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**Please note that no  
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after this date**

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## May

### Monday 9th

Corsley Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting  
7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council Open Parish Meeting – 7 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall  
Corsley WI – ‘Judging Food Competitions’ by Mandy Bain

### Thursday 19th

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

### Saturday 21st

Afternoon Tea – 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Saturday 28th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches Corsley Mill Open Garden and May Fayre – 10.30 am  
to 2 pm at Corsley Mill

## June

### Thursday 2nd

Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

### Friday 3rd

Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

### Sunday 5th

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Picnic – Chapmanslade village hall

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Picnic – The Big Lunch Picnic, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

### Saturday 11th

Open Garden and Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12.30 pm, Chestnut Cottage, BA13 4AP

### Thursday 16th

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

## July

### Saturday 2nd

American Independence Day Celebrations – 6 pm to 10.30 pm, Corsley House



# Diary Dates

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## **Monday 4th**

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **Thursday 21st**

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

## **August**

### **Thursday 18th**

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

### **Saturday 6th**

The Elizabethan Evening presents Peter Pan, performed by Illyria – 6.30 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley

## **September**

### **Saturday 3rd**

Corsley Fayre – more info to follow!

### **Sunday 4th**

Illyria's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' – 4 pm, Heywood House

### **Monday 5th**

Corsley Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

### **Thursday 15th**

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

### **Wednesday 28th**

Light Bites Lunches – 12.30 to 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room

## **October**

### **Thursday 20th**

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

### **Wednesday 26th**

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- 2 Who was US President at the end of World War II?
- 3 Which tree features on the flag of Lebanon?
- 4 From which US State does Jack Daniels' whisky, or bourbon originate?
- 5 In which century did the War of the Roses take place?
- 6 Which artist said "In the future everyone will be famous for 15 minutes"?
- 7 Sienna is a shade of which colour?
- 8 What is measured using an Anemometer?
- 9 The song "Getting to Know You" originates from which musical?
- 10 In which comic would you have read of the adventures of Dan Dare?
- 11 In musical notation, how many quavers are there in a minim?
- 12 In the nursery rhyme "Jack be nimble", what did he jump over after the candlestick?

*Answers on page 44*

## End of Season Lite Bites Report

Lite Bites have been serving scrumptious soups on the fourth Wednesday of the month since last September and we have been very pleased to have raised nearly £600 for our chosen charities not including the money raised for the Children's Society at Christmas.

We have our regular attendees but it would be great to see more villagers come and sample our soup. Unfortunately by the time you read this our 'season' of soup serving will be over – we hope for a long hot summer

when nobody will want soup. BUT WE SHALL BE BACK! Please come and join us again in September – remember it's the FOURTH Wednesday of the month.

A very big THANK YOU to all those who have come to the Reading Rooms and donated so generously – we look forward to seeing you all in September. (Maybe with a friend in tow?)

*Maureen Willcox for the Lite Bites Team*

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**Corsley Parish Council**

# Parish Council Briefing

John Willcox, rounds up the PC's activity in April

The Parish Council (PC) met on the 4th April 2022. All the Parish Councillors were present. The meeting was outside the normal schedule for PC meetings and was held to deal with the deferred business arising from the previous meeting on 7th March 2022 and a number of planning applications that had been received in the interim. The meeting was attended by our County Councillor, Mr Bill Parks, and a number of members of the public.

## **Events at Longleat**

The PC had become aware that a series of events had been planned at Longleat on a number of dates between 23rd June and 2nd July. The PC are anxious that the considerable disruption caused when the Elton John Concert was held in 2016 is avoided as much as possible. (Those of you with longer memories will remember the debacle that was the Red Bull event in 2006!) To this end, a representative of the company who are producing the shows for the promoter Senbla, and a representative of ETC, their traffic management company were asked to attend the meeting.

The meeting was told that there were ongoing discussions being held with relevant parties; the Emergency Services, Highways, Police – Both Wiltshire and Somerset and Avon Constabularies, Center Parcs and that currently the traffic management plan was at Version 7. A brief summary of the activities and the time line was given along with assurances that input from the local community would be welcome and that

the public would be kept fully apprised of the decisions that were being taken. It was confirmed that all householders who are going to be affected by the events will be advised via a leafletting exercise. This will give updates including confirmed dates of the concerts, details of the traffic management plans, a residents hotline number and a relevant e-mail address.

(Villagers may have become aware that, in acknowledgement of the effect the events could have on residents, the promoters of the shows, Senbla Ltd have circulated a letter to residents offering a pair of complimentary tickets to one of the concert evenings.)

As the PC learns more, details will be posted on the village Facebook site.

## **Planning Applications**

**2022/0333/FUL Erection of three Whole Life Dwellings incorporating full disabled access. Land at Lane End Hill, Rodden Frome**

(Note: This application was received from Mendip District Council. Corsley PC were originally omitted from the consultation by Mendip DC but the proposed development is very close to the parish boundary and following communications between the PC and Mendip the PC were asked to comment.)

This application was considered in some detail at the PC's previous meeting on 7th March. The consideration included taking account of the written responses to the Parish Council and comments from the members of the public who were present. It was agreed



at that meeting that a decision be deferred pending a site visit taking place. The site meeting took place on 4th April.

The PC objected on the grounds that:

- It is an unnecessary development of a greenfield site
- It is outside the settlement boundary, effectively enlarging the village in an unplanned fashion
- There would be access and egress issues at a busy and potentially dangerous junction onto the A362. There is no safe pedestrian access to the site
- It would create a precedent in Corsley.

The PC also commented that, if Mendip DC approve the application, then it should be conditioned:

- that the visibility splay onto the A362 should be improved such that the traffic approaching from the west would be much more visible
- that the approach to the houses should be of an appropriate surface, not the gravel that is proposed.

**PL/2022/00665 Demolition of the existing lemur walk-through enclosure and associated fencing, existing toilet block and associated hard surfacing, existing small animal (tortoise) exhibition building and associated hard surfacing. Provision of 18 no. safari-tent style sleeping lodges on land at the northern end of the Safari Park including associated gravelled access tracks and parking areas. Re-alignment of existing animal enclosure fencing to increase the area of the giraffe enclosure. Succession planting in various locations across the northern end of the Safari Park in accordance with Longleat Estate's tree management plan. New soft landscaping to improve the setting of the lodges. At Longleat Safari Park, Horningsham**

The Parish Council objected to the application on highways and amenity grounds.

Whilst the application states that access will be gained via the main entrance to Longleat then via the Safari Park entrance there is no clear egress arrangement. In practice, visitors and services to the existing holiday accommodation are already using the shorter routes of the local lanes as access which is causing problems especially when the gates/barrier into the site are closed.

Should Wiltshire Council decide to support the application the Parish Council would request that, as a minimum, a gate/barrier system that can be controlled 24/7 by Longleat Security is installed to limit disturbances to immediate residents.

**PL/2022/01934 Construction of 2no. 2-bed bungalows, 5no. 2-bed houses and 1no. 3-bed house with associated car parking and landscaping (resubmission of PL/2021/07575) At empty site on the A362, next to the development at Baytree Close, Corsley**

This application was a resubmission of a proposal that the PC had previously been consulted on. The Parish Council welcomed the fact that issues raised previously had been addressed in the revised application and unconditionally supported the development proposal that has been put forward. The Parish Council reiterated again that they are keen that those with a local connection are prioritised in the lettings and sale processes involving the properties and were pleased to hear that this aspect had been recently reinforced.

It is important that those who think they will be/are interested in either renting or the shared ownership properties (three x two beds) on this development should register with Homes4Wiltshire who are Wiltshire Councils agents in this area. Help is available to 'navigate' through this if applicants

experience any difficulty.

**PI/2022/02113 Enlargement of existing access. Internal reconfiguration (primarily of modern side extension) including addition of downstairs WC/ boot room, enlargement of existing external doors and windows to kitchen and first floor bathroom. Installation of stair to second floor to convert attic space into additional bedroom. At 35 Temple, Corsley**

**PL/2022/02123 Demolition of existing temporary sheds. Construction of home office. At 35 Temple, Corsley**

Note: There was a linked listed building application for both of these applications.

There was no objections to these applications subject to the planning officer resolving any privacy issues with the neighbours arising from the construction of the home office.

### **Grants/Donations**

Villagers will know that it has been the practice to make donations/grants to village organisations /initiatives. Five applications were received this year and the PC agreed: £1000 to Little Cuckoos as a contribution towards the maintenance and repair of the existing building.

£1400 to the Corsley War Memorial Playing Field (CWMPF) as a contribution towards their insurance costs on the condition that the CWMPF grass cutting equipment could be used to assist the PCC if that was felt appropriate.

£1000 to the Reading Rooms as a contribution towards their running costs.

To match fund, up to £900, towards the restoration of the St Margaret's clock face.

The application from the PCC was deferred, pending discussion between the PCC and the Chair of the Parish Council on ways in which the PC could assist the PCC.

### **Streetscene**

David Ball, the PC rep for streetscene reported that the meeting of our MP with officers and members of Wiltshire Council, and representatives of Chapmanslade and Maiden Bradley parish councils and the Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers Group to discuss the concerns about HGV traffic through the villages had now been arranged for 6th May 2022.

The PC were disappointed to hear that, following the speed limit review conducted by Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire were not going to authorise/fund a formal speedwatch through the village. It was agreed that the PC initiate its own speedwatch exercise, unfunded by WC and relying on equipment sourced by councillor John Phillips. It was also agreed that the PC appeal the decision by Wiltshire.

It was reported that an order had been placed for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and that discussions were taking place with Wiltshire Highways as to siting. Applications had also been made to Wiltshire for assistance for the siting of village gates and bridleway horse signage on the A362.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

Villagers will be aware that the Playing Field Committee are hosting a 'picnic on the playing Field on Sunday 5th June and welcome all offers of assistance and ideas as to how the event can be celebrated. It is also planned to have a beacon on Cley Hill, masterminded by our very own Beacon Master, Malcolm Holley. Further details will be published closer to the event.

### **Next meeting**

**Annual Parish Council meeting  
Monday 9th May 2022.**

(Note: The Annual Parish Council Meeting is the meeting at which the Parish Council, elects the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council and allocates responsibility for specific areas of the councils business to individual councillors. It should not be confused with,

although it always is, the Annual Parish Meeting which is when the Parish Council reports to the parish on what it has been doing on their behalf.)

Bi-monthly meeting                      4th July 2022  
Bi-monthly meeting                      5th September 2022  
Bi –monthly meeting                      7th November 2022

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# Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

So, I want to give grateful thanks for the fact that I live in this beautiful and peaceful place, I want to acknowledge that I lead an astonishingly privileged life and that I feel helpless in the face of the suffering I see in Ukraine, and in the many other places of conflict or famine in our world. I know I'm probably repeating much of what I said last month, but I think we need to hear it again and again. I do feel unnerved by world events, by so much avoidable suffering, but I also want to point to the Christian understanding of hope; however dark the world seems, and however impossible it looks that new life will ever appear, love will prevail in the end, God is in there somewhere. St Francis of Assisi encapsulated everything I have been trying to say with these words: 'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of one single candle.'

With love and prayers,

Pauline



# May Church Diary

Sunday 1st May: Easter 3

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

9.30 am Eucharist, St Philip & St James' Patronal Festival

10.30 am Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill

(please note the change in the pattern of services)



Sunday 8th May: Easter 4

9.30 am Eucharist Corsley

10.30 am Eucharist Kingston



Sunday 15th May: Easter 5

10.30 am Eucharist Brixton

11 am Matins Corsley



Thursday 17th May

Community Church and Coffee Morning

10 am – 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade



Sunday 22nd May: Easter 6 Rogation Sunday

10 am Eucharist, Corsley, in the Wildflower Meadow

4 pm Rogation service Brixton

followed by refreshments in the churchyard



Sunday 29th May: Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension

10.30 am Benefice Service Horningsham



Sunday 5th June: Pentecost

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

9.30 am Eucharist Corsley

10.30 am Morning Worship Longbridge

## Crafternoons

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 26th May, 3 - 5pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade  
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## Corsley Mill Open Gardens

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## Memories of Corsley School

# The bells, the bells!

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

My predecessor as headteacher, Sue Jackson, had fostered a really excellent support network for the children of Corsley School, building partnerships with members of the LEA, the Corsley School Association (PTA), and villagers. Despite some disagreements with the Area Education Officer, in my time, I sought to continue her good work involving parents and villagers as much as possible in the life of their village school.

Alan Payne, Captain of Corsley Bellringers, was a retired Middle School Teacher who lived close to the school in Lyes Green. Alan was a lovely man with a great sense of humour and was very passionate about handbells. Sue Jackson had first welcomed him to the school to teach the art of team handbell ringing with some of her junior children. Alan decided that the children needed a focus for these lessons and so entered a team in the Primary Schools Handbell Section of the Bath Festival each year. The four occasions I was able to watch I thoroughly enjoyed and marvelled at the skill of all these primary age children.

It was not a huge section, in fact just three schools - Corsley with about 50 children on roll and two large Bath Primary Schools each with more than 300 children on roll. To much delight, on the second occasion I went to watch, Corsley School won the section! It was a fantastic achievement by Alan and the children and two years later it happened

again! Alan had handed over the reins to one of

the St. Margarets bellringers, Barbara Giessler and under her good humoured and patient encouragement Corsley School won the Handbells Section again for a second time in four years.

About half way through my tenure as Headteacher at Corsley, the Education Department at Wiltshire Council had won a grant from the Government for a villages schools project and started giving an annual grant to the small village primary schools in the Kingdown catchment area – Sutton Veny, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Crockerton, Corsley and Codford. The six Headteachers jointly managed this pot of money and were able to use it to purchase equipment, employ a Science specialist teacher to visit each school for a half day each week and provide free transport for children to attend events in other village schools – this enabled our children to compete against other village schools on a more equal basis during the school day and the Village Schools Sports Day, Village School Football & Netball tournaments. The visiting Science specialist teacher was to be Bridget Pearce, who at that time was living in the village and had two children (Jim and Tiggy). Bridget was a great asset to the school – she taught all three classes, bringing her specialist knowledge and equipment and also of course





a warm, caring and enthusiastic personality which the children loved.

Other popular visitors to the school that I recall the children loving included various visiting theatre groups and artists, the County Drama Adviser (Roger Day) and even a 'Chicken Chaser' (Dave Golledge – star of the Chapmanslade annual panto) who often popped in for a half hour or so before Computer User Group meetings for teachers and brought chaos to the junior classroom with his jokes and humour (he often achieved the same effect in his school staff meetings too I'm told!) In those halcyon days schools had a freedom to teach that the arrival of the National Curriculum, SAT's and the dreaded OfSTED sadly limit today. The children benefitted from the enriched curriculum as well as the close community of a small rural school set in beautiful countryside.

## Chapmanslade Primary School join the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy Project

The children from Chapmanslade Church of England Primary School teamed up with residents from Greenhill Grange Residential Home for the project. A cross section of children from all year groups visited the home where they helped to plant a magnolia tree, and then some of the residents came to the school to help plant a magnolia tree there.



It's lovely to see the school working with the community, and of the younger and older generations all working together.



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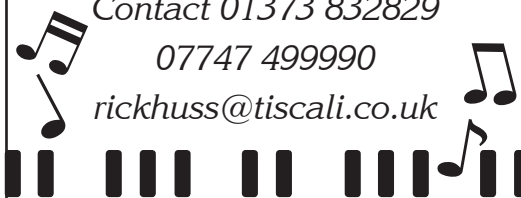
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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Tim Humphreys reports on the PC's latest activities in March/April

The Parish Council met on 14th April with four councillors attending, one member of the public and our Wiltshire Councillor Bill Parks.

### Matters arising from the previous meeting of 10th March

- The assessment survey by Contractors to determine forecast cost of the intended pavement lighting improvements between Cleyhill Gardens and Wood Lane has still to take place (grant previously secured from the CATG).
- An on-line meeting took place of the Platinum Jubilee village committee, and plans for the community picnic celebration at the village hall on Sunday 5th June are developing in conjunction with other groups and potential sponsors.
- Cllr Parks reported on his consultation with Wiltshire Council Planning in regard to recent public concerns over posting of green planning notices. Since start of the pandemic and for the majority of applications Wiltshire Council has stopped notifying "notifiable" persons by post and by display of site notices. Their current policy is for the case officer to display site notices (with photo record of such), however unless a site notice is required for listed building consent or applications affecting public right of way, site notices are sent to the applicant to display if the applicant is a local resident. Neighbour notifications letters continue to be issued as historically.

- A traffic meeting was held early April with Martin Rose of Wiltshire Council Highways Department to discuss the "art of the possible" in seeking to address the longstanding concerns for traffic and speeding through the village. This proved a positive discussion, with a summary document to be prepared for PC consideration advising on what can / cannot be undertaken in law to best manage traffic on our A road, and the most effective approach that could be pursued.

### Planning applications/matters

- **PL/2022/02314, LBC, 86 High Street – alteration/enlargement of existing dormer & misc. alterations.**

No objections were raised by the PC.

- **PL2022/02339, Thoulstone Farm – proposed conversion of an existing grain silo inc change of use from agricultural to ancillary residential accommodation.**

The application relates to a lesser development of this particular grain silo (the earlier having been refused permission by Wiltshire Council). The PC again felt compelled to raise an objection on grounds of brevity of detail, and whether the silo could be structurally designed for conversion as proposed within the guidelines of general permitted development order [GPDO].

- Whilst planning permission had previously

been granted at Thoulstone Farm for conversion of the listed Granary building, the PC continues to voice concern over the developer's intentions and requested Cllr Parks raises it with Wiltshire Council Planning.

- The PC noted its dismay that the request (supported by the local MP Dr Murrison) to "call in for determination" by the Secretary of State, the approved application by Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd for the EfW facility on Westbury, has been denied. The SoS advised being content with the decision of Wiltshire Council and their decision to grant planning permission isn't warranted for challenge under the call-in rules.

### **Barters Farm [Honey Glade]**

#### **Development – Boundary Liaison**

Cllr Holihead reported that residents of had been upset that the previous agreement regarding the boundary with Lochailort would not be met as there had been a different site change for the layout. Discussions with the developer will focus on agreement of where the land boundaries lie and the willingness, privacy and security of the existing properties in Wood Land and the Old Orchard. Cllr Parks and Cllr Holihead met with the developers on Friday 22nd April at the site.

#### **Council Finance:**

Financial documents were shared by the clerk in advance of the annual internal audit.

#### **Other matters**

- Cllr Parks, in respect of villager criticism of the quality of maintenance works recently carried by Wiltshire Council to the pavement towards the western side of the village, explained the purpose of the applied "slurry seal" was primarily to prevent further deterioration - it was not intended as an actual surface repair. Cllr Parks will however consult with the Wiltshire Council Highways Department over the condition

of the finished pavement, and whether there are further works proposed.

- The village school was noted as celebrating its 150th birthday during the year and Cllr Humphreys additionally noted 2022 is the 50th anniversary of the building of the village hall. These milestones for both important community facilities could be celebrated concurrent with the Platinum Jubilee.
- Following concerns raised by villagers over perceived air pollution in vicinity of the school during drop-down and collection times, Cllr Parks undertook to make an enquiry to Wiltshire Council for an air quality monitoring survey.

#### **Date of next meetings**

The next meetings are scheduled for 12th May at the village hall, with the annual Open Parish Meeting at 7 pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

#### **Minutes and other notices**

Minutes meetings and other notices can be found on the Parish Council website [www.chapmansladepc.org.uk](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk) and requests to attend via [chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chapmansladepc@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Corsley WI**

# April news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the April meeting and announces some forthcoming events



The April meeting was a 'Room and Zoom' one, with some members meeting in the Reading Room and others joining on Zoom.

We enjoyed a talk by Natalie Levin the philanthropy manager of a small charity, based in Wiltshire and Swindon, called Youth Adventure Trust. The organisation works with vulnerable young people helping them to develop skills and confidence in a safe environment. Natalie explained that teachers are asked to identify pupils who could benefit from the scheme when they are in Year 7, shortly after they start secondary school.

These pupils are nominated for a variety of reasons: they may be caring for someone at home, they might be young people living in care, some are subject to bullying - or may be bullies. They are frequently socially isolated and they lack adult role models. The Youth Adventure Trust works with these young people, encouraging them to challenge themselves, to make new friends and gain confidence.

The charity works with local schools in Warminster and Westbury, with pupils from this area being invited to join the scheme each year. They will be linked with others from other parts of Wiltshire, meeting at three camps and eight activity days over the next three years. A Forest Camp is held in the Forest of Dean, a Mountain camp in the Brecon Beacons and a Coastal Camp at Swanage. Each presents new challenges for

the young people. Mentors and volunteers work with them helping them to deal with those physical and mental challenges and celebrating their success.

Members watched video clips showing some of the activities and we saw how the young people were encouraged to try new and difficult things and their excitement and pride when they had done it! We also saw short interviews with some of those who had completed the three year programme. All were smiling and confident as they spoke about their experiences. The Youth Adventure Trust, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year clearly has a very positive influence on the lives of these young people.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 12th May** when Mandy Bain will give a talk on 'Judging Food Competitions'. If you are interested in joining WI please contact Alice Helliar. 0789 339632.





# Walking through lockdown

## The Beckington Loop



Beckington village is off the A36 to Bath. Turning off left at the roundabout with the M & S shop beside it, follow the road till the village Hall and park are on your right, then bend left and go downhill. Park somewhere near the right-hand turn into Mill Lane; that's where this walk begins.

Along the lane, you'll pass a milestone beside an entrance on your left, telling you the distances to Cardiff and London. Mill Lane becomes a gravel track when it reaches a Y-fork, the right track going to a Wessex Water plant. You need the left one, heading through a gate and across farmland; the track disappears into the distance and there's a view of the River Frome in the valley at your right.

When you reach a stile beside a metal farm gate, there'll be a sign mentioning 'The

Beckington Loop'. Cross the stile and follow the narrow mud track swinging left; there may be another wooden stile or gate to negotiate (if fields are in use), but keep to the 'loop'. Walk uphill now, alongside a stream at your left to begin with and climb until you step down to a wooden footbridge, cross it and begin going uphill again, alongside the stream for a little while. When you veer away from the water, the climb gets steeper but, at the top of the hill, you're on a metalled road. Turn right here and, after the bend you're on, you should see a dirt track to the left of



the road; it's marked with a footpath sign. Go that way, but be warned – if we've had wet weather for any length of time, this track will be extremely muddy!

The sign beside the track mentions Lullington, but there's no need to go that far unless you want to! For this walk, stay with the grassy track you're on, with the laurel hedge at your right and fenced off fields at your left. You'll go downhill and over a footbridge, heading for a plantation of trees on your



left in the distance. When you reach them, there's a footpath sign pointing left through the plantation – that's not a path I've yet tried for myself. If you want to explore a bit here, walk ahead in the field and that leads towards Oldford, Orchardleigh and Lullington on different paths, with stiles to negotiate in places.

For this walk, instead of going left or ahead,



walk right, through some real muddiness, grass and shrubbery. When there's a wooden fence ahead, follow the mud track right until you reach a stone wall. There's a strange stile here; when you're over it, turn and look at the

'sculptures' each side. Ahead of you now is a barn-type corrugated building and a 'yard', but to the left is the metalled road you were on earlier. Rejoin it now, heading right, as the road beyond the entrance to 'Dairy House Farm' is private.

After a while, you'll see a sign for the Beckington Loop, at your left – that's the path you exited from earlier. Keep walking ahead and you'll reach the edge of Beckington, with a 'blind house' (village lock-up) built into the



Sandy Lane. Go that way till you pass the Foresters Arms and next is Goose Street. Turn left here and walk until you're on the Bath Road through the village. Your car should be somewhere here on your right, if you left it where I suggested!

For facilities and sustenance, down the hill on your left is Mes Amis, a deli-café with canopy, tables

wall rounding the left corner. Across the road now should be 'Springmead School'. Cross the road carefully; this is Frome Road and the traffic includes busses to and from Bath. You're at 'Castle Corner' and the orange-hued building on the right is Beckington Castle. Walk round the corner and the road ahead is Church Street.

Go downhill until you reach the village primary school at your left and a gateway into St. John the Evangelist churchyard on your right. Go that way. The church is worth a look round (most churches are!), but afterwards, take the path going right from the church porch and use 'Sue's Walk'. At the end of it, on the far side of the road, is a turning into

and chairs outside; I had a lovely salad dish here recently. Or walk down to the mini-roundabout and the Woolpack pub; I enjoyed Salmon Florentine here one day, after this two-to-three mile hike!



# Whitbourne Chapel

“He is not here; He has risen!”  
Luke 24, verse 6

## **Fearfully and wonderfully made**

Some years ago my wife underwent many medical investigations to find the cause of a debilitating condition. After many trips to London hospitals the final diagnosis was POTS (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) – a dysfunction of the autonomic nervous system. This means different functions such as heart rate and blood pressure do not work harmoniously together all the time. Psalm 139, v14 – **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made** – became especially precious to her as she considered the marvellous functioning of our bodies.

God has infinite knowledge of our bodies because He designed and made us. Even in the womb the psalm describes the formation of our bodies (vv 15–16). God’s knowledge goes far beyond our physical bodies – He knows every thought and word, every motive of our hearts; even if I thought I could flee from Him, there’s nowhere to escape His presence (v7).

The psalmist, David, knew that his God was Someone he could trust, so in the final verses he invites Him to: **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting** (vv 23–24, NIV translation).

Many things may cause us to have anxious, such as war, the spiralling cost of living and

changes in our health. Let’s follow David’s advice and ask God to search our hearts to see if there is any offensive way in us and, above all, to lead us in the way everlasting. That ‘way everlasting’ is only found in the Lord Jesus Christ, who said: **I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me** (John 14, v6).

*John Hobson*

*Occasional preacher at Whitbourne*

## **“Who do you say that I am?”**

It was the second time we’d been to a wedding celebration for our grandson, Ryan. The first time, in August 2020, he and Gabby exchanged vows before the thirty guests and everyone chatted afterwards over sandwiches and cakes, in his Mum’s garden. This time, the Chapel was comfortably full of guests and Ryan and Gabby exchanged thoughts about what they’d learned about each other.

It reminded me of the Lord Jesus, when He asked His disciples at Caesarea Philippi, “Who do men say that I am?” They told Him. When He asked, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

If Jesus were here today and asked us the same question, I wonder how we would answer? (See Matthew 16, vv13–16).

*Ray Mead*

*Chapel Secretary*

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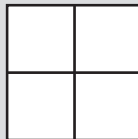
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# Countryside Matters

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out

The lovely April weather made our Easter Bank Holiday weekend really memorable; the first Bank Holiday when we could get out and about without any restrictions.

On 19th April I saw my first swallow and eagerly await the first call of the cuckoo. The countryside has suddenly come alive, the apple, plum and damson trees are already in blossom with pear trees due a little later. I'm hoping that the temperature will not drop to freezing as this frost will damage the blossom and spoil the fruit crop.

The hedges are coming alive with leaves and blossom creating cover for nesting birds.

The corvids (rooks and ravens) have their favourite trees for nests, having had to adapt after the loss of elm trees from Dutch Elm Disease. I recently noticed some crows seeking out nesting areas in old buildings.

I do hope the owls find our owl boxes this year ahead of the magpies (my least favourite bird) as they enjoy taking young birds from other nests.

During May, young deer and foals are born, mothers will hide their fawns in long grass for safety, but foals are usually watched 24/7 as their birth can be problematic for the mare and foal.

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*Judith Helliar*

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### Refurbishment Programme

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The Buy a Tile scheme is planned to be launched in time to publish in the June edition.

### New Oven

The new oven has now been installed and is simplicity itself to use!

### Coffee Mornings

Next Coffee Mornings are May 3rd and June 5th; make a note now and come along!

### Deep clean

We have recently had one of our occasional deep cleans carried out and everything is much fresher and cleaner than it was!

### Photographs

Due to Covid the display had to be delayed and very few people came to look and vote on April 9th when they were shown. Thanks to those you contributed 29 photographs and the committee will now select those to be enlarged and displayed on the main hall walls.

See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for up to date information and more details about the Reading Room. To hire, see the website or call Gill Parkinson (01373 832322) to discuss.

*Hugh Deed*

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