# The Bridge

May 2021



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monthly magazine for the villages of Corsley and Chapmanslade

### **Articles**

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 Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

### File types

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

# Advertising

**Small ads** are £1 for <u>each</u> item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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

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

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

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Trade advertising

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# **Deadline**

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

Please note that no items will be accepted after this date

# **Diary** Dates

# May

### Wednesday 5th

Wiltshire Mobile Library restarts – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

### Thursday 6th

Wiltshire Unitary Authority and Town and Parish Council Elections

### Monday 10th

Corsley Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm, either via Zoom. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

### Wednesday 19th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

### Saturday 22nd

Plant and Cake Sale - 10 am to 12 noon, St Margaret's Churchyard

### Sunday 23rd May

Corsley Tennis Club - Mixed Doubles Tournament - from 1 pm, Memorial Playing Field

### Wednesday 26th

PCC Annual Church Meeting – 7 pm, St Margaret's Church

# Saturday 29th

Corsley Tennis Club Open Day – 10 am - 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

# June

# Wednesday 2nd

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

# Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, either via Zoom

# Saturday 12th

Open Garden and Refreshments – 10 am to 12 noon, Chestnut Cottage, Chapmanslade

# Wednesday 30th

Wiltshire Mobile Library – 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

# July

# Sunday 18th

Corsley House – garden open to the public

# Road closure

# Temporary Closure of: A362 (Part), Corsley and Somerset County Council (Ref: **TTRO 7202**)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council and Somerset County Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic -A362 (Part) from its junction with Corsley Heath to its junction with Friggle Street. To enable Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway resurfacing, road marking and adjustment of ironworks.

Alternative route: via A362 (unaffected length) - A361 - A36 - A362 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 25 May 2021 and the closure will be required between the hours of **7 pm and 6 am** until **2nd June 2021**. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

For further information please contact Jon Moss (Atkins) on the behalf of Wiltshire Council on 01225 730360.

> Sustainable Transport Group County Hall, Bythesea Road Trowbridge BA14 87N

# **Historical Query**

I wonder if there are any historians in Corsley who may be able to help me?

It concerns the abduction and murder of Grace Isabella Phillipps (or Phillips) in 1763 in Corsley. She was an older sister, aged 14, to my 4 x great grandfather. If you know of anyone who might be able to help, and they can connect with me via email, I'd be most grateful.

> Kind regards, Martin Baker gxmartinbaker@hotmail.com

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# Corsley **Tennis Club News**

It's all happening up at the tennis courts. Some COVID-19 regulations still apply but they ease a bit at each stage of the Government's route map.

Subscriptions have been renewing since 1st April and the courts have been busy as previous members return to play and new members join us. Club sessions re-started on 12th April: Tuesday or Sunday mornings 10 am -12 noon or Friday evenings 6 - 8pm.

If you are up for a challenge, the Mixed Doubles tournament will be at 1pm on 23rd May. More information about this and other tournaments through June will be sent to members via email.

On 29th May we are holding an Open Day – see full-page advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge. This is your chance to give tennis a go or rediscover your previous talent. For details see our website

### www.corslev-tennis.uk

Our thanks go to the Parish Council for a grant to support tennis for children and young people. As well as the regular coaching sessions on Saturdays, we are hoping to offer a summer camp during school holidays and the grant will help us to get equipment for that.

Thanks also to those families who completed the questionnaire asking about their suggestions and hopes for the club. It was great to hear from you and we will bear your views in mind as we go forward with planning.

Cleaning and re-surfacing of the courts began with work on the single court in late April but the other courts will be available until the work is completed; take care to get your bookings in for the short period we do not have all three courts available.

A special mention for Liz and Tony Wells who have been members and supporters of the club for many years. From regularly playing, to serving on the committee and much mowing and weeding, their contribution has been invaluable. Liz is hanging up her racket and we will miss her knowledge of the rules and that frighteningly fast service. Thanks to you both. We hope you will continue to join us for social events and let's hope we are able to plan some of those before too long!

Bring on the strawberries!

Liz Garrett Club Secretary enquiries@corsley-tennis.uk

I am sure that I am not the only one to admire the lovely photographs that appear on the front of The Bridge which, I understand, are taken by our highly talented Editor. As one of The Bridge distributors I am lucky enough to see the pictures some thirty times each month! Thank you Viv for your regular artistic efforts! Sandra Whatley



# Bob's bafflers

- 1 What is the well-known French term for 'fat Tuesday'?
- 2 In which musical would you find Officer Krupke?
- 3 What was broken for the first time May 6, 1954 in Oxford, England?
- 4 Which husband and wife duo originally sang as 'Caesar and Cleo'?
- 5. What is the capital city of Afghanistan?
- The smallest falcon in the UK shares its name with which mythological wizard?
- 7. Which TV series ran from 1979 to 1982 and starred David McCallum & Joanna Lumley?
- Keble & Oriel are colleges at which university?
- The name of which country when translated means "the two seas"?
- 10. What kind of cooking utensil is a chinoise?
- 11 A puggle is the young of which animal?
- 12 Countdown has been presented by 6 different men since it first aired in 1982. Name the two that have the same Christian name.

Answers on page?



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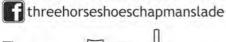
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We won't be putting on food this year but you are more than welcome to bring your own picnics (as long as you tidy up afterwards). But fear not we will always be in a position to slake the thirsts of our most parched Patrons, As the Salty Swallow Tavern will be available for all.

So, my hearties, get on the blower and give Claire a ring to book your tickets for this summers must-have and must-be-seen-at event.

Performances start at 2:30 pm and 7 pm with gates open 1 hour before each performance. So come one, come all and enjoy this great musical moment in the grounds of Manor Farm, Corsley.

Please bring your own seating – as we will NOT be providing seating this year. Tickets 01373 832113.

### Wiltshire Council's

# Mobile library re-opens

Third time lucky?

Following the lifting of government restrictions, Wiltshire's Mobile Library service resumed operating in April. The Mobile Library service is operating as before the last lockdown. Dates and times of all Mobile Library stops are available online via the website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries and from printed timetables available from the Mobile Library. We look forward to seeing all of our customers when we next visit you.

As with shops, the Mobile Libraries are required to continue to operate as they were before the lockdown, so customers and staff will need to wear a face covering, handsanitiser will be available at the door, test and trace details will be recorded and access will be limited to one customer at a time. These public health precautions are currently required because although increasing numbers of people have had vaccines there is still a risk (albeit reduced) of infection and transmission, and to avoid new variants causing a further lockdown the instruction for the moment is to 'act like you haven't had a jab'. Please also be aware that due to continuing parking issues with increased numbers of people still working from home the Mobile Library may not always be able to stop in the usual place in the village. However, whatever the future holds, the Mobile Library managers will endeavour to get books through to you! Please look out for them and come and say hello. If you've never used the Mobile Library before it's free

to join and you can use your membership card in any Wiltshire library or online to access free eBooks and eMagazines.

Peter Waterman Access & Volunteer Development Manager - Libraries Communities & Neighbourhood Services

### Wiltshire Mobile Library

Chapmanslade School Arrives 1.45 pm, departs 2.30 pm

Wednesday 5 May

Wednesday 19 May

Wednesday 2 June

Wednesday 16 June

Wednesday 30 June

Wednesday 14 July

Wednesday 28 July

Wednesday 11 August

Wednesday 25 August

Wednesday 8 September

Wednesday 22 September

Wednesday 6 October

Wednesday 20 October



With the blossom coming out, the orchard will be looking its best this month as the different trees compete to attract bees and other pollinators. The newly laid hedge is also coming into blossom.

Current figures for April suggest we have only had 10% of the normal rainfall so this weekend we have had to water the newly-planted trees. We will continue to do this every couple of weeks if required. With new trees it is best to give a large drink infrequently to encourage roots to go down to the water table rather than developing surface roots.

We will continue to mow a path around the orchard to allow everyone to enjoy a stroll and sit down on the bench. However, the badgers from the corner of the old school field do seem to have spread further into the orchard area so just keep a look out for holes and be careful not to put a foot down one.

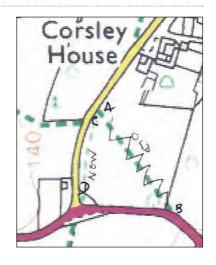
# Footpath re-route at Corsley House

The Footpath A-B diagonally across the front of Corsley House has been moved.

The stile at the junction with the A363 was considered to be very dangerous.

The new route C-D links to the footpath down to Temple and also it avoids using Deep Lane which can be difficult if you meet large or fast vehicles.

> Gill Parkinson Rights of Way/Footpaths





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# **Tennis Open Day**

# Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 10 - 2pm

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# **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Councillor Charlie Thackway reports on the Parish Council's April activities

Chapmanslade Parish Council (PC) met virtually on Thursday 8th April, chaired by Councillor John Lewis. There were 6 councillors present and two members of the public. It is expected that face to face meetings in the Village Hall will restart with the PC AGM following the May elections (TBC).

### **Dog Bins**

The issue of clearing dog faeces was considered and it was noted that there are no longer any specific Dog Bins but litter bins can be used to dispose of bagged dog faeces. WCC will empty existing Dog Bins/Litter Bins and replace damaged bins but will no longer supply new bins or take responsibility for emptying such. If dog faeces are left on pavements the incident can be reported on My Wiltshire by members of the public and the Council will clear.

### **End of Year Accounts and Audit**

The End of Year Accounts as of 31st March 2021 were agreed and the internal audit arranged.

### **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue** Consultation

The PC, led by Councillor Bell, considered the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue consultation, which can be accessed by members of the public via the following link: consultation@dwfire.org.uk. In response, the PC will submit the following response. Chapmanslade welcomes and encourages:

- · all targeted fire prevention work for our vulnerable and elderly residents
- · all targeted work to promote/support wellbeing and crime prevention
- the planned broader approach to partnership work with NHS, Police and other social care/crime prevention authorities etc
- Fire and Rescue 'Safe & Well' visits to Chapmanslade School (& Busy Bees Nursery and neighbouring Berkley School)
- support from the Fire & Safety service regarding road safety education and preventative initiatives in the village which will reduce the risk of road traffic accidents
- Fire and Rescue involvement/presence at any planned Chapmanslade community
- Any public information articles in The Bridge
- details in the plan regarding Governance, People and planned work to further reduce the carbon footprint of the Fire and Rescue service and to increased environmental protection across the County.

### **Barters Farm Development**

Following the PC consultation with the History Group and the children of Chapmanslade School the following names were approved by WCC:

Barters Drive, for the main road through the estate and Honey Gardens, proposed by the children of Chapmanslade School, to

reflect the Bee Friendly village, and Barnard Close in recognition of the long-standing commitment to the community of members of the Barnard family.

No other information on the development had been received, but it was noted that the intention is for this development to be a zerocarbon project.

### **Parish Steward**

Councillor Thackway (CT) reported that the flooding issues in Huntenhull Lane in the vicinity of the Old Rectory are being addressed and the PC will continue to monitor the situation for WCC to complete the drain clearance more frequently. The Parish Steward has cleaned the village road signs, filled some potholes and unblocked drains in Huntenhull Lane on his recent monthly visit. Items for next month should be forwarded to CT.

### **Planning Applications**

21/01868/FUL Thoulstone Farm BA13 4AQ. Landscaping works to a walled garden to include paving, tiered planting beds, hot tub and freestanding sauna pod. No objections were raised to this application.

Consultation-20/11402/LBC (Alt/EXT) Thoulstone farm BA213 4 AQ. Proposed overlaying of existing timber floors with loose lay proprietary flooring system. No objections were raised to this application.

# **Annual Parish Meeting**

The next meeting is planned for **29th April 2021** at 7 pm. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting which is an open meeting and an opportunity for members of the community to raise issues and put points of view. At the closing of this meeting there will be a PC meeting. For further details and to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk via chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk by 6 pm on Tuesday 27 April. The PC looks forward to welcoming you.

# Salisbury Cathedral

### A grand vaccination centre

With public visiting suspended at the start of the third national lockdown in January, Salisbury Cathedral turned itself into a vaccination centre. History was made on 16th January as Salisbury citizens queued along the cloister before going inside to receive their vaccination.

National news coverage described the cathedral as the 'grandest vaccination centre' and the event was made more special, thanks to director of music David Halls and assistant director John Challenger playing a selection of music on the cathedral's famous Father Willis organ.

Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopulos said: "We are proud to be playing a part in the life-saving vaccination campaign and look forward to seeing the NHS team, volunteers, and even more of our neighbours in their cathedral."



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# Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

As I write it is just over a week after Easter Day, which came very early this year, almost as early as it can be, even so, Spring has sprung and the natural world seems to be heralding what Christ Jesus has done for us in dying on the cross and rising to new life. The old has gone, the new has come with the Resurrection coinciding with the Jewish Festival of First Fruits, the first of the harvest offerings, given in thanks to God and trust that there would be a greater abundance to follow – this in not accidental. Jesus in his Resurrection is a sign for us that there is life – new life and when we trust in what he has done to show us the way to new life we become part of God's new creation. So, as I said, the natural world mirrors that great work, our plum tree has burst into blossom with the flowering cherry not far behind. Everywhere I look there are primroses, daffodils, celandine, tulips – lots of golden yellow which is the colour the church uses for celebration. Today I pruned my vine back to the new buds and the fig tree is forming what will be delicious fruit come August and by the time you read this in May there will be birds feeding their young – new life, new creation!

I have become quite fascinated just lately in a programme called 'Homes Under the Hammer' – although I don't watch it at the time it is scheduled, but later, often when I am cooking. I love to see how even some of the most dilapidated buildings can be brought to life and ready to be lived in again by someone who can see its potential and is prepared to take a chance on it – bidding at an auction and then devoting time and energy (not to mention money) in renovating a broken-down dwelling and making it whole again – giving it new life, new creation!

This had me reflecting on how we can be like those broken-down dwellings, the damp and peeling plaster, dry rot, leaking pipes, the dated fixtures and fittings etc. etc. representing the things that have caused us to feel broken, rundown, perhaps rejected and unloved. Some properties are spruced up fairly quickly with fresh décor and an updated kitchen and bathroom, but others need much more radical attention. Depending on what is the cause of our brokenness we will need more or less attention to be ready to live again to the full. Who will take a chance on us? Jesus! Be the highest bidder and pay the price? Jesus! Devote their whole life to healing us and making us whole – new life, new creation? Jesus! This is the message of Easter, only the One who created in the first place can see the potential that exists in each one of us. God paid the highest price for us by becoming one with us in human flesh, Jesus the Son of God, and opened the way for us to be restored to new life – new creation! What a blessing! if you are reading this and thinking you would like to know more or simply in need of someone to chat with do let us know!

With love and prayers

Gay

# May Church Diary

This diary has been prepared on the basis that the Government's 'Road Map' is going to follow the original plan. Live services have resumed in both churches and St Margaret's Church will be connected on Zoom, for anyone not attending in person. All the necessary COVID-19 health protection measures are in place.

Sunday 2nd May: 5th Sunday after Easter
8am Holy Communion at Kingston Deverill
9.30am Patronal Festival Service at St Philip and St James' Chapmanslade
10.30am Morning Worship at Longbridge Deverill

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Sunday 9th May: 6th Sunday after Easter 10.00am Rogation Service at the Flower Meadow Corsley 10.30am Eucharist at Kingston Deverill

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Sunday 16th May: 7th Sunday after Easter 10.30am Eucharist at Brixton Deverill 11am BCP Matins at St Margaret's Corsley

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Saturday May 22nd
10 until 12 noon Plant and Cake Sale outside St Margaret's Church Corsley

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Sunday 23rd May: Pentecost 9.30am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley 10.30am Eucharist at Longbridge Deverill

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Wednesday 26th May
Corsley and Chapmanslade Annual Parochial Church Meeting
26th May 7pm at St Margaret's Church

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Sunday 30th May: Trinity Sunday 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at Horningsham

please come to our

# Plant and Cake Sale

10 am to 12 noon Saturday 22nd May St Margarct's Churchyard

Raising money for our local churches

# Important Public Notice

The Annual revision of the Electoral Roll in the Parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade is taking place until May 12th 2021.

Any parishioner wishing to have their names added to the current Church Electoral Roll should contact the Electoral Roll officer between the above dates in order to vote at the Annual Parish Church Meeting meeting on 26th May 2021.

For an application form for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll please contact: Rev. Diana Britten 01373 832515 email dianabritten 69@gmail.com

# Parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade Annual Church Meeting

# 26th May 7pm at St Margaret's Church

This is an opportunity for anyone who lives in our two villages to take part in the most important yearly meeting in the parish. We will be looking back at the extraordinary year we have all experienced and will be considering how the parish will run for the next year. We need volunteers to help in all aspects of church life. In particular, we have a vacancy for the essential role of churchwarden at St Margaret's Church Corsley. This Church cannot operate without a churchwarden, so please speak to any of the team whose details appear in our contacts page, if you would like to fill this role.

# Date for your diary

# Corsley House Garden Open to the public

As long as the changes to social mixing happen as planned, there will be an Open Garden event at Corsley House on Sunday July 18th. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Raising money for our local churches

# Join the 50/50 Club!

For only £24 a year or £2 per month, you can join the Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches 50/50 Club. Half of the payment is returned as prizes, with the other half supporting church funds. There is a £100 prize to be won each month! It is possible to pay by cash, cheque or standing order. If you would like to take part, you can sign up with Neil Britten on 01373 832515.

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# **Corsley Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

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

The May elections will be imminent by the time this edition of The Bridge is distributed and this is the last brief on the activities of the current Parish Council (PC), who will be succeeded on 10th May by the new team. Four of the present Councillors will be retiring - myself, Judith Helliar, Simon Jasper and Gill Parkinson - and there are seven nominations for the new PC, including three newcomers. As there are nine seats, there will thus be no election and, assuming no last minute withdrawals, all seven will be deemed to have been elected. The Annual Parish Council **Meeting** will take place on the **10th May** at which new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected. It is anticipated that the two vacancies can be filled by co-option.

In the meantime, April has been a busy month with two occasional meetings on the 6th and 26th April (at the time of writing, the latter hasn't yet taken place, but has been scheduled to wrap up any outstanding issues before the new PC takes office). This brief concentrates on the 6th April meeting which, as usual, was convened primarily to deal with two planning applications and updates on other current issues.

# **Planning Applications**

21/02027/FUL - Rose Cottage, Lyes Green. Proposed subdivision of dwelling into two dwellings, extensions and associated works The proposal is for development of the building into two adjoining three bedroom dwellings, by construction of two rearward

gables. The frontage and existing structure of the Cottage will remain substantially unchanged with shared parking and access for both dwellings to the south west side of the Cottage, as now. The cottage had, in the past, been two dwellings and is not presently habitable without significant development.

Discussion largely centred on the safety and highway issues relating to entry and egress from the site because of the narrowness of the road and the poor visibility to the north. The PC agreed No Objection to this application, but registered significant concerns about the road safety issues. The proposal must be 'signed off' by Highways with conditions applied to ensure that the access is made as safe as possible.

21/02057/FUL- Corsley House. Provision of timber fence on southern boundary for sound reduction purposes with landscape screening.

This application is for a two metre high wooden fence, from a point just north of the Deep Lane/A362 junction, along the southern boundary of the estate following the line of the A362 and then north for a short distance along the eastern boundary. The purpose of the fence is to reduce transmission of A362 traffic noise to the house and is intended to achieve much the same as the previously planned bund, rejected on appeal in 2020. The fence will be substantially hidden from view by existing trees and hedges augmented by additional planting.

The PC Council agreed No Objection to

this application and to remind the planning authority of the comments made when the application for the earth bund was put in, namely:

"that no residential properties should be affected by any increased noise resulting from the presence of the fence because of the potential for noise reflection south across the A362. To this end the PC's "no objection" is conditional on the presentation, before the fence is constructed, of a comparison between existing noise levels along the proposed fence and predictions, based on a credible modelling exercise, of the post fence situation, particularly the extent to which properties on the south of the A362 will be affected.'

# Replacement of the Corsley Heath bus stop shelter

The PC has budgetary provision up to approximately £6k for the replacement. Neil Carpenter had prepared provisional costings and sketch plans for a replacement shelter and this was considered against some alternative 'off the shelf' options The PC consensus was that the shelter should be in keeping with the village setting, ie stone and timber construction with a pitched tile roof and tasked Neil to work with John White and Gill Parkinson to develop a fully costed proposal for approval.

# **Annual Parish Meeting**

Under the current COVID-19 restrictions. the rules for Annual Parish Meetings (APM) remain somewhat opaque. Nominally, the meeting should take place between the 1st March and 1st June each year. However, some guidance suggests that the deadline is 30th June and some that a village assembly could take place at any point in the year and could replace an APM if other circumstances make it impossible to stage an effective meeting by the deadline.

An online APM could legally take place up until 7th May, but would be impractical to manage, unlikely a attract a wide audience and thus unsatisfactory, particularly noting

also the two key current village issues. The future of the Reading Room and the proposed Hares development on the show field, are both likely to stimulate serious and wide interest and a face-to-face APM is the ideal forum from which the PC can gauge village feelings on both these issues. If the APM is to be held face-to-face, then, of necessity, it could only take place when a suitable venue is available, ie one which can seat sufficient numbers. The Reading Room could be fully available after 21st June (50% capacity 17th May to 21st June), although the published availability is 1st July. St Margaret's church is another potential venue, but its availability has vet to be confirmed.

It was concluded that a final decision on the APM date should therefore be delayed until the new PC is in place, when there should be more clarity of the issues at stake.

### **Farewell**

This my 88th and last brief for The Bridge. I made the mistake this morning of looking back over the first two or three years worth and then realised that an hour or so had gone by when I should have been concocting this one! What became clear, however, was the enduring nature of PC business, the breadth of issues faced and, most importantly, the ongoing commitment and engagement of the current team. They have turned out at all times of the year, in fair weather and foul, often at short notice and put up with meetings which have, at times, been long and challenging. To all of them, and our long suffering Parish Clerk, John Willcox I must record my most sincere thanks for their contribution to the village over the last 12 years.

I would also like to express my appreciation of village engagement in the various public meetings that have taken place over the years and the positive and enlightening input to some of the knottier issues which have

popped up. The attendance at Annual Parish Meetings has always been very gratifying and I noted in one of the back issues that we had 80 people at one of the early the APMs where the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan was vigorously debated (and rejected).

My thanks to one and all and I wish all success to the new team.

### Dates of next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting date to be confirmed Annual Parish Council Meeting 10th May (election of Chair/Vice-Chair)

**Quarterly Meeting** 7th June Quarterly Meeting 6th September Quarterly Meeting 6th December Meetings will begin at 7.30pm and held by Zoom until further notice)

Neil Britten, Chairman 01373 832515/07810 764714 pc.corsleynb@gmail.com

news from the ladies

**Corsley WI** 

# **April news**

Alice Helliar rounds up the April meeting and announces some forthcoming events



The Corsley WI are still 'Zooming' and we achieved a record attendance this month with 22 members, 3 guests and a great speaker.

Malcolm Holley entertained us with an insight into South Korea, 'The land of the morning calm'.

We were educated in the politics, history, and costume of the country. We had a tour around various eateries and some of the gory menu options, where deep fried crispy chicken feet seemed like a good choice! We saw photos of the most amazing desserts which I am sure could be shared by a 'socially distanced' table of six or two households but was meant for one!

We learnt all about gadgets and technology including robots at airports and the incredible Namsan/N Seoul Tower in Seoul which was originally a communication and observation tower and now uses colours to indicate air quality in the town. If air quality is good it

shines a brilliant sky blue colour. Something maybe we could think about in some of our cities?

We found out about initiatives that would be useful in the UK such as larger car parking spaces for ladies, which I presume is to stop men from parking too close and denting our cars with their car doors!

And, all of this was presented by one of our Corsley residents, who we found out is regarded as a fashion model in South Korea!

The next meeting is on 13th May 2021 when Chris Da Costa will be entertaining us with a talk on 'Life at

the Manor'.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me on 07989 339632.

Alice Hellian



# **Corsley Reading Room**

# Your 'village hall'

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

# Future of the Reading Room - A chance to input your views

Prior to the pandemic there was a public meeting at which the Reading Room trustees told those present about the options facing them; (a) RR on care and maintenance, (b) try and raise large sums to renovate the RR over the coming years or (c) invite the village to consider building a new hall.

To help with the process we now feel that it is appropriate to invite the village to complete a new survey about their interest, or not, in having the Reading Room/village hall and what use they would make of it.

We would appreciate everyone answering as many questions as they feel able to comment on to ensure we get the widest view. There is also an option to indicate that you would like to get more involved and volunteer your professional skills to support the village hall project, whatever form it may take.

Please complete online (or the form overleaf) by 15th May at latest if you can, so we can hopefully report summary results in the June edition of The Bridge. Those wishing to hand in their responses may do so to any of the RR committee members living close to them or pop it into the letter box at the RR, or 86 Lyes Green.

If you answer online it will be easier to process and hopefully easier for you as well. Use this link detail to access the survey: https://forms.gle/bKbf5dM5cn4jNFkm7. The link and a download of the survey form are available on the Reading Room website as an alternative way of accessing.

If you use the form overleaf and run out of space, feel free to add further notes and attach them!

It is worth reminding people that if grants are to be obtained, even to do limited refurbishment to the Reading Room, we will need to demonstrate that the village community is behind the project. This survey could help provide that evidence. A working party/group has been established to look at the possibilities for a new hall and how best to keep the village informed and consulted, this survey will help inform that group as well. It is very much hoped to be able to hold a face-toface public meeting in July, and it is probable that a further survey will follow that meeting.

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for more details

> Hugh Deed Chairman of Management Committee

### RR Committee members:

David Carruthers, Clare Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett, Vanessa Hyde, Jackie Jaspar, Gill Parkinson, Jenny Rutty, Hugh Deed.

# Reading Room Survey - May 2021

**Section 1 Only mandatory question:** Are you a resident in Corsley? Y / N

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Do you see the need for/value of a village hall in Corsley now or in the future? (High / Medium / Low)

Have you booked an event of any sort at the current village hall (Reading Room) in the 12 months prior to the pandemic (ie in 2019)  $\rm\ Y/N$ 

If you booked an event at another local hall then where and why? .....

Have you attended an event of any sort at the current village hall (Reading Room) in the 12 months prior to the pandemic (ie in 2019) Y / N

### Section 3 About Corsley's Reading Room

How strongly do you feel that the existing Reading Room should be retained as (at least part of) any village hall ? ( High / Medium / Low)

If rated 'high' then why? (please state)

If rated 'high' or 'medium' – what improvements would you like to see? (please state) ......

### Section 4 Alternatives to the current Reading Room (RR)

Would you rather a new village hall was built if a suitable location can be identified? Y / N / Don't know Which of the following are the most important considerations for you: ( Please rank High / Medium / Low)

Ease of accessibility to and within the building for elderly and those with disabilities.

Modern, warm, ECO efficient building ...... Licences/permissions included (bar, music, etc) ......

Other (please specify anything that you regard as 'high' that is not listed above.)

What would make you more likely to use a village hall in Corsley? (write on additional sheet if required)

### Section 5 – About you

The information below will help our understanding and give you an opportunity to get involved or ask questions if you choose.

Information about you and your family:

How many adults in your household (18+)? ...... How many under 18s? .....

If you have skills/qualifications/you would be happy to volunteer to support this project or if you want us to contact you about any aspect then please add an additional sheet and include your name and contact information. (Your name will not be published unless agreed by you).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Reading Room Management Committee

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# **Memories of Corsley School**

# First term

David Ball recalls his tenure as Headteacher at Corsley School...

My first term at Corsley School was going well and as half term approached the whole school (all 39 children plus their teachers) were going to Warminster by coach one afternoon just before the half term holiday. We had been invited to watch a production by a travelling theatre company at New Close School. It was suitable for the whole primary age range and we were leaving straight after lunch and returning just in time for the end of the school day. What could possibly go wrong?

During my teaching career I frequently organised educational visits, visitors and residential trips – for several years I took 50 children to Wembley Stadium to watch schoolboy internationals with more than 50,000 spectators! I had taken children for weeks at residential centres, theatre trips, museum visits, sports events, music festivals, chess tournaments plus of course visits from musicians, actors, novelists, poets and sportsmen and women which brought education to life and made learning a memorable experience. I never failed to return to school with the same number of children I took away in more than 38 years of teaching and the following events explain why my colleagues often thought I was neurotic about checking group numbers!

In that first term (Summer Term 1986) as Head of Corsley School, as I got off the coach at the school gates after the trip, a mum waiting at the gate glared at me and



said "You're in trouble, you are" and another voice very calmly said, "Mr. Ball, could I have a quick word?" It was Cathy Horsfall, mother of Deborah. "Did you know you left Debs locked in the school while you all went off to Warminster?" I have no idea how she managed to sound so calm, controlled and polite given the circumstances! Debs was in Mrs.Laing's class and it turned out that she had popped into the toilets just before her class and mine boarded the bus, the infants were already on board. As I locked the outer school doors I had called out "Is there anybody in here" and hearing no answer I locked the double doors and off we went. Nobody had noticed that Debs was missing even when we returned to school after the performance. It was every teachers worst nightmare and I couldn't believe this had happened.

I remember apologising profusely, praising Debs for her calm and sensible behaviour and promising to find out how it had happened. Debs had not heard me call and came out of the toilets to find everyone gone and the doors locked. She quickly realised what had happened and went to the office to ring her mum, but unfortunately the office door was also locked so she couldn't get to the telephone. After some thought she did manage to open the locked double doors by pulling back the top and bottom bolts and pushing the two doors outwards, which gave her access to the outdoors and that was where Cathy had found her when she came to collect at the end of the day!

Straight after school I drove into Warminster and bought a medal in a presentation box and that evening drove over to the Horsfalls house to apologise to Debs and her mum and dad, and present her with the medal for remaining so cool and sensible that afternoon. I was expecting a frosty reception, (to say the least!) but the whole family were warm and welcoming and after discussing the afternoons events over a glass of wine in the summer sunshine we all parted amicably. My wife and I became good friends with the Horsfall family and I'm pleased to report that Debs was not too traumatised by the experience she is now - a primary school teacher! It's not something you ever forget though, and when Jan and I were invited to Deborah's wedding many years after the event, Dave Horsfall took great delight in relating the whole sad tale to all the guests at the reception, much to my embarrassment and shame!





# For and against

Last month's publication of 'Duty and Service' elicited two diverse responses...

### Dear Editor

I enjoy reading The Bridge every month, learning about the plan and activities of Corsley and Chapmanslade residents. On rare occasions I've even delivered it, adding to my knowledge of the complicated arrangement of cottages at Lane End.

I never thought that there would ever be a reason to write a letter of complaint to the Editor.

I am writing to express my disappointment at the anonymous opinion piece in this month's edition of The Bridge. If the author of the piece is so proud of our Royal Family I'm not sure why they thought it necessary to remain anonymous.

I'm not a Republican by any means, and I think the UK is fortunate to have a constitutional monarchy and benefit from its role in 21st Century multicultural Britain.

Whilst the Commonwealth indubitably has excellent aims I take issue with the premise that the Queen's commitment to this post-Colonial organisation has had a causal effect on the well-being of millions of people, many of whom live in poverty and are in a vulnerable position impacted by corruption and climate change with limited access to education and medical care. I'm not sure that any of us living in rural Wiltshire have any right to make statements about someone else's lived experience. Whether that's someone living in Nigeria, Kensington Palace or LA.

I am deeply sorry that our apolitical monthly village magazine has provided a mouthpiece to this ill-informed person; someone who is not brave enough to put their name to their opinion. I would recommend the writer uses Facebook or Twitter if they wish to spout more of this rubbish. I for one don't need to read it in our village magazine.

I am very happy for you to publish this in next month's edition of The Bridge with my name, unlike your other correspondent.

> Yours sincerely Amy Holley 95 Lyes Green

### Dear Editor

Thank you for your hard work on The Bridge and in particular for having the courage to publish the Opinion piece on page 30 of the April edition.

I don't know who wrote it, but whoever she/he is, I'm very glad they did and that you published it.

> Andrew Campbell Chapmanslade

### Editor:

Whilst I didn't agree with the sentiments expressed in the original article, I do, however, believe that, in this country, we are extremely lucky to have the benefit of freedom of speech and that it should be treasured. My only comment on the two responses that I received is that I wouldn't advocate using Facebook or Twitter for spouting rubbish!

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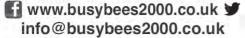
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# Walking through lockdown

#### **Seeking Robin Hood!**



My navigation skills are suspect, but I don't think we live near Nottingham! For this walk, locate Five Ash Lane, on the Warminster to Shaftesbury road; the turning left is beside Wylye Valley Vineyard. The lane is narrow and twisting; drive past Job's Mill, on the right, and up the winding hill. Once on the flat, you'll see a pull-in on the right, and a household's red postbox in the clearing on your left.

You'll need your wellies for this walk! Step round the iron barrier into Southleigh Woods (beside the car pull-in) and stay on the trail to start, walking straight ahead. There are offtracks left and right here, at regular intervals, so exploration is possible – and you shouldn't get TOO lost!

After one hundred yards or so, you'll find your first cross-tracks. Keep them in mind for further exploration - the turning right takes you to a lower slope of the site, where the trees may be descendants of original Selwood Forest ones. The track's best explored when bluebells are out, so around now! It takes you along the back of Job's Mill and eventually curves uphill again onto the main track used for this outing.

For now, stay on the main track and keep walking forward, though you'll find more cross-tracks at regular intervals here. Areas of this woodland have been replanted with saplings, whole plantations dressed in green tubes. The first replanted area's on your left, with clear ground on the right and a view across to Cley Hill and Little Cley; there's also a view of outer Warminster.

Past the area of cleared ground on the right, you'll see the remaining full-size trees are firs. Pause at the next cross-tracks and you should notice that a couple of the firs are taller, a different shape and more majestic than the rest. Twenty years ago or more, there was one of these majestic firs at each corner of every cross-track; I think they were planted in the 1850s and are all that remains of proper 'carriage rides' through the woods. There were once 'markers' like these in the woods behind Shearwater Lake, too; both areas belong to Longleat.

Eventually, you'll reach yet another crosstrack and see a change in terrain. Go straight ahead on a muddy track, not a solid one. The track goes into a field, while there are narrow side trails here, right and left; there should



be bluebells about. Just for interest's sake, go through the metal gate (it squeaks horribly!) into the field and you'll find a waterworks site on the right, Sandhill Reservoir. Another time, cross the field, go through the big gate at the end and walk the hard road into Longbridge Deverill.

For this walk, turn left before the squeaking gate, and join the narrow track through more woodland, with plenty of shade, bird song, bluebells and wood anemones: perfect! Meander along, till the path meets a hard wide track, then turn right. Eventually you'll reach a junction, not cross-tracks. Turn LEFT here; don't go ahead as the track ends up in the working

area for a smallholding.

The turning left takes you back to Five Ash Lane, but we'll return to the car by a different route, as we haven't found Robin Hood! About the third or fourth turning left on this wide hard track will be a very muddy one, with two huge tree trunks across

it. Divert along here (not without wellies, mind!) and you'll be in a copse of Monkey Puzzle trees, planted in the Victorian era, probably as added interest for the carriage rides; this is Robin Hood's Bower. You won't find men in Lincoln Green, but it's a lovely area and a change from the usual fir trees.

Keep walking and squelching ahead and you'll see a huge tree trunk blocking the trail's end; scramble over that and you're back on your first wide hard track. Turn right and return to your car. This is a shortish walk (say two miles), but the opportunities to explore are endless, so enjoy! If

you're desperate for facilities and refreshments after, return to the Warminster-Shaftesbury road and head left till you see the entrance to the Lakeside Garden Centre, on your left in Crockerton; the café should re-open May 17th (I think, as I'm struggling more with the 'Roadmap' than with a road map!).

## Behind the Hedge

The Secrets of Corsley House now revealed



Corsley House, near Longleat, started life as a picturesque farmhouse in the early 18th century, resembling a fairy tale castle with its leaded windows and stone turrets. In 1812 the prosperous Barton family hired the renowned Bath Architect John Pinch the elder to add a substantial Greek revival addition lending the house a unique character with one entrance feeling much older than the other.

Most of the outbuildings at Corsley House have been unaltered including a lovely apple store with its original interior and a listed grain store built on staddle stones. The real gem of the garden is the walled garden with its spectacular view of Cley Hill. The garden, which has been returned to its former glory, would have kept the family and staff

substantially self-sufficient all year long. A new addition to the grounds is the wave lawn which undulates along the Georgian side of the house.

For the first time in decades Corsley House is opening its gardens to the public. Come and Step Back in Time on Sunday 18th July, a chance to see the vernacular kitchen garden outbuildings and to imagine how it once was. Guided tours of the gardens, Frome's Rye Bakery's Woodfired Pizzas, a Pimm's Bar, Tea and Coffee, Children's entertainment and much more. For further details: 01373 832074 or email: chogtickets2021@gmail.com

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## Whitbourne Chapel

"Therefore keep watch, for you do not know the day or the hour." Matt 25:13 (NIV)

#### Wedding arrangements!

March 27th was a lovely day as far as the weather was concerned. Not so for one of our grandchildren. She had been planning for her wedding to be on that day.

She changed the date to April 17th but could only have 15 guests. Not quite what she intended when she made arrangements two years ago.

There is a story in the Bible which the Lord Jesus told regarding a wedding in Matthew Chapter 25. It is the story of 10 girls waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom. Five of the girls have lamps full of oil and a container with spare oil in. The other five have just brought a lamp. They fall asleep and are woken by a commotion. They trim their lamps and five of the girls discover they have no oil left in their lamps; they ask for oil from the ones who brought extra. They tell the girls to quickly go and find a seller of oil.

Now why did Jesus tell this story? It is to teach us that one day He will come back for His bride, (all those who are prepared, because they have put their faith and trust in Him to save them from their sins). We do not know when He is coming but we do need to be prepared, because He declared Himself to be the Way, the Truth and the Life and that no one could come to the Father but by Him.

Jesus told a story in Matthew Chapter 22 of

a wedding feast. The invited guests had been given a wedding garment by the King.

The King is none other than God Himself. The Son for whom the wedding is planned is the Lord Jesus.

The garment is the cloak of salvation, which is given to all who put their faith in the Lord Iesus and follow Him.

We have just celebrated Easter when the Lord Jesus gave Himself "to pay the price of sin, He only could unlock the gate of Heaven and let us in"

that is Good News.

says the Hymn writer. Now

By the time you read this our wedding will be over, but even now we are making our plans - haircuts, clothes etc. How much more we need to prepare for eternity. The Lord has a wardrobe of wedding garments. Be assured

the planning of the coming of the

Lord Jesus will be perfect.

Ray Mead, Chapel Secretary

#### The Chapel grounds

A lot of work has been done during lockdown - and for the wedding - tidying the Chapel grounds, cleaning headstones and generally clearing the whole site. Hedges have been trimmed and trees lopped. It was hoped that the daffodils would still be blooming on April 17th, but the bluebells were in flower instead!

#### Please remember:

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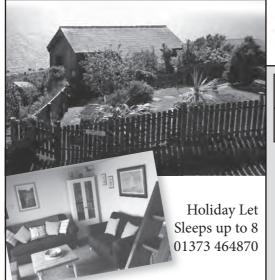
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#### A view from over the hedge...

# **Countryside Matters**

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I can hear the sound of the milking machine and the call of the recently calved cows calling their calves to let them know they are on their way in from the fields.

At 5.15am the dawn chorus is in full swing and the mist is lifting to show a crisp white frost settling on the ground.

Blackbirds are the first to start their singing and usually the last of the day with their cheerful call. In the distance I hear the cock pheasant calling, warning the other cock birds to keep away from the hen pheasants now nestled in undergrowth sitting on their eggs.

The woodpecker swoops back in to the pine tree and continues its repetitive tapping with its beak foraging bugs to feed its young.

Pigeons, stock doves and collared doves coo and, in the distance, swans, duck and wild geese leave their sleeping quarters and nesting partners to fly to larger pools and lakes.

The engines of the huge tractors start up, couple-up with the equipment to be used today; manure and slurry spreading has filled our nostrils for the last few weeks as the grassland and cereal land is naturally fertilised. Now the grass is harrowed and rolled to spread clumps of manure and mole heaps evenly, in preparation for the first silage cut in mid to late May.

In the still air of the morning and evening,

the winter-sown cereals will be sprayed for aphids and fertilised using satellite instructions as to where and what amounts are needed.

The early crops of oil seed rape are coming into blossom, with their eye-wateringly bright yellow colouring, highly nutritious pollen for the bees and a wonderful British homeproduced oil for cooking and dressings.

Potato and root crops are prepared and sown; hoping that the soil temperature will be high enough for germination and growth. The dryer weather has allowed field work to be carried out without interruption, but some rain would be very welcome.

Our hedgerows are laden with blossom, pollen, cover for nesting birds and feed for butterflies and bees. During May, the bluebells, cow parsley, wild garlic and foxgloves take the place of the low-flowering plants such as primrose, aconites and violets.

Some of the rarer flowers can also be found now; wild orchids, cowslips and those delicate flowers we call milk maids!

Fruit producers will be hoping that the April frosts haven't affected the blossoms of the apples and pears trees for, as spring turns to summer, we look forward to the harvest of soft fruit and fresh vegetables.

It is now 6.30am, a bright sunny morning, the temperature is rising slowly and the swallows and house martins are swooping high - a sign of good weather and so our spring morning starts.

Judith Helliar

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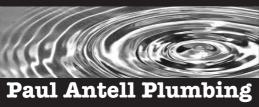
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