

The Bridge

May 2018

monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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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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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Deadline

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

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

May

Tuesday 1st

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

Saturday 7th

FREE Family Treasure Hunt – 2-5 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council - Annual Meeting **MOVED TO 14th MAY**

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, Resolutions Meeting and talk by Chris Smaje on 'Frome Organic Veg Box'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Friday 11th

Corsley Show Quiz Night hosted by the Two Bobs! – 7pm Royal Oak, Corsley

Saturday 12th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Coffee Morning and Plant & Produce Sale – 10.30 – 12 noon, Manor Farm Corsley

Frome Inner Wheel afternoon of Cream Teas – 2 - 4 pm, Saturday 12th May, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 13th

Corsley Festival Choir present Handel's 'Messiah' - parts two and three – 7.30 pm, St Margaret's Church

Monday 14th

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

Thursday 17th

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

Sunday 20th

Chicken Chasers' Walk – meeting at 10.30 am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches May Fayre Manor Farm 2.30 pm **CANCELLED**

Sunday 27th

7th Annual Corsley v Chapmanslade Cricket Match - playing for the Bridge Trophy – Corsley Memorial Playing Field (begins at 11.30 with the children's match)

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley



Diary Dates

June

Tuesday 5th

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

Sunday 10th

Chapmanslade Explorer Trail – 11 am - 4 pm

Monday 11th

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

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI - 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'Starting my Lavender Business' with Fiona Cordel

Thursday 21st

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

Sunday 24th

Chapmanslade Barbecue

Pub Quiz – 6 pm, Cross Keys, Corsley

July

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting Corsley Reading Room, "Alternative Packaging" by Prof. Nigel Brown

Saturday 14th

Military Wives Choir Concert – St Margaret's

Thursday 19th

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

Saturday 21st

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches – Pimms and Cream Teas at Job's Mill, Crockerton

continued...

August

Saturday 4th

Elizabethan Evening presents 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' – Manor Farm, Corsley

Sunday 5th

Chapmanslade Cream Teas

Tuesday 7th

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

Thursday 9th

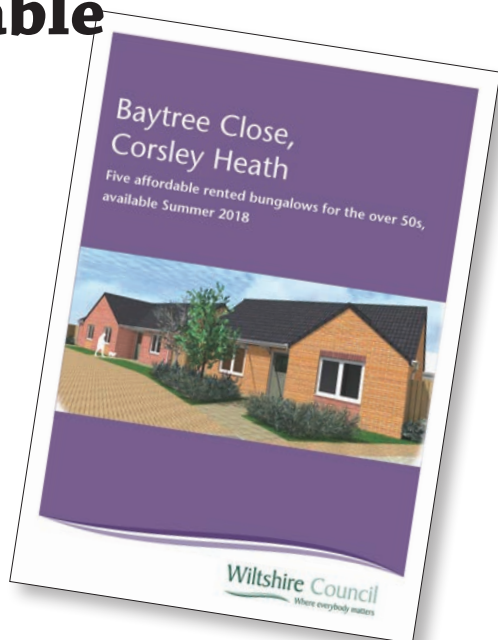
Corsley WI – 7.30pm, President's Supper Evening at 26 Birchwood Close

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For more information, contact Andrew Mead the development commissioning officer on 01225 716672 or 07810 274431 or email AndrewM.Mead@Wiltshire.gov.uk

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Chapmanslade

Explorer Trail

Charlene reports on the Trail Team's latest activities



Chapmanslade Explorer Trail 10th June 11am - 4pm

We had another great meeting in April. We so far have 11 displays for the day and would really love to get to 30. If there are any groups or residents that would like to make something that will be displayed en-route or at one of the stop-off points that would be amazing! We would need to hear back by mid May latest so you can be entered on our Explorer Trail booklet.

We are offering any businesses the chance to advertise in our Explorer Trail booklet for just £10 and we will also advertise your business on our facebook page. Please see our facebook page for more details...

facebook.com/chapmansladeexplorertrail

If you feel you could help on the day for just an hour, please let us know.

There will be additional activities throughout the village to join in with and Chapmanslade Players have also agreed to get involved so there maybe a few surprises along the way!!

Any local group within Chapmanslade or Corsley can have a table at the hall doing an activity/game for free and keep all profits. The activity will just need to be agreed with the group to check there are no duplicates.

If you have any questions or further information, please don't hesitate to give

me a call on 01373 832021 or email Charlene_searle@hotmail.com

Remember, all proceeds will be split four ways: church, Busy Bees Pre-school, Chapmanslade School and Chapmanslade village.

*Many thanks
Chapmanslade Explorer Trail Group*

Church and Community Coffee mornings

A warm welcome to come along to our church and community coffee mornings held each third Thursday of the month. We meet at The Three Horseshoes in Chapmanslade from 10 until noon.

So do come along if you have an hour to spare. Meet lots of friends, old and new, for a chat over a cup of Ben's freshly brewed coffee. And if you're new to the village, this is the place to come to be warmly welcomed and to say hello. Pauline, our vicar, and Debbie or Candy, our PCSOs, are often able to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Bob's bafflers

- 1 In the 17th century, which Judge sat for the so called Bloody Assizes?
- 2 Which film company's logo is a snow capped mountain surrounded by stars?
- 3 Which country borders the Dead Sea together with Israel?
- 4 In which film did the title character have a friend named Elliot?
- 5 Where would you find the Aubrey Holes?
- 6 On which day did Solomon Grundy get married?
- 7 Which Royal Wedding took place in 1973?
- 8 A frittata is an Italian version of what?
- 9 Tokaji wine comes from which country?
- 10 Bogota is the capital of which country?
- 11 Which road is crossed by horses in the Grand National?
- 12 If you buy pamplemousse in France, what do you buy?

Answers on page 48



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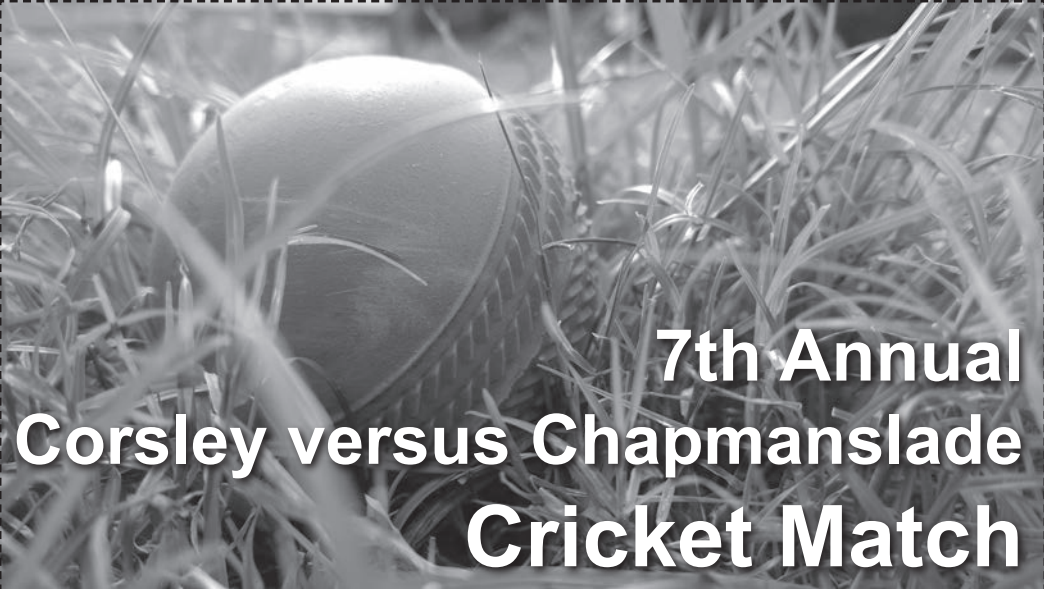
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7th Annual Corsley versus Chapmanslade Cricket Match

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A lovely warm, spring Saturday afternoon in April greeted the group of 17 Chicken Chasers as they headed out for a walk around Chapmanslade and Corsley's footpaths. There were a few muddy sections and tricky stiles to negotiate, but that didn't spoil the fun, and it flagged up some good areas for the Chapmanslade footpath group to focus attention.

The wildlife came out too, with four buzzards and a red kite spotted en-route soaring over the valley. A well earned drink in the Three Horseshoes garden rounded off the afternoon.



The next walk is planned for **Sunday 20th May** meeting at **10.30am** at the **Three Horseshoes**. The route will be around three miles, wear walking boots or wellies as there may be muddy and wet sections. Well behaved dog owners and their four-legged friends welcome.

For info, contact Jaimie on **07740 473725**.

Quiz Night

Hosted by the Two Bobs!

Friday 11th May at the Royal Oak, Corsley
Kick off at 7pm

Kerry, our luscious landlady at the Royal Oak, Corsley, has once again organised a Quiz Night at the pub to support the Corsley Show

All you need is a team of up to six clever blighters and a meagre £8 a head (to include a hot buffet meal at half-time) or a paltry £3 if you're just quizzing.

Andy has once again organised a ton of raffle prizes so don't forget to bring an extra couple of quid with you!

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Biology: changing the world

What is killing our trees?

Now that spring is here, many of us are delighted to see the deciduous trees coming into new leaf, but not all of them will look healthy...



Trees suffer from disease as do other plants, animals and people. Some of us can remember the devastation caused by Dutch Elm Disease (DED), which started in the 1960s in the UK countryside and is still present today. In this and an earlier epidemic over 60 million UK elm trees were lost to the disease, forever changing the UK landscape. However, there are other major tree diseases putting our country landscape at risk. These include Chalara Ash Dieback (CAD), Sudden Oak Death (SOD) and Horse Chestnut Bleeding Canker (HCBC).

What do these diseases have in common? They are all caused by microorganisms. In the case of DED and CAD, different fungi cause the diseases. SOD and HCBC are caused by different species of the fungus-like pathogen, *Phytophthora* (another species

of which caused the Irish potato famine), although more recently bacteria have been implicated in HCBC.

Chalara Ash Dieback is spread by fungal spores, often from rotting leaves, and can be spread by wind, animals or people. It was first identified in the UK in 2012 in East Anglia and Kent, having been blown over from Europe. One symptom of an infected tree is the loss of leaves on branches, which die back to where the fungus is growing in the wood. It spreads rapidly from tree to tree and infected trees may survive for several years, acting as a source of infection. Plant pathologists have identified the disease in over 90% of ash trees in Denmark, but have also identified one tree (called tree 35) which seems resistant. The genetics of this tree are being examined to understand the disease better and it will be used to cultivate resistant trees.

Sudden Oak Death is a big problem in North America, but was first identified in the UK in 2003. It appears to have been introduced on more than one occasion, but the source is not known. Fortunately, Britain's native oaks – the 'English' oak and the sessile oak – are little affected, but larch trees are particularly susceptible. It also affects garden bushes, such as rhododendron, viburnum and camellia. The symptoms are lesions exuding fluid from bark, known as 'bleeding cankers', cracks

in the bark and discoloured leaves. Rapid action to destroy infected trees has limited its spread.

Horse Chestnut Bleeding Canker has similar symptoms to SOD, but may be caused by a bacterium transmitted by an insect, the horse chestnut leaf miner, rather than by wind-borne *Phytophthora* spores. This disease is spreading rapidly. The first case was reported in the 1970s and a survey in 2007 revealed that half the horse chestnut trees in Britain showed some symptoms.

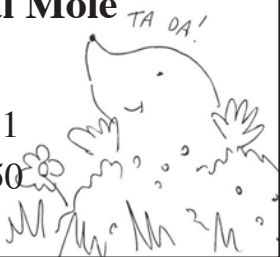
What can we do at a personal level? If you see a potentially diseased tree, you can report this to the Forestry Commission at www.forestry.gov.uk/treelalert. If you have walked near a diseased tree, you should thoroughly clean your boots or shoes as soon as possible to minimise spreading spores. If there are trees or bushes on your property that look as though they may have an infection, ensure you dispose of leaves and cuttings sensibly – preferably by burning. Given the speed with which these diseases spread we need to be vigilant to minimise permanent change to the UK landscape.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com

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Lite Bites Lunches

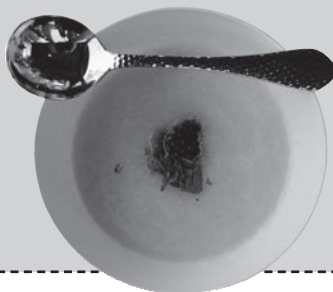
By the time you're reading this, our Lite Bites lunches will have finished for the 'season'. There is no lunch in May but we will be back again in September looking forward to meeting up with all our old 'customers' and hopefully meeting new ones.

Over the past seven months we have raised money for many charities including the Warminster Food Bank, Shelter Box and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. In total, over the seven months to March we collected nearly £600 thanks to the generosity of all those who attended our lunches.

In December we had an extremely well supported Christmas lunch (instead of soup!) which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we collected over £200 which we donated to the Children's Society.

A BIG thank you to all those who have come to the Corsley Reading Rooms for soup and scintillating conversation and who have donated so generously. Please come back again in September – we are looking forward to welcoming you all once again.

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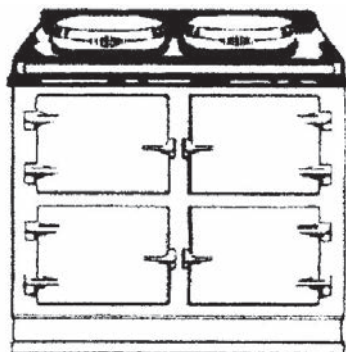


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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

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

Last month was fairly quiet for the Parish Council, with just one meeting since the last edition of *The Bridge*, convened mainly to consider one planning application, traffic and road safety priorities and the grant application to develop a flower meadow on the Old School Playing Field.

Planning applications

18/01514/FUL – Proposed new vehicle access from Roddenbury View and associated landscaping works at Woodpeckers, Lane End.

It was agreed unanimously to register no objection to this application. It has now been approved subject to conditions relating to reinforcement of the bank on the south side of Roddenbury View by way of the required excavations and appropriate surfacing of the entrance next to the road.

Traffic and Road Safety

Following the Annual Parish Meeting and the extensive discussions on this topic, the PC considered follow up actions and priorities:

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS)

For these to work most effectively their location should be changed periodically and the period they are working for should also be variable. Whilst not in use, the devices would need to be securely stored.

Volunteers, at least two, need to be trained in their use, with costs of the order of £170 each. The devices themselves could cost up to £2,500 each and would require ongoing maintenance. If the funding could be identified, this option could be implemented relatively quickly and the Highways Department are supportive.

With respect to funding, the Area Board have supported similar schemes, usually with the requirement for matched funding from the applicant, and there is also a possibility that local businesses may be persuaded to contribute to the costs. There is no current provision in the precept to cover the costs involved, but these other funding options would be investigated further.

Whitbourne Springs

The work to make the Whitbourne Springs/A362 junction safer is already in the CATG programme. The PC have contributed to the cost of the precursor topographic survey and the final recommendations and CATG approval are awaited. Any implementation will require a further contribution from the PC. Representations will be made to Longleat Estate to discuss potential for their assistance with the funding. If an acceptable funding package can be put together then this project could get into the programme for 2018/2019.

Metro count repeat

A repeat count so soon after the last one was unlikely to get approval from the local authority and positioning of the counters is subject to constraints. Because of the latter, it would be very unlikely that any change of position would generate results significantly different from the previous siting.

Speed Watch

A draft letter to Wiltshire Police, making a case for a speed watch to be done on the A362, was approved. This has now been forwarded

Extension of the 40 mph speed

At the APM there was a strong voice for extending the 40mph speed limit eastwards to the Picket Post roundabout. The PC view was that establishing the case for this would be difficult. The PC would have to initiate a separate survey, at its own cost and from previous experience, it was unlikely that the results would meet the criteria for such a speed reduction. Based on the PC understanding of the history of this stretch the parish is fortunate that the 40 mph limit extended westwards as far as it did.

Other works

These include issues aired at the APM, such as junction re-alignment by virtue of 'moving' white lines at Corsley Heath, re alignment of bus stop kerbs will require CATG approval and also PC contributions. Further consultation with CATG is required before costs can be fully defined and some of this work may be able to be included as part of the Bay Tree Close development.

PC Grants

Creation of wild flower meadow on the Old School Playing Field

The PC had received an application from

a voluntary group to convert the OSPF into a wild flower meadow/nature area. Several discussions have taken place between PC representatives, the applicants and other advisers to assess the viability of the proposal and the detail of the proposal.

The PC were generally supportive of the project, but there was concern that in the first year the project was heavily reliant for some of the key preparatory work on uncommitted resource, with no fall-back position if that resource was unavailable, either voluntary or professional. It is a long-term project and if the initial work is not done properly then future success is unlikely.

The Vice Chair advised that the some of key activities could be done in conjunction with similar activities at High House Farm and that this could reduce costs. It was agreed that the Chair should advise the applicant of the PCs concerns and explore what risk mitigation could be put in place. The application team have been advised to update the PC at the next meeting on 14th May.

Dates of next meetings

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for the 7 May, this is a Bank Holiday. This was agreed to be changed:

Annual Parish Council Meeting 14 May
(election of Chair and Vice Chair)

Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm, 11 June

Quarterly Meeting 7.30 pm, 3 September

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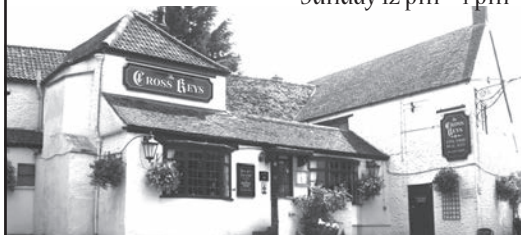
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Dear Friends,

Whilst Pauline takes part in a three month sabbatical, I have been invited to write these 'Rectors Notes'. As I write, Pauline is spending time at the Franciscan Community at Hilfield; we wish her a profitable and prayerful time reflecting. But what a wet, dreach and dreary Easter holiday – so much rain and gloom. However, I hope, like me, you managed to find some sunshine. We celebrated Easter Day with some panache, Bishop Edward Condry took the service at Kingston Deverill, followed by some celebratory Prosecco and Pauline's cakes. It was very encouraging to have the church absolutely full to overflowing. Bishop Ed has been a good friend and supporter of our Benefice over the past five years, joining us on many occasions. In his sermon he remembered, with affection, the Benefice Lent walk that he joined; it started in Chapmanslade and onwards to all seven churches ending up at Longbridge. There was also another Lent walk through the valley and the 'starry' night he spent in a shepherds hut on the downs. We wish him and Sarah well in his retirement and a safe move. The other highlight, on the best sunny day over Easter, I managed an outing with two grandchildren to Peppa Pig Land and was rewarded by seeing their joy and excitement in the sunshine.

Easter is one of the high points of the liturgical year when, after a period of spiritual reflection throughout Lent, the crucifixion on Good Friday, we mark the resurrection of Christ with joy and celebration – Easter Egg hunts, chocolate and happy children. It is also a time that is synonymous with new life and new birth; from the resurrection of Jesus to the fields full of new lambs that we see around us. In the midst of our turbulent, unsettled world let us give thanks for the beauty we see here. We feel helpless in the face of growing threats of war and conflict but, however dark it seems, remember the Christian understanding of hope, new life will arrive and love will prevail with God.

By the time you read this, spring should be edging into summer as we see and enjoy the green shoots in the hedgerows and in our lives, a rebirth, a glimmer of hope. As St Francis of Assisi wrote, "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle".

With love and prayers

Robert

May Church Diary

Tuesday 1st May

7.30pm at 129d Forest Walk, Chapmanslade
After Alpha Home Group – details from Trudi on 832393



Sunday 6th May: Rogation Sunday

8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 Holy Communion
10am at Summerleaze, Chapmanslade: Rogation Eucharist
6pm at Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill: Rogation Service



Thursday 10th May: Ascension Day

2pm at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Prayers for the World
2pm at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Prayers for the World



Saturday 12th May

10.30am to 12noon at the Barn, Manor Farm, Corsley
Coffee morning, plant and produce sale



Sunday 13th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Holy Communion & Patronal Festival
10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist
11am at St Margaret's, Corsley: 1662 BCP Matins



Monday 14th May

10.30am at 5 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade
Time to Think – details from Phil on 832845



Tuesday 15th May

7.30pm at the Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley
After Alpha Home Group – details from Trudi on 832393

Thursday 17th May

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



Sunday 20th May: Pentecost

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

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



Sunday 27th May: Trinity Sunday

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

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



Tuesday 29th May

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley

After Alpha – details from Trudi on 832393



Sunday 3rd June: First Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

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

Rogation Service on 6th May at Summerleaze

The Rogation Service this year is being held in the garden at Shiela Daniell's. As there is limited parking at their house we shall be providing a shuttle service from the village hall car park down to their house where there will be a marquee in the garden. You can of course park at the village hall and walk down.

Book of Common Prayer services in the Parish

There will be a Matins service following the 1662 Book of Common Prayer on the second Sunday each month at 11am in St Margaret's Church. These services have previously been held at St Mary's which has unfortunately has to close for the foreseeable future. If you have not previously worshipped using the Book of Common Prayer there will be information available to guide you through the service. The Book of Common Prayer is the choice for many worshippers and we hope that we might welcome some new worshippers to these services at St Margaret's, as well as those who have previously worshipped at St Mary's.

Fundraising

We are holding coffee morning with a plant and produce sale on the 12th of May. This will take place at Manor Farm, Corsley at 10.30am by kind permission of Chris and Claire da Costa. §If you can assist with providing cakes, plants or produce please contact either Phil or Stella. The summer draw for the 50/50 Club will also take place at the coffee morning.

On the 14th of July St Margaret's will be hosting a concert by the Military Wives Choir with the proceeds being shared between the church, Frome Rotary and the Choir.

On Saturday 21st July we will be returning to the delightful Job's Mill by kind invitation of Lady Sylvi McQuiston for an afternoon of Pimms and cream teas. Further details of these two events will be in future editions of The Bridge.

We will of course have our usual stall at the Corsley Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. The day before the Show at 4.30pm we shall be holding a Songs of Praise service at the Showground and this will be followed with a cream tea!!!!

Foundation Governor at Chapmanslade School

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at the school. If you are interested in this important role please contact Phil Jefferson.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM was held on Wednesday 18th April at St Philip and St James'. John Helliard and Ian Buick were both re-elected as Churchwardens. Alan Hopkinson has stood down from the PCC and there were no volunteers on the night. We do have some vacancies for the PCC and if you are interested please contact Phil Jefferson on 832845. The Annual Report and Accounts were presented to the meeting and approved. The Treasurer made the point that our income is not sufficient to maintain the fabric of the churches and appealed to everyone in the Parish to provide as much financial support as was possible. It is estimated that in the next five years we will need to spend c£40,000 on our churches.

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Corsley WI

April news



Members of Corsley WI were pleased to welcome a large number of visitors at the April meeting, to hear an illustrated talk on the Lost Features of Stourhead by Emily Utgren, a gardener and arborist at Stourhead. Emily has been researching the history of the Stourton Estate, which was bought in 1717 by Henry Hoare I, a partner in Hoare's Bank.

Henry replaced the original Stourton Manor with a grand Palladian villa, renaming it Stourhead. In 1722 his son Henry Hoare II inherited the estate and began to create the landscape as it is today, by damming the river Stour to make the lake, planting trees, and erecting classical architectural temples and monuments. Paths and bridges were built and the views created. Other structures were erected in the grounds including St. Peters Pump and Cottages, a Gardeners Cottage, an Orangery and Gothic Greenhouse. Those buildings and others, including a Turkish Tent and a Chinese Umbrella, have since been demolished.

Emily showed us pictures and drawings of the many alterations and improvements to the house by members of the Hoare family over the years. Wings were added for a picture gallery and a library and later a portico was built. Significant changes were also made to the gardens. The estate was passed to the National Trust in 1947. Eve Tigwell gave the vote of thanks for the fascinating talk.

The competition for members for a spring flower was won by Di Dowling, with Judith

Helliar second and Jean White third. The annual draw for a Bursary to Denman College was won by Sandra Snelgrove.

Everyone is invited to join us for a Mystery Trip by coach on Wednesday 12 September. For reservations please phone Carol on 01373 832446. New Federation events this month include a card-making workshop and a visit to the Ginger Piggery.

The May meeting of Corsley WI will be held in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on Thursday 10 May, when we shall be discussing the resolution on Mental Health Matters to be put forward to the NFWI AGM in June. There will also be a talk by Chris Smaje from "Frome Organic Veg Box". The competition is for a limerick to include a vegetable.

Are you new to the area? Don't know anyone? Come and make friends at our WI meetings, held in the Reading Room at Corsley on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm. If you need a lift or would like someone to come with you, phone Carol Seward on 01373 832446 or email carol.seward@talktalk.net for details and any other information about Corsley WI.

Can you play skittles or scrabble, or would like to learn? We are looking for new WI team members, so please contact us if you would be interested. For information about the Bridge Club, Gardening Club and Lunch Club, please ring Pauline Scott on 01985 215760.



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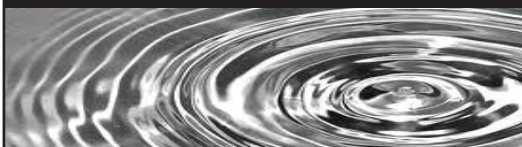


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Ideas to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the cessation of World War 1

Every November on the Sunday nearest the 11th, we celebrate Armistice Day across the parishes. This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on Armistice Day itself and marks the centenary cessation of WW1. Not surprisingly, we are planning to mark it in a particularly significant way.

Researching the history of parishioners from Corsley and Chapmanslade who perished in WW1 is already underway, led by Phil Jefferson and Fiona Carruthers. Their research has included several trips to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham, as well as examining other military records and speaking to known relatives. If anyone has any information they would like to share, please contact Phil on 832845 or Fiona on 832240.

In Chapmanslade, residents are busy knitting poppies to form a cascade in the church and to line the High Street. And in both villages, there are plans to plant commemorative trees, one for each of those who lost their lives. The location of the trees is still open to suggestion, so please let us know your thoughts.

Two other ideas are still in their infancy and need your input. The first is to hold a concert with songs, music and other acts representative of the time, to be held either on the Friday or Saturday before Armistice Day. We are encouraging the audience to dress up in clothes reflecting the time - I am sure there must be some clothes dating back to 1918 somewhere in

Corsley or Chapmanslade! Again, ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

The other idea came from research done by Corinne Ellam, the great niece of Albert Mines, one of those listed on the honours board in St Margaret's. Mrs Ellam has recommended we consider the 'There but not there' project. 'There but not there' started as an installation comprising seated silhouettes of WW1 soldiers dotted about the pews of a church in Kent in 2016. It represents the communities left desolate in the wake of the war. The project website therebutnotthere.org.uk shows the silhouettes in situ and I think you'll agree, is very moving. Mrs Ellam has offered to buy one for St Margaret's, representing her great uncle, and we'd like to add more silhouettes to represent all those lost in our community of Corsley. The seated silhouettes cost £42, plus £10 for the name bar, and we are looking for individuals or families prepared to sponsor additional figures. If you have a family member who lost their life or participated in WW1, or simply appreciate the sacrifice made by those who gave their lives, you may like to consider sponsorship in full or in part. In St Margarets there are 17 soldiers whose names appear on the WW1 memorial plaque in the church, so we are looking to raise roughly £800.

These are just some thoughts and we would like to hear others, so please contact me on 01373 832803 or johnhelliart12@outlook.com or Keith Muston 01373 832755 themustons@btinternet.com

Len Osborn – a tribute

Brought up in Newham, London, he attended the amazing East Ham Boys' Grammar School. In a three year period the inspirational Headmaster sent 15 boys to Oxford University. Len had an eagerness to learn and to do well. He studied hard, enjoyed every aspect of university life and took up rowing.

He worked in senior management with Unilever Bros for 25 years but it was an opportunity to join Cow & Gate (now Nutricia) that brought him to Wiltshire. The barn conversion at Short Street had just been completed and became their lovely, family home for many years. Failing health and over an acre of garden – they moved to Elm Hill, Warminster. So close to the golf club, but it was so sad that Len was not well enough to enjoy that facility.

Len made a huge contribution to Chapmanslade Parish Council and, when semi-retired, became our West Wilts District Councillor. His mild manner, his cultured

speaking voice and his respect for his colleagues endeared him to everyone – even those who, perhaps, had a different view from his own – especially planning. He was a superb chair of planning, never raising his voice, always patient, everyone given the opportunity to make their point.

All of these qualities were so appreciated when Len became a Chapmanslade School Governor. When Len spoke, everyone listened. He cared so much about every aspect of the children's education.

He served on the Church Fundraising Committee, read the lessons regularly and beautifully and always supported Mai as she led the WI.

This much respected gentleman will be greatly missed by his wife Mai, his two sons and their families and by everyone privileged to have known him.

Dennis Barnard

Cinema Corsley

The Cinema Corsley season came to an end last month with a wonderful, live recording of 'The Audience' starring Helen Mirren.

Thank you to all involved with the running of this monthly event for our village. Thank you for the imaginative selection of films – the coffee, bar, ice creams and of course the film crew. I am sure I speak for many when I say this is a great community asset. Thank you.

Di Britten

Thank you

I, and the rest of the Osborn family, would like to thank the many people who kindly sent letters and cards of condolence when Len died recently.

As the cremation was for close family only, there will be a memorial service at St Margaret's Church on 24th May at 2.30 pm to which all are welcome.

Mai Osborn

Longleat House

Local Residents' Invitation

As part of our final year of First World War commemorations, we are delighted to offer local residents of Horningsham, Corsley, and East & West Woodlands, the chance to visit Longleat House free of charge to view our current exhibition, 'When this Lousy War is Over', at selected dates and times in June and September.

The smaller displays installed to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of war, and the Longleat Relief Hospital room interpretation boards with contemporary photographs and documents remain in place, while World War I tours by costumed guides are also available.

If you would like to take us up on this offer, please contact us first on 01985 845420 or house.guides@longleat.co.uk to arrange a time for your visit.

You will be asked to show either your Local Residents Pass, or proof of residency, on your arrival at the main entrance arrival booths.

Visiting dates

June (Tuesdays and Wednesdays only) between the 5th and 27th (inc)

September (Wednesdays only) between the 5th and 19th (inc)

Visiting times

Guided tours at 11am; or self-guided tour after 12 noon (the House closes at 5pm, last entry 4.30 pm). Both options must be booked in advance using the above phone number or email.

Please note: entry will be to Longleat House only; no other attractions at Longleat are included in this offer.

Join us to celebrate
Rogation Sunday Service
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Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church offers prayer and God's blessings for the lands and on all those who produce our food

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Vision

West of England

A new vision for visually-impaired people across the West of England

A new organisation in the West of England is being launched in May to provide direct and consistent services to blind and partially sighted people across Wiltshire, Bristol, Bath, South Gloucester and Swindon.

Vision West of England will work closely with key partners including Visionary, other local sight loss charities, national organisations, statutory bodies and most importantly blind and partially sighted people on developing services that respond sensitively and positively to the needs of visually impaired people and those at risk of losing their sight.

The organisation is receiving support and advice from Thomas Pocklington Trust and Wiltshire Sight. There will be two hubs in Wiltshire and Bristol where direct services will be based.

Vision West of England will work with partners towards developing a single point of contact for blind and partially sighted people across this area within the South West region, ensuring that visually impaired people have a voice. It will also work closely with Visionary, the local sight loss membership organisation, to align with their ongoing initiative to develop and provide good practice guidance for the delivery of services across the whole of the UK.

Leanne Hubbard, currently CEO of Wiltshire Sight, will take up the post of Interim CEO of



Vision West of England. Speaking about the new organisation, Leanne said:

“Our goal is to provide support for visually impaired people and those at risk of losing their sight, that aims to give them increased choice, improved access to the right services and support that will have a positive impact on their quality of life and independence.

“We will also collaborate with our partners on strengthening our knowledge of the causes of sight loss and how the effects of eyesight problems can be alleviated.”

Leanne added: “We will offer a range of services from our two dedicated Hubs for visually impaired people, their families and carers. Those services will include information, advice and support; peer and family support; resources and technology; social activities; advocacy and training.

“I’m very keen to speak to visually impaired people and people from partner organisations about the new organisation and how it will operate. Anyone who has any questions or feedback is welcome to contact me or the team either by email or phone.”

The team can be contacted at either **info@visionwestofengland.org.uk** or **01380 723682**

One Team

Community Policing

PCSO Debbie Robbins from the Warminster Rural team brings us the latest Community Policing newsletter

Community messaging

Through feedback and working with our local communities, we have developed the use of www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk and are now sending out daily updates thus enabling us to reach as much of our community as possible, as quickly as possible and impart any new crime prevention advice or information about incidents that may affect you in your community that we feel you need to know about.

We have received some very positive feedback around this and encourage you to speak to all members of your community and persuade them to sign up to Wiltshire Messaging. It is free and a very good way of keeping all our communities connected.

Crime exceptions

These figures are based on an evaluation of data over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict the average figures that may be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

There were 79 recorded incidents throughout March 2018, with 79 of these recorded as crimes. This compares to 74 recorded incidents during the same time period last year. There were no crime exceptions for the month.

Offences of Violence against the Person normally have an average of 9 offences a month, and March showed 7 offences being reported.

Offences of Theft normally have an average of 15.2 offences a month; this is the only crime type to show a rise in March, with 24 offences being reported. When broken down further, we received 14 reports of Non Dwelling Burglary (to a building other than a home, e.g. a shed or commercial property). A number of these incidents saw gardening equipment and power tools such as chainsaws stolen. We strongly advise you to mark your machinery and tools; this not only acts as a deterrent to thieves but also helps the police to reunite stolen property to the rightful owners if it is recovered. Keep a list of tools, together with serial numbers and any identifying marks. You can do this at www.immobilise.com.

Other information

Corsley

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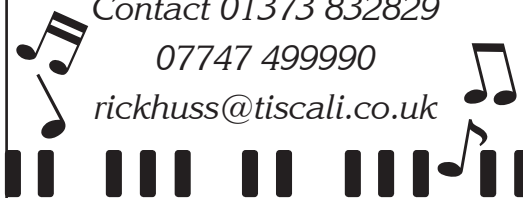
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'...How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?'
Romans 10:14 (NIV)

Missionary!

Last month, our closing verse had the title 'Missionary'. It made me think of Carrie Beckley, one of the Wycliffe Bible Translators the Chapel supports financially and through prayer.

When Carrie was contacted for this edition of 'Chapel News', her first concern was for the safety of those working with her, as their part of the world suffers serious unrest at times; all I can write is that Carrie's community is in South East Asia.

Carrie grew up in Calne and trained as a primary school teacher, but moved to Cyprus to teach youngsters there. She's always loved languages, so on returning to Britain, she began linguistic, translation and literacy training, plus two years studying at All Nations College. In 1988 she moved to an island in South East Asia, where the people's language had never been written down before. She learned the language and created an alphabet, developing literacy materials so the locals could learn to read and write, and producing simple health booklets with pictures, covering subjects like tropical ulcers and snake bites.

For the past ten years, Carrie's been working alongside the island Church, helping a team of local people translate the

Bible into their own language, which can be understood on neighbouring islands, too. It's hoped the New Testament will be completed and ready for typesetting next year.

I've met Carrie a couple of times, when she's been in this country, reporting on project progress and visiting family and friends. She's a quiet, smiling lady; nothing about her suggests she's spending her time in a potentially dangerous part of the world, doing a potentially dangerous job that's part of the 'Great Commission' Jesus gave His disciples before He left them and rejoined His Father in heaven – to go into all the world and preach the good news.

The Jobbing Gardener

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(RH)

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Regular times

Services every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45)

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Bible study sessions as announced



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Cross Keys News

A community Free House



May is a busy month with two bank holidays, a Royal Wedding, the monthly pub quiz and the annual Bridge Trophy cricket match.

To celebrate the Royal Wedding on **Saturday 19th May**, there will be a '**Best of British**' special menu, with lots of classic favourites to choose from.

We will be **open all day** on **both bank holidays, Monday 7th May and 28th May**. Why not take the opportunity to call in for a tasty meal or refreshing drink? The garden is a delightful space to relax in, and we are the perfect stopping-off point for a walk or cycle ride in our beautiful countryside. **Maps of local walks** are available in the pub and dogs are very welcome; we have a jar of **dog biscuits** for them with a suggested donation of 10p towards the defibrillator fund.

Our popular **Quiz Night**, will be held on **Sunday 20th May**. Why not make up a team with your friends or neighbours? **Starting at 6.30pm**; a maximum of 5 people per team at a cost of £2 per person, or £5 per person to include a light supper of chips and sandwiches. Book your place by calling the pub. If you'd like supper, you will

need to book by Saturday 19th May.

Finally, **Sunday 27th May** sees the annual cricket **Bridge Trophy** – a fiercely contested match. All supporters are very welcome to call in on their way past, we're the ideal stopping off point on the long journey from Chapmanslade to the Corsley cricket pitch!

As a **community pub**, we welcome your suggestions. We want to provide a welcoming venue for you, your friends and families. There is a suggestions box in the pub and if you have any events you'd like to see hosted at The Cross Keys, pop down

and let us know. We can also host parties and private functions in the Oak Apple Room.

The pub is currently **closed Monday – Thursday between 3 pm and 6 pm**. We should return to our summer opening hours once the current staff vacancy has been filled.

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and 6 pm to 11 pm

Friday and Saturday 11 am to 11 pm

Sunday 11 am to 10 pm

Food served

Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 2.30 pm
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Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm

Keep checking the website
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Countryside Matters

After one of the longest, greyest, wettest and coldest winters I can remember, here I am on April 18th hoping that by the time you are reading this in early May, that winter will at last have disappeared

For many involved in farming, the winter of 2017/18 will have been the hardest experienced for years as the stock have been housed for far longer than is usual, increasing the chances of infections breaking out such as pneumonia or freezing to death when allowed outside. Many hours have been spent defrosting pipes, water tanks and water buckets, and creating wind breaks of straw to protect stock from driving snow and rain. Snow clearing of local roads to allow tankers and vehicles to get in to the farm for milk collection and deliveries of feedstuffs (pulling a milk tanker half a mile to the main road at 2 o'clock in the morning is no fun, especially as all the previous day's milk was poured down the drain as the tanker was snowbound at the milk depot).

There is great concern on many farms that the winter feedstuff will have run out before the cattle can be allowed to go out of the sheds and barns. At the moment there is little or no Spring grass for cows or sheep, as temperatures have been so low, and many fields are waterlogged or in some cases under water, with the streams and rivers full to overflowing. Spring work on the land has hardly started and where slurry and farmyard manure should be on cereal land ready to be ploughed in, only the desperate have ventured on to the land.

We have experienced a long period of spring flowers, snowdrops brightened

up our verges and hedgerows followed by a wonderful show of primroses, wild anemones celandine and violets, all nestling low in sheltered areas, not like our poor daffodils which sadly became beaten by wind rain and snow.

The hedgerows are at last showing signs of greening up which will give shelter and security to birds as they build their nests. Many of our summer birds are up to a month later than normal arriving on our shores, but hopefully we will soon be hearing the chattering of swallows, house martins, Swifts and many more migrating birds, we might be lucky to see osprey flying north after resting and feeding on the lakes at Shearwater and Longleat, and especially lucky to hear the Cuckoo calling it's mate in the woodlands around us.

Soon the cattle will be allowed out, the lambs will be skipping around, the dawn chorus will be waking us from our slumbers and the farmers will be out with muck spreaders, slurry spreaders, ploughs and seed drills, catching up on all those jobs they have been desperate to get on with for the last month or so.

Join us in Chapmanslade for the Rogation Sunday Service on Sunday 6th May when we gather together to bless the crops growing once again in our lovely countryside - winter will be just a bad memory.

Judith Helliard

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

Having resolved the technical issues with our film supplier, we were pleased to show 'The Audience' with Helen Mirren. This was a 'live recording' production by the National Theatre and was the last film before the summer break. Cinema Corsley returns on 20th September.

The committee are currently investigating options to try and ensure the long-term future of the Reading Room as a village facility. The recent snow storms resulted in some water getting into the hall and we are looking to make major upgrades and refurbishments over the coming years.

The decision has been taken that over time we will establish a display of relevant Reading Room/village history on the walls of the lower room.

Following a suggestion from a resident a grab rail has been installed by the steps from the hall to the rear lobby to improve the safety of those steps.

By the time you read this edition of The Bridge it is anticipated that the phone box will have a village map on display.

Full details about the hall and its facilities including how to hire are on the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk or

01373 832897

Events run by the Corsley Reading Room Management Committee

Coffee Morning:

First Tuesday of the month 10 am - 12 noon

IT Classes/Club:

See our website

Cinema Corsley:

Our next film is scheduled for the 20th September

Regular events run by other organisations

Lite Bites:

The lunches have now finished for the summer and will return in September

Yoga:

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Pilates:

Tuesday afternoons

WI: second Thursday of the month (evening)

Committee members include: Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jasper, Sue Kerfoot, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Rutty, Jill Westgate, David Carruthers.

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- 2 Paramount
- 3 Jordan
- 4 ET
- 5 At Stonehenge – they are a ring of fifty-six chalk pits (named after the seventeenth-century antiquarian John Aubrey)
- 6 Wednesday
- 7 Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips
- 8 An egg-based dish similar to an omelette or crustless quiche or scrambled eggs, enriched with additional ingredients such as meats, cheeses, vegetables or pasta. (The Italian word frittata roughly means fried)
- 9 Hungary
- 10 Colombia
- 11 Melling Road
- 12 Grapefruit

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