

The Bridge

May 2017

monthly magazine for the villages
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!

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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

Monday 1st

150th anniversary of St Philip and St James' Church, Chapmanslade – 2 pm

Tuesday 2nd

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

Thursday 4th

Corsley Parish Council – election of councillors

Evening Bluebell Walk – starting from Royal Oak, Corsley at 7 pm

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Monday 6th

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

Thursday 11th

Corsley WI - Resolutions Meeting and talk on 'Flowers for All Occasions' with Maureen Hinton – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Friday 12th

'Inspired to teach' – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Supporting South Sudan) (see page 13 for more info)

Sunday 14th

Corsley Festival Choir Concert - 'A May Miscellany' – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

Thursday 18th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

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

Saturday 20th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre – 2.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

Wednesday 24th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 28th

6th Annual Bridge Trophy Cricket Match (Corsley v Chapmanslade) – 11.30 am start (children's match), Corsley Memorial Playing Field



Diary Dates

June

Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall


Saturday 10th

Chapmanslade Explorer Trail – 10 am - 4.30 pm

Thursday 15th

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

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Open Meeting, 'Ladies of the Court' by
Andrew Campbell

 please note new date!

July

Sunday 2nd

Chapmanslade Fete, Village Hall

Tuesday 4th

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

Wednesday 5th

Corsley WI – outing to Windsor

Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30
pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading
Room, Open Meeting, 'Juba, Sudan'

Thursday 20th

Church and Community
Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 6th May – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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- 2 In which book are live flamingos used as croquet mallets?
- 3 Donald J Trump is the 45th US President. What does the 'J' stand for?
- 4 What was the name of the Chief Fireman of Trumpton's fire brigade?
- 5 Which group of islands includes La Palma, La Gomera and El Hierro?
- 6 What is the name of the horse in the film 'War Horse'?
- 7 Which designer introduced the 'New Look' in 1947?
- 8 The plantain is closely related to which tropical fruit?
- 9 In the House of Commons, which MP is entitled to be called the 'Father of the House'?
- 10 In which sport is the Calcutta Cup a trophy?
- 11 Who has a summer residence at Castel Gandolfo?
- 12 Which item of men's apparel was introduced by fashion entrepreneur Mr Fish in the late 1960s?

Answers on page 39

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Biology: changing the world

Why were scientists marching?

Earth Day, Saturday 22 April 2017, saw scientists and supporters of science all over the world March for Science

This was an incredible and unprecedented global action with the march occurring in over 500 cities. In the UK, there were marches in London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Bristol and Manchester. I had friends marching there and in Dublin, Melbourne, Washington, Berlin, Paris, Mexico City and probably in other places. I was one of the thousands peacefully marching in London. Why were scientists so stirred up that they organised a concerted international day of action?

Simply, many scientists are concerned that the major issues facing the planet, such as climate change, food security, and emerging diseases, require Government policies based on evidence. Yet, many politicians are ignoring the scientific consensus on these issues and are pursuing policies that fly in the face of the available evidence. This is not about partisan politics; it is about using the knowledge we have and making the best decisions we can for the future of the planet and its people. One of the March for Science placards was "There is no Planet B".

One of our UK politicians recently said "Britain has had enough of experts". That is an incredibly damning phrase. Do you prefer your GP to have no expertise in health matters? Would you like your electrician not to understand electrical circuitry? Would you prefer your police to have no knowledge of the law or your vicar to



have no knowledge of the Bible? We need experts in all walks of life. We need scientific experts to understand why the arctic ice caps are melting, to maximise the amount of food we can produce, to develop the next vaccines against diseases such as Zika virus, to replace the antibiotics that are rapidly losing their effectiveness, and to develop the next generation of smart materials in our 'phones, our cars and our houses.

Scientists are angry – not because they are not appreciated, but because their expertise is being dismissed in favour of political expediency. Most scientists would far rather be in the lab or talking with their students and colleagues, but instead they have taken to the streets. The fact that those streets are on every continent, illustrates what a global activity science is. My own science has included collaborations with colleagues in the US, in Germany, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Mexico, Australia, Japan and China. My collaborations have so far resulted in scientific publications. Now I am collaborating with many in protesting that

the evidence that science provides is being dismissed in favour of beliefs that fly in the face of the evidence, and that organisations and regulatory mechanisms based on sound scientific research are being disbanded.

As one placard at the March for Science put it “Things are so bad, even the introverts showed up”.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and suggestions for future articles at nigeltbrown48@gmail.com

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George Kyriakides	Grade 3
Sarah Paul	Grade 5 (Theory)

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Jenny head and Anne Johns, who have written a history of the college, will be giving us a talk focussing on local interest. Please do come and join us (the Heytesbury-Sudan Link Group) for this event, which will include light refreshments and an update on our own link with Maridi in South Sudan - Friday 12th May, 7pm in Corsley Reading Rooms.

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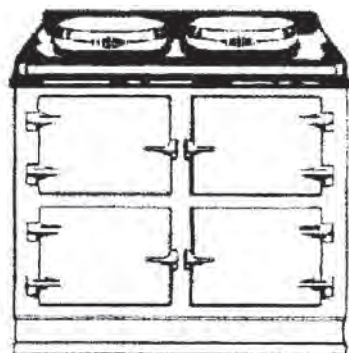


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Division D - Floral Art (Open)

Judge – Lucy Ellis (NAFAS Area Judge)

- | Class | Description |
|-----------|--|
| 84 | Keepsake
A miniature exhibit. Space allowed: 4"/10cm in width, depth & height. May be brought already assembled. To be staged on a raised section of white covered tabling (provided). To be viewed all round and judged from the front. |
| 85 | Celebrations
A cake (not a real cake) design decorated with plant material (Fresh or dried). May be brought ready assembled. Space allowed: 12"/30cm width and depth. Height 8"/. Viewed and judged from the front and from above. |
| 86 | Reflection(s)
An exhibit using foliage (this includes buds not showing petal colour and flowerless bracts.) Space allowed: 36"/91 cm width. 27"/69cm depth and height optional. Viewed and judged from the front. |
| 87 | "And the Prize goes to..."
A still life (please note that plant material must predominate). Space allowed: 36"/91cm width, 27"/69cm depth and height optional. Viewed and judged from the front. |
| 88 | Wonderland
An exhibit to include a title card. Space allowed: 36"/91cm width, 27"/69cm depth and height optional. Height optional. Viewed and judged from the front. |
| 89 | Parallel Lines
A contemporary exhibit. Space allowed: 36"/91cm width. 27"/69cm depth and height optional. To be viewed and judged from the front |
| 90 | That Might Come in Handy One Day
MEN ONLY An exhibit incorporating an object that might come in handy one day. Space allowed: 36"/91cm width, 27"/69cm depth and height optional. To be viewed and judged from the front. |
| 91 | Wiltshire Air Ambulance
NOVICE CLASS An exhibit predominately using Green and Yellow plant material. Space allowed: 36"/91cm width, 27"/69cm depth and height optional. To be viewed and judged from the front. |

Full rules can be found on the website www.corsleyshow.org.uk

Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activities in April

There was just one PC meeting in April, an occasional one on the 4th, called mainly to consider the planning application for the Bay Tree Close development plans. The opportunity was also taken for an update on some key streetscene issues and a discussion on the maintenance of footpath kissing gates.

Planning Application

17/01534/FUL Land adjacent to 4 Baytree Close Corsley, BA12 7ER

Construction of five two-bedroom, three person bungalows together with associated car parking and landscaping.

This proposal has been developed over the last 18 months or so, in full consultation with the PC, and the progress of this development has been reported in several editions of *The Bridge*. The bungalows will be built by Wiltshire Council on their land between Bay Tree Close and the back of Birchwood and let through the social housing programme.

The proposal comprised 19 documents, including site plans, development layouts, planting plans, a visual impact statement, drainage details and pre-application advice. The majority of the documents were identical to those already tabled at

previous considerations of the development, the major exceptions being the visual impact and drainage reports and the pre-application advice.

The visual impact had been considered from all possible angles, with accompanying photographs, all of which were concluded to indicate slight to minimal adverse effects, rising to moderate from the footpath to the east of the site. Planned tree planting would provide mitigation.

The drainage report ran to 84 pages of very detailed technical analysis and justification, but, essentially, the proposed scheme for both rain water and foul water was the one which had emerged after considerable earlier discussion between the PC, Wiltshire and the drainage contractor Opus. This scheme had already been accepted by the PC and comprises a self-contained treatment plant and a new soakaway, unconnected to the existing Bay Tree facilities.

Pre-application advice related to a Planning Development Services requirement for the Bay Tree Project Officer to show how the development met Core Policy 44, Rural Exceptions sites. This was provided on the basis of local community support, genuine local need, relation to existing development,

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environmental considerations, scale of development (less than ten dwellings) and availability/accessibility of local services.

There had been no public representations and the PC recorded unanimous support for the application. It should be noted that the application concerned only the development site for the bungalows and not other associated planned aspects, such as the additional footpath, new bus stops and a safer crossing refuge on the A362 opposite to the entrance to Bay Tree Close. These will be dealt with as separate items.

Streetscene

The major streetscene issues related to traffic safety in the Whitbourne Springs/ Longhedge/Knapps Gate area of Corsley, along the Safari Park diversionary entrance route. Representatives of the PC had met with Longleat, the Council Traffic Officer and had subsequent discussions with residents of the area, directly and by email, before the issues were passed to the Area Board for the March meeting of the Community Area Traffic Group. Three items were agreed as Corsley priorities for consideration for the limited funding available. In general, these would, if they came to fruition, require a funding input from the PC.

The issues are:

- Cars entering the one-way system from the A362 and then re-accessing the A362 against the one way system by crossing the grass triangle. The proposal is that the triangle is altered so the U turn is no longer possible. Initial work would be a topographical survey to develop and cost the scope of work. The Parish Council agreed to fund its portion of the cost of the survey if it is taken forward. It was agreed that Longleat would be approached to contribute as and when the final project costs are known.

- Excessive speed of Safari Park traffic through the narrow and winding lane from the A362 to Knapp's Gate. The proposal is for consideration of a 20mph speed limit through the narrowest part at Whitbourne Springs
- Driver disorientation when approaching Long Hedge from Whitbourne Springs causing cars to go onto the wrong side of the road just before the blind crest of the hill dropping into Longhedge. The proposals is for a signage review and consideration of a 30 mph speed limit from Whitbourne to Knapps Gate.

Footpaths

Damage to a specific kissing gate had been reported to the PC (where Public Right of Way (PROW) No. 5 emerges on the lane from Derford to Temple) and from discussion and individual PC members' knowledge it was clear that several other such gates were in need of repair. Kissing gates on Corsley PROW had originally been installed by the Wiltshire Ramblers, on behalf of Wiltshire County, to replace normal stiles and increase the accessibility of the countryside. Funding was largely supplied by the generosity of individuals and organisations in the Village, but with no long term maintenance obligation.

Wiltshire's policy with respect to maintenance of stiles and gates on PROW is that the owner of the land crossed by the path, or the occupier in the case of rented land, is responsible for their upkeep. The PC recognised that there was a wider issue in that all the kissing gates which had been installed some 15 years ago were probably approaching the end of their life. There was likely to be an ongoing maintenance requirement and a need for a consistent and appropriate policy.

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In the case of specific gates reported, it was agreed that the PC would approach the land owner concerned, but for the longer term there was a need for a full survey and assessment if the size of the issue.

Elections

Despite the diversionary interest in the recent announcement of a General Election, there remains the even more important event of local elections taking place on 4th May, covering Parish and County. Nominations for both have been published and in the case of the Parish Council there are exactly nine nominations for nine seats. Wiltshire have therefore declared that there will be no election as such for the PC, but that all nominated will serve. However, there very definitely is a competition for the "Warminster Without" Wiltshire County seat, the one which covers Corsley, between the three main political party representatives and election papers are being distributed right now.

Bonfires

Amongst the regular stream of correspondence received by the PC, last month there was one concerning garden bonfires and nuisance created by smoke. The question asked was whether the PC could intervene in a neighbourly dispute about such a bonfire and it therefore seemed appropriate to include a brief note about the rules.

Basically the PC has no authority to intervene but the government website does have some useful advice:

Garden bonfires: the rules

There are no laws against having a bonfire, but there are laws for the nuisance they can cause.

Burning domestic waste

- You can't get rid of household waste if

it will cause pollution or harm people's health. This includes burning it.

- You can get rid of household or garden waste by composting or recycling it. Contact your local council to find out how to dispose of garden waste and about recycling in your area.

Danger to traffic by smoke

- You could be fined if you light a fire and you allow the smoke to drift across the road and become a danger to traffic.

Complain about a neighbour's bonfire

- Your council can issue an 'abatement notice' if a neighbour's bonfire is causing a nuisance. A bonfire must happen frequently to be considered a nuisance.
- Your neighbour can be fined up to £5,000 if they don't stick to the notice.

Future Meetings 2017

Annual Parish Council Meeting

(Election of Chair and Vice-Chair)

Monday 15th May, 7.30 pm

Corsley Reading Room (main room)

Quarterly Meeting

Monday 5th June, 7.30 pm

Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

Quarterly Meeting

Monday 4th September, 7.30 pm

Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

Quarterly Meeting

Monday 4th December, 7.30 pm

Corsley Reading Room (lower room)

There may be occasional meetings at short notice – please watch the village noticeboards.

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Dear Friends,

Perhaps by the time you read this you will have heard the song of the cuckoo once more, a sound that announces that spring has truly sprung. For the moment I will content myself with rapidly greening hedgerows and a garden that seems to be budding and flowering before my very eyes. Once again the miracle of new life unfolds and little green shoots push their way through the soil in the vegetable bed.

Biblical writers were acutely aware of the precious beauty of the natural world but they also had the greatest respect for it as well. Life for these nomadic people was hard and food, water and security were understood to be gifts to be treasured; there was no illusion or indeed expectation that life would be easy or that human beings had everything under control.

We live in uncertain times do we not, a time when peace and stability seem to be slipping away and we fear for a future in which volatile leaders make decisions that have far reaching consequences for the whole world order. Most of the time we are able to push any thoughts of our own human vulnerability firmly under the carpet and comfort ourselves that we in the 21st century are far more sophisticated than those biblical men and women, that we have progressed to such an extent that we are completely in control of our own destinies. Now and then a catastrophic event or series of events will jolt us out this complacent and arrogant assumption and I think the context we find ourselves in today is such a time.

Of course our perspective on life is different to our predecessors, we live in a very different age, and unlike them our news channels supply us with graphic images of the human suffering of people thousands of miles away twenty four hours a day on a relentless roll of grief and loss; there is something awful about sitting watching all this in the comfort of one's own sitting room.

So, I want to give grateful thanks for the fact that I live in this beautiful and peaceful place, I want to acknowledge that I lead an astonishingly privileged life and that I feel helpless in the face of the suffering I see in Syria and beyond. I want to admit to feel unnerved by world events but I also want to point to the Christian understanding of hope; however dark the world seems, and however impossible it looks that new life will ever appear, love will prevail in the end, God is in there somewhere. St Francis of Assisi encapsulated everything I have been trying to say with these words: 'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of one single candle.'

Love and prayers,

Pauline

May Church Diary

Monday 1st May

2pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Songs of Praise
Celebrating the 150 years of St Philip & St James'



Tuesday 2nd May

7.30pm – After Alpha Tuesday Night Home Group
Details from Richard on 832594



Sunday 7th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Communion
9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist
10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Monday 8th May

10.30am – Time to Think Home Group
Details from Phil on 832845



Sunday 14th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Communion
10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist
11am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Matins



Tuesday 16th May

7.30pm – After Alpha Tuesday Night Home Group
Details from Richard on 832594



Thursday 18th May

10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church & Community Coffee Morning



Saturday 20th May

2.30pm at Manor Farm, Corsley
May Fayre

Sunday 21st May: Rogation Sunday

10am at Malthouse Farm, Corsley: Rogation service

6pm at Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill: Rogation service



Monday 22nd May

10.30am – Time to Think Home Group

Details from Phil on 832845



Thursday 25th May: Ascension Day

2.15pm at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill

A short service with reading of the Lord's Prayer



Sunday 28th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist

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



Sunday 4th June: Pentecost

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

9.30am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter & St Paul's, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

150th Anniversary of St Philip and St James'

Our village church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on Monday 1st May. We are planning an afternoon 'Songs of Praise' service at 2pm, which will be led by the Bishop of Ramsbury. The hymns will be chosen by representatives of village organisations. This will be followed by cake and a cup of tea in the school hall. There will also be an exhibition of the Church's history which is being put together by the Chapmanslade History Group. We hope all the village will join in this celebration.

Do you have any treasured memories of the church that you could share with us, or photographs of Sunday School outings, weddings or christenings? Anything you could lend us will be much appreciated (and carefully looked after). Please contact Phil (832845) or Ian (832318) if you can help.

Fundraising

Our May Fayre will be held on Saturday 20th May from 2.30 pm. We are delighted that, once again, Claire and Chris da Costa have invited us back to Manor Farm, Corsley.

We need your help to make this important fundraising event a success. We need cakes, scones, tarts, pies, jams and other produce to sell on the cakes stall; bedding plants, herbs and perennials for the plant stall; prizes for the pot luck stall. But please note that this year there will not be a bric-a brac stall.

We also need volunteers to help erect stalls and to set out tables and chairs; to man the stalls on the day, particularly to serve teas and to help with the washing up. And also to help supervise children's games and competitions.

Do you know someone who would like to hire a stall to sell their own produce? Stalls cost £10 and stallholders can choose to keep the profits or hand them to a charity of their choice. A number of people have already booked space for their stall but we still have some space for a few more.

We often remind ourselves that the church's rightful place is at the heart of the community. The May Fayre gives us an opportunity to prove that we do mean this. Please do all you can to help us make the event a great success, both as a community event and as a fundraiser. Please contact Stella, Judith or Phil with offers of help.

In the week before Easter we were given the opportunity to man the charity shop in Frome that is run by the Rotary Club of Frome. We had a most enjoyable week and raised nearly £700 for church funds. Our thanks to the Rotary Club for the opportunity and to all our helpers who manned the shop.

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Corsley WI

April news

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



At the April Meeting of Corsley WI, the speaker was Karen Hayter, a consultant from the House of Colour, with a talk on *Who Do You Think You Are?* Karen explained that our first impressions of people are judged on 5% of the spoken words, 28% by the actual voice and 67% by the visual appearance. However, how we dress may not reflect how we wish to be perceived. Instead of being authoritative, black can make us seem austere and unapproachable, whereas nondescript clothes might make us blend into the background and seem insignificant. Taking into account our natural colouring, our body shape and our personality, whatever age we are, we can enhance what nature has given us to make us look good and feel good and Karen demonstrated how easily the right colours, styles and accessories can make all the difference. Carol Seward gave the vote of thanks.

The Annual Outing will be to Windsor on Wednesday 5 July, with an early start! You would be able to visit Windsor Castle, go on the tour bus, take a boat trip, go shopping or just explore the town and the riverside. The outing is open to all, so please book your places promptly. The list will be out at the next meeting or you can ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 to reserve a seat on the coach.

The Wiltshire Federation has organized a workshop on machine embroidery and a golf/croquet tournament. Further details

will be available at our next meeting. The competition for an animal ornament was won by Amanda Bain, with Hilary Vallis second and Jenny Candy third.

The winner of the annual draw for a bursary to Denman College was Tessa Penney.

There will be a Bring and Buy Plant Sale at the meeting on 11th May at 7.30pm and also a discussion on the two resolutions to be put forward to the NFWI AGM of 'Alleviating Loneliness' and 'Plastic Soup'. This is followed by a demonstration by Maureen Hinton on *Flowers For All Occasions*, so please come along to what promises to be a very interesting meeting.

We are looking for new members and we are a friendly group, so for a warm welcome and a nice cup of tea, just come and visit us at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month in the Reading Room at Corsley. The exact times are mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report and also in *The Bridge* Diary Dates or ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 for information.

Would you like to learn Bridge? Beginners are very welcome and anyone over 18 can come. Maybe you are interested in visiting gardens or would like to join us for lunch once a month? These events are not just for WI members. If you would like further details please contact Pauline Scott on 01985 215760, as the venues vary each month.



News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's news from
Corsley Cuckoo's PreSchool in Lyes Green, Corsley.

Little Cuckoos hosted its ever-popular annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday; we were absolutely delighted to have raised over £650 from the hunt, face painting and biscuit decorating. Over 200 people attended the event which was amazing! The special Golden Egg was found by a Corsley family who have been attending the event for over eight years! A big thank you to T J Cooke Building Contractors who kindly sponsored the event. Another big thank you to our own Easter Bunny who also generously donates money towards the prizes every year. We really do appreciate of the local support given to us.

We are now entering term five of the curriculum year; with the warmer weather we will be learning outside in the sand-pit, mud kitchen and our new addition - the Willow Arch.

We are always looking for volunteers to join our enthusiastic team. We are currently looking for a Chairperson – would this suit you? Perhaps you know someone who matches the criteria? The role would suit someone with admin and organisational experience, an interest in education (especially early years) would be an advantage, but most importantly a passion to ensure the ethos of Little Cuckoos continues.



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Term-time Mother and toddler group: Tuesday 10 am - 11.30 am

For more information, please contact us on 01373 832298

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Saturday 5th August

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Your humble scribe

Lady Wobbler (nee Trembler)



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118, or £5 for the best painting, drawing
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There's a prize of £10 for the winner
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and measured by the judges. The longest
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The Explorer Trails will start at the village hall. £4.00 per family. This event will be great for everyone of any age: solve the clues to complete the mission!

There will be lots of crafts, games and refreshments being held at the village hall and along the trail.

Why not book in for a special lunch at the Three Horseshoes along the way?

If you would like to enter your Dino Monster into the competition, it will be displayed along the trail or at one of the main stop-off points (the Church, village hall or the pub) please email explorertrail@chapmanslade.org.uk to enter, or drop a note to 60 High Street.

Dino Monsters must be a minimum of 750mm high. It can be made out of what ever material you like. There will be a prize for the favourite which will be chosen by people attending the trail.

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Spring-time care for your pond

Water gardening

Spring is the time of the year we all start looking forward to, with the arrival of longer, warmer days and the attention turns to the great outdoors. It is time to make the most of the outdoor space and ponds are a vital element of many gardens. Fish keeping and maintain a pond can be highly rewarding and an enjoyable experience.

Many pond keepers are aware that the ideal time for a spring clean is after the frost but before the frog spawn. Spring is the time for a comprehensive check on the pond in order to maximise enjoyment over the warmer summer months.

The following points provide a good outline of what to consider when carrying out pond checks.

- Water quality and fish health. Test kits can help with this, as well as looking for physical signs of ill health.
- Cleaning the bottom of the pond may not sound like the most appealing job but it's an essential part of maintaining its health. Debris, plant matter, uneaten food and fish waste can also collect at the bottom of the pond, creating an unhealthy layer of sludge.
- Thoroughly cleaning the pump and checking all parts have survived the winter is vital to remember, carefully check the impeller-de-scaling if necessary and also look at perishable parts such as o-rings.
- The UV Lamp should be checked to ensure it is in full working order, Ideally this should be replaced annually for it to remain efficient.
- All hosing should be examined for leaks and replacements and repairs should be carried out as soon as possible as these issues will only get worse with time.

- Treat blanketweed early to keep it at a short crop this will ensure easy management for the long term.

Pond cleaning can bring to light a number of issues that may have been ignored over the winter months, such as parasites, single cell algae and blanketweed.

One of the best and most simple pieces of advice I can offer to existing or potential pond keepers is to carry out regular water tests, the results will speak for themselves as pond carers will quickly know if there is a problem that needs solving, using simple solutions and treatments to ensure their pond is kept clean and clear and looking great. When caring for a pond its often the case that one change will have a wider affect, so customers need to be prepared for this, for example if new media is added to the filter or has had a filter turned off over the colder months, it can take a significant amount of time for the environment to turn into a living ecosystem.

Adding a treatment to help re-seed the filter with good bacteria to encourage a healthy environment for both fish and wildlife is essential. Any changes to the water also required e-balance of chemicals to ensure that wildlife and fish aren't negatively affected. It's advisable that whenever fresh water is added a solution be included to eradicate any harmful chemicals and preserve a health balance to the water.

I encourage you all to take care of your ponds especially in the spring time as the results will give you a worry free summer with your pond.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on Chapmanslade's Annual Meeting and the parish council's April meeting

Annual Parish Meeting:

20 members of the public attended the parish's Annual Meeting, which was held in the village hall on 13th April. We were joined by Fleur de Rhe Philipe, our Wiltshire councillor, and by Debbie Robbins, our PCSO. Adam Brill and Sally Evans, school governors (Sally is also chairman of the Busy Bees pre-school management committee), were present to help us discuss traffic issues in the village. Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing these issues, which had figured largely in the recent Voice of the Village exercise and which have been debated by the parish council on numerous occasions in the past.

Speeding

The community Speed Watch scheme has operated in the High Street for a number of years, the aim being to educate drivers to stay within the 30 mph speed limit as they drive through the village. In the past year volunteers in the Speed Watch teams have monitored speeds through the village for a minimum of one week in every month. Volunteer numbers have risen during the year and currently stand at 14, although some are due to leave the village in the near future. Two new volunteers will be trained in May 2017. Over the year, the volume of vehicles has increased with a peak around 600 per hour at morning and evening rush hour.

In terms of speeding vehicles, we mentioned that Speed Watch continues to scratch the surface of the problem through deterrent as well as logging and reporting speeding vehicles, which usually accounts for 1% of those seen. Motorists who are reported receive a letter from the police and, where speeds are in excess of 40 mph, they receive a visit from a police officer.

Residents present at the meeting discussed these issues. It was suggested that using two cameras, one at each end of the village, might increase the effectiveness of the scheme. Average speed cameras were mentioned as an effective measure, too. It was recognised that more volunteers for periods outside the working day are needed, especially to deter those speeders constantly reported by dog walkers around 0630-0800.

A3098 Weight Restriction: The current weight restriction through the village is 18 tonnes. Broadly this means that a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) with three or more axles driving on the High Street is breaking the law if it is not delivering within the restricted area. This weight restriction is widely ignored by HGV drivers, who use our village as a rat-run between the A36 and Frome, and is a constant cause of concern in the village. I started an unofficial lorry watch scheme some time ago and this has now been taken up as part of the Village

Voice initiative. We discussed the possibility of the parish council starting an official scheme, which would need the blessing of Wiltshire Council and the police.

The parish council has expressed concern about the use by HGV drivers of satnavs designed for cars: these do not show routes that are covered by a weight restriction. We wrote to Andrew Murrison, our MP, asking him to request the Department of transport to make this practice illegal. Andrew Jones MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, wrote to us recently turning down our request, saying it would be a “costly, bureaucratic and inappropriate way” of dealing with the problem. He contends that the Government is working with interested parties, such as freight associations, local authorities and satnav companies, to improve the service users get from satnavs. He feels that communication and co-operation is the best way of dealing with the issue. Mr Jones did say, however, that, as a Minister with a rural constituency, he shares our residents’ concerns and is keen to ensure that large good vehicles are driven on appropriate roads. Clearly he does not have a High Street like ours in his constituency!

It is the parish council’s view that poor signage, particularly on the A36, is largely responsible for the wholesale ignoring of the weight restriction. We have written to Highways England requesting better signage and have had a sympathetic response. Residents at the meeting agreed that we need better signs and the parish council will pursue this in the coming months.

A long time ago Wiltshire Council announced its intention of introducing a 7.5 tonne weight restriction through the village but it has never implemented this. This would be the parish council’s preferred option, a view which we know is shared

by much of the village, certainly by those present at the meeting, but Fleur made it clear that there is no chance of us achieving this until Highways England improves the junction of the A303 and the A350 at Willoughby Hedge, north of Shaftesbury. Be assured, that will not happen for a very long time!

Congestion in the High Street

There was a positive and forward-looking discussion on this perennial subject. There was agreement that the school is a successful and thriving establishment but that part of the consequence of this success is that at certain times in the day the High Street gets congested. Ways of trying to mitigate this effect were discussed: a walking bus arrangement, a 20 mph speed limit, reinstating the crossing patrol, “build-outs” and speed humps, a car park in the centre of the village – perhaps near Green Farm, helping parents to park in a more responsible way, a drop-off point outside the school.

We gave an assurance that the parish council will continue to look at all the options. Fleur promised us that Wiltshire Council will be happy to consider ideas put forward as it wishes to help in any way it can. However, she advised that is better to stick to one plan and implement that, rather than to work too many plans.

Annual Report

In the second part of the meeting councillors presented their annual report, which summarises the parish council’s activities over the previous twelve months. The report covers the 14 planning applications we considered in the year, as well as planning issues concerning Sienna’s Valley, Thoulstone and Longleat. The other areas covered in the report are speeding, weight restrictions, lorry watch, traffic congestion,

highway maintenance, fracking, bus services, the village plan, the village hall, the defibrillator, broadband speeds and mains gas. You can find the full report in the parish council section of the village website.

Village Plan

The report contains an update on the Village Plan process, which the Parish Council initiated towards the end of the summer last year. Since then a Steering group has been formed and a huge effort to involve and consult as many people in the community has taken place. This effort leads to the creation of the Plan questionnaire. This is the conduit where everyone aged 11 or more can have their say about the village. Adam informed us of his hope that the questionnaire will be distributed shortly.

It was anticipated when this process started that some good positive initiatives would evolve to make Chapmanslade a better place to live, work and play. Already there has been a very successful (and damp!) litter pick; LorryWatch has established the level of law breaking by overweight vehicles in the village; the Facebook community page has helped people share news and views and the possibilities of mains gas is being explored. We mentioned that a leaflet giving up-to-date guidance on mains gas would be delivered to households shortly. Adam (832437) or David Arthur (832996) will try their best to answer any of your queries. These are just a few of early projects and the results of the questionnaire will doubtless help to trigger many more.

Retiring Councillors

The end of an era was reached at the meeting as Dennis Barnard attended his last meeting of the parish council as a parish councillor. Dennis first joined the council in 1968 and, in all, he has given 42 years service as a councillor. That is an

outstanding achievement. Dennis truly is "Mr Chapmanslade", having been born and bred here and he has played such a huge part in the village over so many years - the chapel, where he was a leading member of the congregation until it closed; he ran the post office and village shop; his involvement with the village hall, particularly the project to rebuild the original hall in 1972; the parish church, where he has organised many fundraising events over the years; and also many years as a school Governor, including Chairman.

As a parish councillor he has been a leading light in so many of the initiatives that have helped to make Chapmanslade "God's Own Country", as his friends in Frome Rotary have a delight in calling Chapmanslade. He has a passion for the village which is unrivalled and he has worked tirelessly and selflessly in all his roles to protect and improve the quality of life for all everyone living in the village. He was, and still is, "the man to go to" within the village.

Dennis was presented with a glass decanter by his colleagues on the parish council as a token of their gratitude for the service he has given to the village. We told him just how grateful we are to him for all he has done over so many years. We thanked him most warmly and we wished him and Gwen a long and happy retirement. A while ago we thought he might be leaving the village around now but that is not to be the case for the time being. We wished both of them all the best for whatever the future holds for them.

Adam Oakley and I have also decided to stand down as parish councillors. We were thanked for the service we have given in this role. John Foster and Charlie Thackway will be joining the council as new members. Francis Morland, Keith Muston, Philip

Holihead and John Lewis will complete the line-up and a seventh vacancy will be filled in due course.

Parish Council Meeting:

The Annual Meeting was followed by a short meeting of the parish council. Two matters were raised:-

Village Plan

The draft questionnaire, which will shortly be distributed to parish residents, was discussed. Phil Holihead and the other members of the Village Voice steering committee were thanked for their hard work and we agreed that it should now be printed and distributed. We hope for a good response from residents, certainly one that will match the response from the original Chapcap questionnaire 15 years ago.

Finance

In accordance with standard practice, the statement of accounts was presented to the council and was approved. Minnie, our clerk, had distributed the Governance statement and procedures, the variation statement, the accounts as per audit requirements and the bank reconciliation. We agreed that these would be discussed further at a meeting to be arranged for 3rd May following the internal auditor’s scrutiny of accounts on 28th April.

Next Parish Council Meeting

There will be two meetings in May. The first, which I mentioned above, will be held in the church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd May and will consider the financial papers referred to above. The second, which is our Annual General Meeting, will be held in the village hall on Thursday 18th May, at 7.30 pm. The council’s officers, including chairman, will be elected at this meeting. Do come along to both or either of these meetings, to speak or just to listen.

And finally – yes really!

Many thanks for reading my newsletters over the past four years and for the support you have given me as your parish council chairman. Those four years have certainly kept your councillors very busy – music festivals, wind turbines, alpacas, Thoulstone and Barbers Farm developments, to mention just a few of the issues. I believe very strongly that government at all levels should be open and transparent, hence these monthly reports. I hope that I have been truthful in presenting to you the issues that have come our way and that you have found the newsletters helpful and informative. I offer my best wishes to my successor.

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In whatsoever state I am...

How true the above words are, written by the Apostle Paul, 'in chains' in Rome. My Honda Jazz recently needed repair, giving me five days without personal transport and time to try the local bus services.

I rode from Warminster to Bradford on Avon one day, had a pot of tea and slice of cake in a tea room, and walked to Avoncliff and back. The trip ended with afternoon tea, before the return bus journey.

Another day, I caught the bus to Corsley, visiting my friend Joyce at Heathway. On the trip back, I left the bus at Picket Post and walked three miles home via Cannimore Wood, near the proposed Longleat Hotel site.

I thought I knew how privileged I am to have my own transport. It's why you often see me with passengers; why be alone in the car when three other seats can be filled?! Despite this thinking, being without the car was a shock.

Having no car on a Sunday also made me reflect on a recent trip to Italy, when two Sundays were spent travelling. Like being without the car and appreciating its difference to my life, being without Chapel two Sundays running, showed me how important my weekly visit to Whitbourne Chapel is. Yes, I had Bible readings and

prayer time while away, but the weekly fellowship, time spent with other Christians is invaluable, as is time listening to preachers, with greater knowledge of God's word and its meanings. How grateful I am to God, for both his material benefits and the companionship of other Christians on a regular basis.

Large congregation (written tongue-in-cheek by RH)

Chapel news the other year
Clearly proclaimed 'All welcome here'.
This caught the eye of Grandpa Fly.
His wife then chirped, "Let's multiply!"
Well over forty kids they bore
With grandchildren by fifty score.
"Whitbourne Chapel is the best;
Here we'll set up home and rest."
They buzz and dance when there's a hymn,
In coffee cups they try to swim.
Among the window flowers they hide;
Bibles shelter flies inside.
With vacuum, flypapers and a swat,
Let's try to execute the lot.
Extermination of them all
May be an order rather tall.
For Grandpa Fly just smiles, "What cheek,
Two thousand great-grandflies next week!"

Gill Redman
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Regular times

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Rob has expanded the wine list (see the web site for details) and also has regular guest beers. Come and enjoy a drink in our beautiful garden - there will be something to appeal to every taste.

Sara is continuing to produce lovely meals at reasonable prices. Her menu is based

around home-cooked, quality meals using locally sourced supplies with a daily specials board to choose from. Smaller portions are available for children and those with lighter appetites.

The first anniversary of the pub opening as a community-owned free house is the weekend of 10th and 11th of June and there will be a celebration to mark the occasion. More details to follow in the next edition of The Bridge and on our website and Facebook page.

Keep checking the website www.crosskeyscorsley.co.uk or our Facebook page @crosskeysinnncorsley for upcoming events and news or contact the pub on 01373 832406 to book a table. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Mammals are busy too; those you are most likely to see a roe deer fawns and young rabbits. Neither are particularly welcome in our gardens, but they are part of our countryside and farmland. Some areas of grassland need these grazing animals to keep the grass short so that the rarer plants and insects can thrive. May is a good month for butterflies; orange tip, speckled wood, holly blue, red admiral, peacock and small tortoiseshell should all be flying, along with those more difficult whites (small, large and green-veined).

Robins, blackbirds, song and mistle thrushes should have fledged their first broods of young by now. The weather in March was dry and April is heading the same way, so they may not be able to find enough worms to raise a second brood. Blue and great tits should be gathering caterpillars which are feeding on the newly emerged oak leaves; these birds had a very poor breeding season last year (due to the weather), so hopefully they will fare better in 2017.

If you find a young bird, it is always best to just leave it where it is (unless it is somewhere really dangerous, like the middle of the road!) the parents will be nearby and will come to feed and care for it until it is independent.

Nowadays you have to be really lucky to hear a cuckoo; their populations continue to decline. Current research suggests that their survival depends on taking a particular route to and from their non-breeding grounds in Africa. If you do hear one calling, please let me know; all records are valuable!

Do take time to listen to the bird song; even if you can't make one of the many dawn or dusk chorus walks. It's not vital to be able to identify each species, but there is plenty of information and assistance available for those who would like to learn more.

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. Also please respect signs which ask you to keep your dogs on leads in certain areas; there will be a reason for this request!

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Eve Tigwell

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

We are planning a couple of small projects, one is to address the erosion damage done to the outside wall adjacent to the A362 which in turn is causing damp on some of the inside of that wall. The second project is to modify the exit/ steps from the main hall into the bar area making them safer and make the storage cupboard in there more useful.

Sadly, there has not been sufficient interest in a 'The Villages have Talent' night later this year so it has been decided to drop that event from the calendar.

The committee is keen to support anyone wanting to put on any village-wide events

Cinema Corsley's last performance of the season was the highly acclaimed A United Kingdom. As announced last month we have been awarded our own movie projection kit by the British Film Institute (BFI). Their Neighbourhood Cinema project has agreed to provide equipment. As soon as

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If you would be interested in joining the committee please let me or Jenny Rutty know, or talk to any committee member. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact any of us.

Hugh Deed

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Well, spring has finally arrived and following an excellent Playing Field spring cleaning day we are now all ready to go for the summer. We wanted to thank all those who came and helped on the day and continue to work hard through the year to make the field an inviting place for all to enjoy.

The big event of this year will be the Corsley versus Chapmanslade Bridge Trophy cricket match. As many of you know, it is the 6th year since the competition started and is always great fun for all those that attend. Whilst Corsley has won every year so far it is always extremely close and often down to one run separating the teams. This year Chapmanslade are confident they will be taking the trophy across Divers Bridge for the first time.

The match is being held on Sunday 28th May (see ad on page 16), has free entry and will have a children's game before the big match, licensed bar, lunch and teas for all.

It is always a wonderful day for players and spectators and we hope you will attend.

The cricket wicket is in excellent condition with Ped and Simon having worked hard weeding, scarifying and mowing it to within an inch of its life. The cricket club has purchased a new bowling machine that has helped practice sessions greatly and is great

fun for those of us who cannot bowl swing or bouncers! It has also allowed families to use the wicket with children who are interested in cricket, which is a wonderful sight.

If anyone is interested in playing cricket please let me know and we can arrange for you to come along to practice and even play on a Sunday.

As many of you will have seen, we have had a real problem with badgers over the winter, digging up the field and using it as a toilet. Besides the mess this has created it has also led to potholes across the field that have to be filled in to stop ankles being twisted and other injuries. We have mowed and rolled the entire field multiple times to get it into a fit state for everyone to use. Badgers have also broken fencing to get access to the field. The Playing Field Committee are currently assessing ways in which we can stop the badgers entering the field and causing damage and will let everyone know any measures that will be tried. As many of the village know all too well most of the remedies suggested or being offered have little or no effect on persistent badgers.

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