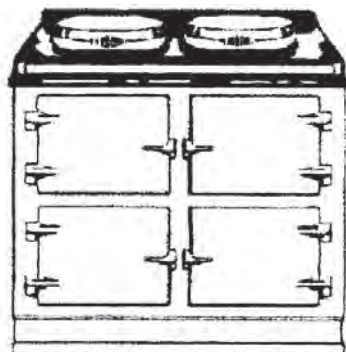


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

The Chairman rounds up some pertinent news to our village

After the excitement of the Annual Parish meeting last month, April has been very quiet, with no Parish Council meetings. There was, however, a meeting of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) on 14th April attended by Simon Jasper, PC Streetscene representative, where three items of interest to Corsley were discussed.

C Class speed limit review and road signs

Way back in 2013 the PC requested a speed limit review of the road between Lane End and Chapmanslade and between Corsley Heath and the junction with Lyes Green. This was carried out early in 2014 by Balfour Beatty, through Atkins Ltd, Wiltshire Highways Department consulting engineers, and finally reported in March this year. The process of review looks at survey data of traffic movements, particularly speeds, the topography of the road and the density of dwelling houses on the route in question.

The good news is that new 30mph limits have been recommended for the stretch of road between the Lane End/A362 junction through Lye's Green to Pool Cottages and another in Corsley Heath between the junction with the A362 and the top end of The Hollow. This has been accepted as necessary by Wiltshire Council and is being funded by CATG. A speed check was also carried out on the A362 between The Royal Oak and the Reading Room and was

found to be well within limits, so there'll be no change there. Out of PC Committee consultation is in favour of the new limits and this was communicated to the CATG last week. The report will be formally considered at the next PC meeting on 7th May.

Wiltshire have agreed to put up cautionary playing field signs on the approach to the Memorial Playing Field, as requested by the Playing Field Committee.

Other streetscene issues

The Geys Hill passing place has been designed and funded by the CATG. It has taken some time, but work will be carried out there over the summer and should assist the flow of traffic on a narrow and busy summer route.

In Court Lane we are working to find some mitigation of the flooding which causes particular problems for two households. The Council Area Coordinator has been briefed and there may be an affordable piece of work which will help; persuasion and evidence collection continues in order to achieve some action.

Lastly, you will have seen markings on the lanes which indicate the major resurfacing work funded for the rest of the year; this is very positive in the current financial climate, but there are some pieces which have been missed and have been raised for inclusion in

the 2016 programme.

And finally, the badgers are definitely back on the Stalls Farm road!

A362 weight limit

I was asked recently about progress with the eastbound weight limit on the A362 through Corsley and received the following email update from Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, our Wiltshire Councillor:

"You are absolutely correct that we cannot implement weight limit eastwards on A362 until the junction of A350 and A303 is remodelled. This stretch of road is included in improvements/doubling announced by Government but not in first tranche - that privilege is reserved for Stonehenge! However, discussions are ongoing and I have been meeting regularly with Ministers. There is progress but not rapid."

Social housing

This is progressing, with Wiltshire now soliciting quotations for the land to be surveyed e.g. topographical/ecological and any other surveys that are required.

Dates of 2015 meetings

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th May

election of Chair and Vice Chair

Quarterly Meetings

Monday 1st June

Monday 7th September

Monday 7th December

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village noticeboards and The Bridge website for these.

Neil Britten

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Corsley Show



An Evening with Vivien Lloyd

**7.30pm, Thursday 7th May
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Play tennis for FREE at our Open Day on Saturday 16th May

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We welcome both adults and children but request that parents or guardians accompany children under 11 years old. You can choose to play as a family group or join in with other visitors.

Tennis Club members will be acting as hosts but will play as required to make up games of singles or doubles, whichever is preferred by our visitors. If you have not played for a long time or want to try tennis for the first time you will be most welcome to have a go.

Perhaps this would be a good opportunity to bring a family picnic to enjoy the free tennis, the beautiful environment and the facilities of the Corsley Memorial Playing Field.

We will provide the tennis balls and can loan rackets for both juniors and adults but we must insist that soft soled footwear suitable for tennis is worn to avoid damage to the courts and to minimise the risk of danger from falls.

If you have any queries about the arrangements for this day please ring our chairman Isabel Lewis on 01373 832770.

*Marlene Latchem
Publicity Secretary, 01373 832357*



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Three Open Doors

Dear Friends,

Sitting down to write this letter I realised how often I introduce what I have to say with some reference to the natural world, and I am going to do it again; how can I ignore the explosion of new life that surrounds me! In his poem 'Bumbarrel's Nest', John Clare describes the hedgerows as 'new – plashed', a glorious description of the exuberant beauty of the newly greened hedges I think. So for the moment I will content myself with this and a garden that seems to be budding and flowering before my very eyes.

Biblical writers were acutely aware of the precious beauty of the natural world and they also had the greatest respect for it as well. The Hebrew poems and songs of praise and lament, collectively known as the Psalms, express an awe and humility that acknowledges humanity's place in the created order: When I consider the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained. What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings that you should seek them out.

In the Psalms human beings are seen as part of a creation who itself sings glory to God. With the most exquisite language the psalmist joins creation's song of praise with the words: The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

The Hebrew people understood creation as a gift to be treasured and themselves as partners with it in nurturing life in all its forms. This was not something that was seen in terms of individual responsibility but a collective one; for the ancient nomadic community our obsession with individual self-fulfilment would have been an anathema, without community, without a commitment to the common good, everyone would perish.

We are now only a few days away from the General Election, and thoroughly tiring of the political parties ever more grandiose claims about how they are going to make life better for us all. But perhaps we would do well to ponder on the things that were important to those ancient peoples I have been referring to above. We are not just a collection of individuals living out our lives in splendid isolation from our fellow human beings and from the earth we so carelessly misuse and abuse. We are part of a wider community that has a responsibility to care for creation and for those who are less fortunate than we are, including those who are rendered vulnerable by poverty, sickness or old age.

We are all inherently selfish, we naturally want what's best for ourselves and it's hard to look beyond that need to the common good. Perhaps it is easier if we frame the question slightly differently; what kind of world do we want for our children and grandchildren? Because how we vote this month will have a bearing upon what that world looks like. And at the very least the question enables us to lift our eyes just a little from the imprisonment of a world-view that wants only what is good for 'me'.

Love and prayers
Pauline

May Church Diary

Sunday 3rd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Tuesday 5th May

7.30pm: After Alpha Home Group.

Details from Richard on 832594.



Saturday 9th May

Post Election spring clean

10am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade



Sunday 10th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am at High House Farm, Corsley: Rogation Eucharist

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

6pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Rogation Eucharist



Monday 11th May

Time to Think Home Group

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade



Thursday 14th May: Ascension Day

Ascension Day Eucharist

6pm at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill



Saturday 16th May

May Fayre

2.30pm at Manor Farm, Corsley



Sunday 17th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

Tuesday 19th May

7.30pm: After Alpha Home Group. Details from Richard on 832594



Thursday 21st May

Church and Community Coffee Morning

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



Sunday 24th May: Pentecost

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

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



Wednesday 27th May

Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley

Donations in aid of Christian Aid.



Sunday 31st May: Trinity Sunday

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Benefice Eucharist



Monday 1st June

Time to Think Home Group

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade



Tuesday 2nd June

7.30pm: After Alpha Home Group. Details from Richard on 832594



Sunday 7th June: First Sunday of Trinity

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

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

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Marion Muston 01373 839026

Fundraising

Our May Fayre will be held on Saturday 16th May at Manor Farm, Corsley by kind permission of Chris and Claire da Costa. Please see the advert for full details. If you can assist by donating items for our stalls or can spare some time to help us on the day please contact Stella on 832230 or Phil on 832845.

We are about to embark on a major fundraising campaign to enable us to proceed with some major refurbishment of the bells at St Margaret's. We have six bells in the tower and they were last serviced in the 1960's and we do need to proceed with this work as soon as funds allow. We have been advised that the cost of the work will be in the order of £12,000 so we have a major challenge but we will succeed!

Family Worship

Our service at St Margaret's on the third Sunday each month is led by our Worship Group. April's service had a theme of 'Faith and Commitment' and the main talk was given by Richard Dean who described his recent trip to Juba in South Sudan. It was truly inspiring!

In May we hope to have a theme based around our church bells which are the subject of a major fundraising campaign to service and overhaul them. In June we plan to have a 'Pet' service and July's will be a special service for Sudan Sunday. Everyone is most welcome to join us at these family-orientated services. We will have some activities for little ones at the back of the church so please do not worry about fidgety children.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting held last month we reported on a successful year in the life of our church. After a year of interregnum we were pleased to welcome Pauline as our new priest. We continue to strengthen our links with children and their parents and with the school and our finances are on a sound footing after a successful year of fundraising. In Pauline's words "I am very excited about what God is doing amongst us and I hope you are too. I feel very humbled when I see the faith and commitment in those around me."

We were delighted to welcome John Helliard to the PCC as one of our Churchwardens and Janet and Ian Buick as elected members.

A full report of the Annual Meeting and the Accounts may be found on the Church website (www.cleyhillchurches.org) and The Bridge website (www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk).

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Corsley WI

April News



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

The April meeting of Corsley WI was well attended to hear our speaker, Gilly Newell, a member of Frome WI, explain how she makes felt brooches and other decorative items from wool and oddments of material. After passing around lots of samples of her work for members to look at, Gilly showed us how felt is made and then everyone had a go at felting. This involves using a special barbed needle to stab at the wool, which is placed on a piece of sponge (or similar). The wool is easily removed from the sponge and can be re-positioned and different colours can be added to create patterns. Gilly had prepared pieces of material ready for us to make our own brooches or hair clips, which we finished off with buttons and lace for decoration. Gilly greatly inspired us with her ideas for making some unusual accessories and she was warmly thanked by Amanda Bain.

Certificates were presented to Gill Parkinson, Cath Fricker and Judith Helliart, for passing the course on Food Health and Safety held recently.

The skittles team is pleased to have reached the quarter-finals in their league, however

our scrabble team still have some matches to play before they will know whether or not they too will reach the finals this season.

New events organised by the Wiltshire Federation are a visit to Westbury Dairies and an Inter-Federation Golf Tournament. There are still places available for many other events and workshops. Full details are available at our meetings.

The 2015 Corsley WI outing will be to Beaulieu on Thursday 18th June and this trip is open to everyone. Please contact Carol on 01373 832446 as soon as possible to reserve a seat on the coach if you would like to come.

The next meeting is on Thursday 14 May at 7.30pm in Corsley Reading Room, when we hope you will join us for the discussion on the resolution to be put forward at the AGM. The competition is for a sea shell.

We should also be very pleased if any new members would like to come to our meetings. If you would like to know more about Corsley WI or any of our activities, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
Lunch Club	Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm, various venues

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760

An exciting new community facility

The Exchange

A place for swapping home-grown fruit and vegetables

Ever grown too many marrows and, even after eating them for weeks every way that it is possible to cook a marrow, ended up leaving a few at the bottom of the drive for others to take?

Ever had so many apples that even after apple crumble, apple pie, apple sauce, apple chutney... there are still leftovers?

'The Exchange' is the solution to these problems!

The disused telephone box on Geys Hill has been converted into a reusable village swapping station for fruit and vegetables.

The swapping concept will work when people leave their excess or unwanted fruit and vegetables in 'The Exchange' for others to help themselves. At the same time they will be able to help themselves to different fruit and vegetables that others have left. The swapping concept will be based on people's trust and values.

'The Exchange' aims to reduce the number of residents leaving fruit and vegetables outside their houses, which could be an unwanted security risk if people are being encouraged to stop and view goods. It would also provide an outlet for residents who may consider throwing away excess fruit and vegetables.

The Parish Council have agreed to allow the disused telephone box to be used for



'The Exchange' project and have very kindly donated funds for its refurbishment and fitting out. The telephone box has been repainted in bright red paint and fitted out with shelving to display produce. New signs have also been made for the top pelmet of the box.

Thanks to a willing team of volunteers cleaning, painting, strimming and shelf making, the telephone box refurbishments are complete. It is planned that 'The Exchange' will be open to begin fruit and vegetable swapping this month!

Many people within the community of Corsley have shown considerable support for this project and have also offered help with the conversion and maintenance. So, it is hoped that 'The Exchange' will become a well-used and valued facility within the Parish and that residents will embrace the community concept of the project.

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A beginner's guide to...

Making hanging baskets

I'm a new member of staff here at Acres Supply Garden Centre and I'm currently learning the best, simplest and easiest way to create a hanging basket. I'm Kaylee Evans, age 16, and with some help from the people I work for and with, here are my tips on making the perfect hanging basket this spring and summer.

- To start with you're going to need a hanging basket to fill. From what I've learnt, I would advise choosing a hanging basket of about 16" to ensure it doesn't dry out.
- Secondly, it's my personal favourite part, picking the colours of your plants to make everything look pretty! You could choose all sorts of colour schemes; whether it be the colours of the rainbow or a British red, white and blue theme – it's up to you!
- Once you've got that sorted, you're going to need some compost and I would say that multi-purpose compost is best for the job. Alongside this, it's best for you to get some feed to keep everything looking bright and healthy. And what could be better than something specifically designed for the job? 'Osmocote' will do just the trick.
- Being new to the creation of a hanging basket, I never realised that when you water it a lot of the water doesn't do the job you intended for it to do, instead, it just drips out leaving your plants gasping for more. So to prevent this happening, add some 'water gel' to your compost. It will retain the water and as a result make sure those plants are getting enough of the water they need. My mum has a tendency to leave lots of old oases lying around as she can never find a worthwhile use for it. Well, now that I'm getting all clued up on the world of

gardening, I have just the trick. If you have any oasis that is going spare, break it up and add it to your compost instead of using water gel. It'll do the job just fine!

- Now would be a good time to mention the best way to actually put the compost into your basket. Most people pile it in then level it off so it looks all neat and tidy, I'm going to advise you to do something different. Instead of creating a flat surface, heap the compost in the centre of the basket to gain height – just like a little mountain. Now it's time to add the plants you chose. Place your upright plants in the centre; geraniums are my personal favourite, they are lovely and bright and almost add a little smile to your basket. Around the edge, place your trailing plants. When it comes to these, Surfinias are the ones for me. They come in lots of different colours and will trail on and on.
- To start with, give your basket a really good soak and from then on, water daily. In addition to this, make sure you get rid of any dead flower heads as this will make sure everything keeps growing and looking the way it should be.
- Lastly, if you go on holiday don't forget about the beautiful creation you've just made. Ask a neighbour or a friend to pop over to give it a quick water so that it still looks nice and fresh to give you a pleasant, welcoming return.

So there you have it. A nice simple, easy way to create a hanging basket that will make your garden look alive this spring and summer.

*Kaylee Evans
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Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in April

Thoulstone Park

Sustainable Land and Events Ltd were granted a Premises Licence to hold events at Thoulstone Park at a hearing held on 9th April at County Hall. Dennis Barnard and I, together with a number of residents from Chapmanslade and other parishes, attended the hearing to oppose the application. We were disappointed at the outcome but in fact the licence means that events organised at Thoulstone throughout the summer will be strictly regulated. Even so, music until 2am each day and 'the provision of late night refreshment' until 5am will be allowed.

Noise and other public nuisance issues have been a cause of concern to residents living in the immediate vicinity ever since the Sunrise Festival in 2013 and this year's events will be closely monitored. We have been informed that only four events are planned this year, three weddings and a community picnic. Dennis noted that no funerals are planned – as they don't make any noise! We'll keep you informed and you can see the licence for yourself by visiting the parish website – www.chapmanslade.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish council meeting, also on 9th April, was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, which is your opportunity to discuss with councillors matters that are of concern in the community.

The meeting was dominated by a presentation by the potential developers

of part of the Barbers site, Lochailort Investments. We were informed that the company are planning to build 39 units on the site, 12 of which would be available for rent or shared ownership. A mix of house sizes is proposed, from two to five bedrooms. Robert Adams, the architect commissioned by Lochailort, stressed that the style of architecture would be sympathetic to the local style; the building materials would be a mixture of brick and stone. There would be plenty of car park spaces. The development would include a public open space/play area.

Several of the residents present at the meeting, who live in the immediate locality, expressed concerns about a number of matters, including a loss of privacy and the impact of an increased volume of traffic. Hugo Haig, the company's Managing Director, stressed that it was his wish to develop the housing development along with the community and not to impose it on us. If the parish council were to object to the planning application Lochailort would pull the plug on it.

Mr Haig and his colleagues undertook to meet residents on an individual basis to discuss their concerns and, at the time of writing, this process has already begun. Anyone wishing to attend such a meeting should contact him at hugo@lochailort-investments.com

We were given the assurance that Lochailort's plans will be amended in the light of comments made. As soon as they

are ready, they will be placed on the parish website for you to scrutinise.

As agreed at an earlier parish council meeting, Lochailort have also commissioned a traffic survey. The survey has been completed and the suggestions it contains on how to calm the traffic flow through our High Street were described by Robert Hewitt, a consulting engineer. A number of interesting proposals are included in the report. You can study it by visiting the parish website.

As you know, the parish council has agreed that it will work with the potential developers at this stage in the process. At our meeting on May 14th we will look closely at the traffic survey and decide what our next step should be. As ever, we wish to act in accordance with your views and to do what is best for our parish. So please do tell us your views on the proposals, including the recommendations of the traffic survey, either by coming along to our meeting or by contacting Minnie House, our clerk, beforehand at julianhouse@02.co.uk This development could have a fundamental effect on our village so we really do need your views.

Parish Council meeting

Planning Applications

We considered an application to build an extension at 100 High Street, which would involve a change of land use from agricultural to residential. As this would only be minor in scale we raised no objection.

Planning Decisions

Wiltshire Council has granted planning permission for the construction of two properties in the garden behind 53 High Street. We had supported local residents who had concerns, mainly on grounds of road safety, and had opposed the application.

There are no decisions yet about the Sienna's Valley and Thoulstone Park applications, where the owners have requested permission to locate residential caravans on their land. In the case of the Sienna's Valley application, Wiltshire's Western Area Planning Committee met last December and deferred their decision pending further investigations into the issue of whether it is essential for alpacas to have constant attention 24 hours a day. We find it difficult to understand why it is taking the council so long to carry out their investigations!

Litter Picking

Following last month's announcement that our monthly sessions will end, at least for the time being, we decided that we would encourage residents to become litter wardens and take on the responsibility of clearing litter from the area outside their houses. We already have three volunteers who have agreed to take on this role: they will clear litter from several sections of the High Street. Would you like to accept this challenge? We will lend you the necessary equipment so please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Village Hall floor

Adam reported that the damaged floor will be relaid during the summer holidays. It will be paid for by the hall's insurers.

And finally. We are looking for a home for an important part of our proud village legacy – the cricket trophy. Any ideas? If so, please let us know.

Our meeting on 14th May will be our AGM, at which we will elect the council's officers for the forthcoming year. We will also present our annual report. So do come along, either to speak or to listen.

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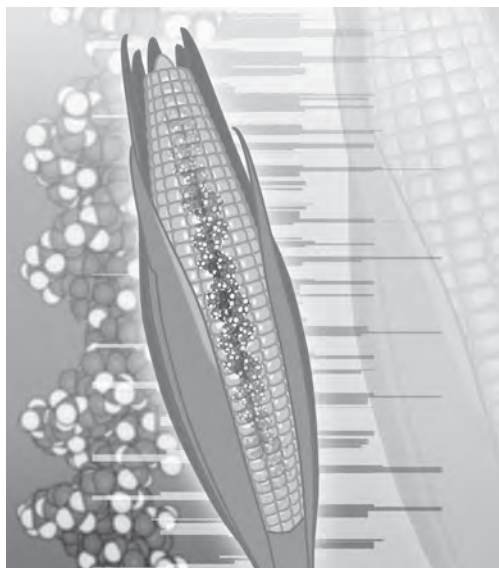
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Biology: changing the world

GMOs – what are they?

Professor Nigel Brown, President of the Society for General Microbiology writes on a very controversial subject

Genetically-Modified Organisms (GMO) can be plants, animals or microorganisms. They are made by adding new genetic material to an organism. The genetic material is DNA, often obtained from a very different organism or chemically synthesised. In either case it is often referred to as 'foreign DNA', as it does not occur naturally in the species. Genetic modification in this strict sense is not to be confused with mutation, which occurs naturally within a species. Mutations are small changes to the genetic material which may change the characteristics of an organism, and on which plant and animal breeding have depended for millennia.



Some of the very first GMOs were bacteria into which the DNA coding for human insulin had been introduced and these were used by pharmaceutical companies to produce large amounts of insulin to treat diabetics. The GM bacteria didn't leave

the factory, only the insulin did. Medically-important products made this way, such as insulin and human growth hormone, have generally been more acceptable to the public than GM crops, as it is the purified product rather than the GMO that is used. However, for GM crops, the plant itself is used as food or animal feed and is grown outside. This has led to fervent debate on the acceptability of GM.

Many people are wary of eating an 'unnatural' crop containing foreign DNA. The most heated debates have occurred around two crops. One is Roundup-ready soya which contains DNA making it resistant to the herbicide Roundup™ (glyphosate), so that Roundup™ can be used to kill weeds that

compete with the crop. US-grown GM soya is now so widely distributed that several UK supermarkets stated in 2013 that they could not guarantee that meat and poultry was raised on non-GM animal feed. Some people are concerned that a single company

has a stranglehold on this technology and can make farmers dependent on it, whereas others worry about the foreign DNA appearing in pollen and being transferred to native plants. In the USA, Roundup-ready varieties of maize, soybean, oilseed rape, cotton, sugar beet and alfalfa are grown commercially.

The second crop is the so-called 'Golden Rice'. In areas of the world where rice is the main staple food, more than 250,000 children a year go blind due to vitamin A deficiency, and many die. Having GM rice produce vitamin A in the grain is a potential solution. Although Golden Rice was produced by a company, Syngenta, it is now freely available through a charity, but concerns about GMOs mean it is not yet in commercial production.

In 2014 the European Commission agreed that it was for each country to decide for itself whether or not to grow genetically-modified (GM) crops. The UK will permit this, but France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Greece and Luxembourg have banned the growth of GM maize.

In the next part I will focus on the desirability and safety of GM technology.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. If there is a biological topic that you would like him to write about, or if you have questions about this article, please contact him at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

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Whitbourne Chapel

Let us pray "for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim 2.2)

The Chapel AGM

We recently held the Chapel AGM. I'm always nervous of these events, though I'm not sure why. Perhaps it's the nature of such official meetings.

But our AGM was very successful. We didn't hold back from addressing issues that needed resolutions, from repair work needed inside the Chapel, to the state of the grounds since Bill Gould passed away, to the work we need to do to keep proclaiming the Word of God, in Corsley and beyond. We re-elected the present Officers and elected an assistant for our Secretary, Ray Mead.

Heads or tails?

What comes into your mind when you hear the word 'minister'? Some sort of leading official in government or a church? Well paid? Nice car, chauffeur, big house? Strange how we've twisted the meaning. A minister is a servant, one who ministers to others. That's his or her role in life – to serve and help others. The Lord Jesus came to minister, not to be ministered unto. Though He was rich, for our sakes He became poor (Christmas story) (2 Corinthians 8.9) Though He was equal with God... He did not hang on to His rights but became a servant and was even prepared to die for those He was serving. (Philippians 2). He calls on those

who follow Him to be ministers too, in the true sense of the word. Let us all pray for the new government ministers, to be elected very soon, that God will help them to work with integrity and that they may live up to the ideals of community service.

More elections

- 1 What sort of animal did Aaron choose by casting lots?
Leviticus 16.8
- 2 In the time of Nehemiah why did the leaders of the people cast lots?
Nehemiah 11.1
- 3 Which apostle was chosen by lot to replace the traitor, Judas?
Acts 1.26

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Can you help Caroline to find her birth mother?

I have been contacted by a lady who has asked for help in tracing her birth mother from whom she was separated at only three months of age. The lady is called Caroline Brennan. She was originally named Angela Miller (born 17th March 1950). She believes her birth mother worked as a housekeeper at the Cross Keys in the 1940s/early 1950s so Caroline was almost certainly born in the Corsley area. Her mother was/is Church of England so there may be church records, but I have not yet checked.

This is Caroline's letter:

"My name is Caroline Brennan (nee Hart). I am writing to you in the hope you may be able to assist me in my family research. I am doing this research in the hope that I can locate my birth family. I was adopted at about three months of age. My birth name was Angela Miller, born 17 March 1950.

I am looking for any relatives of Nora Lily Miller, who once lived in Corsley, near Warminster. Nora Lily Miller was my birth mother and she stated in a letter to social services that no one knew about me. I am not sure if Miller was her family name or married name, but I think it was her family name. It was stated that she had another female child in or around 1943. The address provided was Grove House, Cross Keys, Corsley, near Warminster.

My email address is carolinebrennanmrs@googlemail.com. I do hope that you will be able to help me. I moved to Spain about 10 years ago so communication and research with the UK is not easy.

Thank you so much for reading this and I hope you may spare the time to reply.

Kind regards, Caroline Brennan"

Caroline's letter refers to events which happened nearly 65 years ago so the trail may have gone cold, but there may be someone living locally who knew, or has heard of, Nora Miller.

If you know anything at all could you please email Caroline or, if you prefer, contact me (nick@medhurst.com or 07508 105998) and I will pass on the information.

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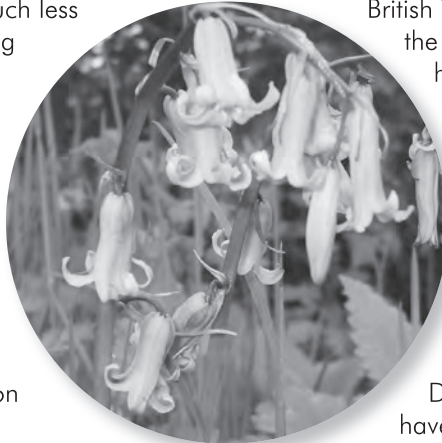
Birds are breeding enthusiastically, with most of our summer migrants having arrived. Our resident species will have already produced their first brood of chicks and some will be starting on a second brood.

Swallows and House Martins should have all arrived by now, but the Spotted Flycatchers may not arrive until mid-May along with the Swifts, which stay so briefly. You may see Hobbies chasing the faster birds; generally they feed on dragonflies which are also hatching now from all the local ponds and lakes.

Our rivers and streams should be bright with fast-flying Kingfishers and the more subtle Grey Wagtails. The ducks should all have ducklings and there are plenty of Little Egrets along side the more familiar Grey Herons.

The first Cuckoos were heard in mid-April but sadly their populations are declining.

Research is being carried out by the British Trust for Ornithology into the causes. Some Cuckoos have been fitted with trackers and you can watch their migrations on the website www.bto.org.



I can't mention May without writing about the fantastic Bluebells; they were already starting to flower in April this year.

Do remember that they have a lovely scent, especially around dawn and dusk: listen for the dawn, and the slightly less loud dusk, bird-song chorus too. The hedgerows and woodland will also be full of Foxgloves, Cow Parsley, many other familiar flowers, and maybe some less well-known.

Please remember that young birds and other animals (including farm animals) are very vulnerable, so please do keep your dogs on leads for the next few months.

Enjoy our countryside, it is at its most beautiful in May. Visit the woods and farmland via our lovely footpaths.

Eve Tigwell



You're a Therapist; you've got it all worked out, right?

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

It's an understandable thing to think: we therapists have done years of training and engaged in plenty of our own therapy along the way. Any issues we've had have all been 'dealt with' and nothing troubles us any longer. We sit loftily looking down upon struggling humanity, seeking only to impart our wisdom to those who will listen.

Guess what? No.

What makes a therapist a good one is that they have struggled and that they continue to do so. Yes, we've undergone a process which heightens our awareness of how we as individuals work on an emotional level and, yes, we've learnt about different models of human emotional development and gained experience in how particular skills might help a person in distress.

But empathy is key. Without it, in my view, there is no therapy. And empathy comes with the therapist's (and everyone's) ability to connect with and acknowledge their own suffering while not being overwhelmed by it. My life has trials, mistakes, joys, frustrations, fears and tears as everybody's has. Sometimes I can call on my training and experience to overcome things more easily than I otherwise could and I consider myself fortunate because of this. But it's not always the case. Sometimes I need help myself which I get from those who

love me, from my supervisors and from my own therapist when I need to. Although being distressed is deeply uncomfortable and sometimes feels unbearable, I can (once I've processed it and made it more manageable) call on it when sitting with a client who feels similarly. And because I'm not afraid of those overwhelming feelings having survived my own, I can accept someone else's even when they struggle to. Of course, importantly, I don't practise if my own difficult feelings are dominant.

So, am I more 'sorted' than you? Not really. I'm perhaps a bit more aware of how 'unsorted' I am and I know when to step back and look after myself. I'm a person first and a therapist second.

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