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May 2024

monthly magazine for the villages  
of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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

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**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

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## Deadline

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

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

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## May



### **Thursday 2nd**

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Tuesday 7th**

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

### **Wednesday 8th**

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

### **Thursday 9th**

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Corsley WI meeting - a talk on Riding for the Disabled – guests welcome (£3)

### **Saturday 11th**

JDMSS Eye-Opener Meeting – 10 am to 12.30 pm, St Francis' Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury, SP1 3PN

### **Sunday 12th**

Corsley Tennis Club - Mixed Doubles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

### **Monday 13th**

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7 pm, in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room

### **Tuesday 14th**

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

### **Thursday 16th**

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

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### **Saturday 18th**

May Fayre - in the Garden of St Margaret's House (The Old Rectory), Corsley, BA12 7QD – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

### **Sunday 19th**

Corsley Tennis Club - Women's Doubles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

# Diary Dates

## June

### Sunday 2nd

Corsley Tennis Club - Men's Doubles tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

### Tuesday 4th

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

### Thursday 6th

Road closure – from Lane End junction on A362 to no 84 Lane End – 9:30 am to 3:30 pm (for 1 day)

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Tuesday 11th

Whitbourne Chapel Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Temple, BA12 7QN

### Saturday 15th

Dorothy House Night Walk – Bath

### Thursday 20th

Cash and Prize Bingo – doors/refreshments 7 pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

### Sunday 23rd

Corsley Tennis Club - American Switch tournament – 2 pm, Memorial Playing Field

## July

### Tuesday 2nd

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

### Thursday 4th

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### Saturday 6th

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# Bob's bafflers

- 1 Which alcoholic drink is known as 'Mother's Ruin'?
- 2 What animal lives in a drey?
- 3 The Gobi Desert is found in which continent?
- 4 From which plant do we get linseed oil?
- 5 Which metal shares its name with a famous London theatre?
- 6 Which animal is used as the symbol for the Republican Party in the USA?
- 7 Which famous crime writer has also written under the name Mary Westmacott?
- 8 Where in England would you find Aubrey Holes, Bluestone Horseshoe and Avenue Ditches?
- 9 In which district of London is "'Call the Midwife' set"?
- 10 Of which US State is Dover the capital city?
- 11 Which Street in Mayfair, London, is known for its traditional bespoke men's tailoring?
- 12 Which bird was most seen this year in the RSPB birdwatch for the 21st year running?

*Answers on page 40*

Corsley & Chapmanslade Churches

## May Fayre

In the Garden of St Margaret's House (The Old Rectory), Corsley, BA12 7QD

10.30 am - 12.30 pm, Saturday 18th May

Plant sale



Messy tent

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# Lite Bites

## ‘End of Season’ report

We run our Soup Lunches in the Reading Rooms from September through until April and then have a summer break. This season we have donated almost £700 to the various charities we have supported which have included the Warminster Food Bank, the Red Cross Relief Fund, Macmillan Cancer Support, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Age UK and WHY. We had one more Soup Lunch before we finished, but I had to write this piece before the April lunch when we raised money for Dorothy House – we hoped to see lots of villagers on 24th April. Were you there I wonder?

In December, 60 guests and helpers enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch at which we raised £330 for two charities; Children’s Hospice South West and Julia’s House. This

amount was made possible by the generosity of Jack from the Cross Keys who contributed to the most expensive item – the turkey!

After our April lunch we shall have a rest from soup (hopefully the weather will be good and no one will miss us!). We shall be back in September and are always looking for people to join our team or to come along and enjoy our soup. Also, if you have a particular charity that you would like us to support please let myself or one of the team know and we will try to add it to our programme.

Finally, a very big thank to all our regular ‘Soup Lunchers’ – we have enjoyed your company and serving you throughout the year. Please come again in September and bring a friend or two!

*Maureen Willcox for the Lite Bites Team*

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## Temporary Road Closure (Corsley)

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic C275 (part), Corsley; from its junction with A362 (Lane End) to the property known as 84 Lane End, Corsley, to enable Openreach to carry out a pole test and associated works.

Alternative route: via C275 (unaffected length), C274, A362 and vice versa. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on **6th June** and the closure will be required between the hours of **9:30 am and 3:30 pm for 1 day**. 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. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

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# Corsley Tennis Club News



The season is underway! Junior coaching launched on 14th April with Martin delivering great coaching and lots of fun. Adult coaching sessions are on Tuesday evenings for all levels of play. Details on the website.

[https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/  
CorsleyTennisClub](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CorsleyTennisClub)

We've also had our first league match, against Freshford. Corsley didn't win, but I'm told we didn't make it easy for them! Well done to the team. It's great to be engaging with other clubs.

It takes work to organise our representation at such events and more generally to process membership renewals, keep the courts in good shape and to ensure playing at Corsley is a friendly and safe experience. Can you give us a few hours off court to keep the club running smoothly and support the hardy volunteers who do that at the moment?

You might have a skill we are short of, or be happy to learn about one of our committee roles so we can have seamless transfers when people move on.

To help members communicate and find people to play with, we need someone to run the WhatsApp group, another to post news on Facebook, someone to write this monthly page for The Bridge, someone to research and apply for grants. We would also like to share the role of website administrator.

Those things would only take a few hours each month. Officer roles such as treasurer, membership secretary and secretary take a bit more time especially at the busy times of year but they are interesting and rewarding. You would be part of a team made up of the rest of the committee, so never without someone to call on for support or advice.

If you think you could help or would like to know more please contact me and I can share more detailed job descriptions and link you to the person currently doing that work so they can tell you more.

See you on Court

*Liz Garrett  
Club Secretary  
lizi.garrett@btinternet.com*

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## Have Your Say

Our Member of Parliament, Dr Andrew Murrison, has an online survey to seek the opinions of the public on some key local priorities. Take the survey and have your voice heard! This link will take you to the survey for Rural Wiltshire and Villages:

[www.andrewmurrison.co.uk/wiltshire-survey](http://www.andrewmurrison.co.uk/wiltshire-survey)

The survey covers HGVs, public transport and local bus services, the local economy, local housebuilding, changes to local towns, local healthcare and crime. There are surveys for those living in Warminster, Trowbridge, Westbury and a Crime Survey too.

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## Chapmanslade Parish Council

# Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead, rounds up the PC's recent activity

Chapmanslade Parish Council hosted the Annual Meeting on 11th April which was the opportunity for villagers to raise matters for the Parish Council to consider. Disappointingly, no members of the public attended and a golden opportunity was missed to formally raise issues such as those that crop up on the village Facebook page. That said, the Parish Council encourages members of the community to raise concerns in the regular monthly meetings, or directly with the Chair or any other Councillors at any time. The Annual Report is on the Parish Council website:

[www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/04/2024-Parish-Councillor-Annual-reports.pdf](http://www.chapmansladepc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/04/2024-Parish-Councillor-Annual-reports.pdf)

At the Parish Council meeting, members of the public spoke on the war memorial work undertaken by the History Group and 'for' and 'against' the planning applications put before the PC. Councillors agreed a final version of the Chapmanslade Community Emergency Plan – and the setting up of an Emergency Contact Hub that will coordinate a response in the event of a major emergency. This document is available on the parish website. The proposal for updating the village war memorial to add two names of villagers who died in the service of their country during WWII is also progressing. This requires approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, as the memorial is on Church land. Hopefully this will be granted in the next few weeks, after which a costing plan will be

put before the PC for approval.

Three planning applications were considered:

- **PL/2023/05349 – Erection of 9 dwellings Barters Farm Nursery.** The Parish Council felt that the new planning and business case put forward by the developers showed insufficient tangible benefits for the wider Chapmanslade community and, given that the proposal is for unrequired large houses outside the development boundary, upheld its earlier objection to the proposal.
- **PL/2023/05142 – Sienna's Valley Farm Appeal.** The Parish Council continues to have grave concerns about the need and scope of the proposed dwelling within the special landscape area and agreed to uphold its earlier objection by making a submission to the Appeals Inspector.
- **PI/2023/08763 – Access track - land south of 92 High Street.** (The PC having previously recorded no objections to the proposal). This is to upgrade an existing track to give access off Huntenhull Lane to the applicant's stables at the rear of 92 High Street now had a number of concerns with updated plans. Significantly, the track has a different access point onto the lane and has expanded from 3m width to 5m width, with the resultant additional earthworks and spoil all having potentially greater impact on the landscape. The PC also had concerns regarding the potential for water run-off from the wider and longer track and the

need for additional drainage which is not addressed in the updated paperwork. All concerns and requests for clarification have been passed to the Planning Department.

### **Dates of next meeting**

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 9th May.

## **Licensing Act 2003**

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Trustees are applying for the grant of a Premises Licence for Corsley War Memorial Playing Field Pavilion, Corsley Heath, Warminster BA12 7PW

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Dated: 29th April 2024

# **Corsley History Day**

Planned for Saturday  
6th July in the Reading Room

This event is a follow-on from the interest shown in the photographs of old Corsley, which were posted on the village Facebook page by Charlotte Kingman.

As well as an exhibition of the Forward family photographs and a talk by Mike Forward about the lost castle of Horningsham the Reading Room Committee would like to make this into a social event and we invite members of the village to contribute their own photos, maps, artefacts and written or oral memories of Corsley in the past.

If you are interested in supporting and/or contributing to the Corsley History Day please email

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In due course, further information will be available on the website

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## **Charity Fundraising Opportunity**

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# Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

We are currently betwixt Easter and Pentecost. You may have heard of each of those festivals perhaps being more familiar with Easter! However, in between Easter and Pentecost there is the Ascension. This special day records the moment when we talk about Jesus being raised to heaven. He has spent 40 days being risen and reassuring his disciples, helping them to understand that their connection to him is changing. Before Easter, Jesus was with them in a geographical, physical and timely way, but after the resurrection he is with them in new ways such as in the stories where he suddenly appears! It reminds me of the game we used to play with our little ones 'peekaboo!'

The Ascension is the moment when Jesus is raised up to be with His Father. From this moment, Jesus is no longer steadfastly visible as himself. Jesus goes, or if you like disappears so that the disciples can get on with the things that Jesus has taught them. He is giving them responsibility and authority to go out and be the good news to their communities. This is our commission too. As baptised believers we are to be good news to our communities. But community doesn't begin and end when the village stops, the community might be the church, or the school, your social groups or your workplace. The ascension reminds us that Jesus has gone to be with His Father, but we are empowered to be the hands and feet, the heart and voice of Jesus to the people we meet and the places we belong to. And, as we encounter one another may we also encounter Christ in our midst through the loving actions, kind words and thoughtfulness of each other.

Grace and peace  
Reverend Caroline

## What is Rogation?

Rogation is a time to meet and give thanks, to ask God's blessing on the beautiful countryside that surrounds us and to give thanks for our food and those who produce it. It is easy to feel disconnected from where our food comes from, which makes this a good time to pray for our farmers and growers who are at the mercy of the weather. It also highlights the need to protect this good earth where all are called by God to be the stewards of His glorious creation. In times gone by Rogation was celebrated by members of the community walking the boundaries of the parish, but on Sunday 5th May the Rogation Service will take place at High House Farm, Corsley, at 10 am, by kind invitation of the Helliar family, where all are welcome.

## May Church Diary

### 5th May: Rogation Sunday

8 am Holy Communion Kingston

10 am Rogation Service, High House Farm, Corsley

This is a service to give thanks for the countryside around us

4 pm Rogation Service, Manor Farm, Kingston Deverill



### 12th May: Sunday after Ascension

10 am Praise and Worship, Chapmanslade, to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus

10 am Eucharist, Kingston



### 19th May: 4th Pentecost

11 am Matins, Corsley

10 am Eucharist, Brixton



### 26th May: Trinity Sunday

10 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist, Longbridge



### 2nd June: 1st Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion, Kingston

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill

# Church and Community Events in May

## Crafternoons

Wednesday 8th & Wednesday 22nd May  
3 pm – 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

## Community Church Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th May  
10 am – 12 pm, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

## May Fair

Saturday 18th May  
10.30am – 12.30 pm , St Margaret's House (The Old Rectory), Corsley  
If you can help in any way please contact Sue Fear



## Parish Contacts for Corsley and Chapmanslade

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Corsley WI

# April news

Maggie Wobey rounds up the April meeting and announces some forthcoming events



April's meeting started as usual with a short business meeting and was followed by a talk entitled 'How clean is our River?' by Mike Bull of Friends of the River Frome. The Friends are a voluntary community group working to help improve the state of the River Frome by organising and taking part in litter picks, sampling and testing water from the river, encouraging younger people to invest in the care of the river, working with schools and organising and supporting events to raise the profile of their work, such as The Great Big Green Week.

The voluntary group has considerable professional expertise within the committee, including in the fields of hydrology, landscape design and planning, engineering, ecology, consensus building and communication. Friends of the River Frome started as a litter picking group and removing Himalayan balsam which is an invasive species. The monthly tidy up has removed large piles of rubbish including bikes and shopping trolleys and on one occasion a full dinner service set!

The group have a 10-year strategy relating specifically to the five-mile stretch of the River Frome and surroundings between Blatchbridge and Spring Gardens. Thirty one projects are designed to help the river thrive and be what the community would like, including improving and keeping the ecological quality of the river, protecting walking routes, rewilding and eliminating invasive species such as North American

Signal Crayfish and mink which have had a detrimental impact on river vegetation and species. Water vole and native crayfish have now become locally extinct. The recent appearance of beavers is welcomed as they have helped flood management along the river by building dams, creating ponds, reducing flooding and encouraging other habitats.

Schools are encouraged to participate in a three-week project to look after a group of European eels which are then freed into the Frome to go on their journey to the Sargasso Sea. The children often name their eel and amongst the more common names, Elon Musk is the favourite!

The group help to advise planners on upcoming developments, and have lodged an objection to the Selwood Project which currently has planning in the flood zone area. The flooding at Wallbridge has been exacerbated recently as the retention ponds at the Edmund Park site are not working properly, if at all! Landowners are being asked if they would 'give up' some of their land to act as 'buffers' and hold water particularly in those areas that cannot be farmed very well. The Environment Land Management scheme offers incentives to farmers to boost sustainable practices including creating hedgerows to prevent fast run-off.



We were shown photos of the effects of flooding and developer activity, decimating well-known footpaths, water meadows and greatly disturbing wildlife. The photos of the pathway by The Retreat indicated the level of developer work.

The group are working with Wessex Water monitoring changes in water quality, creating a baseline of data testing for phosphates, nitrates and metal, farm and animal waste, plant features and fish counts and looking for the eight varieties of pollution sensitive invertebrates. Although microplastics have been found in natural spring water, and therefore most likely in treated water, there is currently no test.

The Europe-wide plan to assess water quality only covers the management of rivers for nature and another for bathing areas but, even then, only coastal areas are included and tested only in the summer months for sea water and sewage. Victorian buildings tend to have shared foul and storm water drains reducing water quality and although more

recent buildings have separate pipework, the amount of 'water' causes problems. Recent reporting notes that between 1 and 74 days of diluted sewage was discharged into rivers. There has been successive failure to improve the infrastructure and one of the solutions would be putting in bigger pipes.

We can help the river clean and water quality as good as possible – don't drop litter, choose eco-friendly detergents, use water wisely, checking mis-connections, leaks and septic tanks: and remember the three Ps in toilets – pee, poo and paper only.

So – how clean is our river? There isn't a definitive answer but the River Frome is not that bad.

The next meeting of Corsley WI will be on 9th May in the Reading Room and the talk is on the charity Riding for the Disabled. Guests are welcome to join us (£3). For more information please contact Alice on either 07989 339632 or by email [alicecambridge40@gmail.com](mailto:alicecambridge40@gmail.com)



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Afterwards, walk left, back to Fisherton Mill, cross the footbridge and walk on to the wider library footbridge. Use that and you'll be outside the library, facing the Market Square. Take the first crossing here and turn left for the second one. You're now by Timpson's repair shop, with its neat red brick building above the shop frontage. Veer left then ahead, into Castle Street, finding the first turning right, into Chipper Street; go that way. On the left side of the road, there's an



*Library*

impressive stone building (dated 1913) and its entrance, stating 'Public Library' above the doorway. I crossed to take a photo and stayed on that side, where two young ladies sitting on the doorstep agreed to be in my photo!





*The Pheasant Inn*

century; locals grazed their animals here, especially sheep, because this part of Wiltshire was given over to sheep-rearing and woollen cloth production, then. In the 1500s, the local corporation took over Greencroft; it was used for executions and the burial of plague victims, 1627. Greencroft was the site of ‘Swing Riots’ against high grain prices, caused by the Corn Laws in 1830; 150 arrested men from all

You’ll reach crossroads next, with a lovely red-brick building dated 1935, ahead on your right. Go straight on into Salt Lane, with this building away to your right and you’ll soon see a wooden door there, with the words Fire Station! The whole building was possibly the city fire station in 1935, because there are three huge ‘windows’ that may once have been fire-equipment exits. Walk on and your next delight will be the Pheasant Inn, established 1435. There’s another crossroads here and once you’ve crossed to walk ahead, look back to the main façade of the Pheasant Inn. There’s a car park next, but on your right will be ‘Salisbury Steam Laundry’, the words writ large in ‘gold’ on olive-green Victorian tiles. At the next crossroads go ahead, still on Salt Lane, with the Five Bells pub on the far corner.

You’re now climbing slowly uphill, towards a grassy area with trees. This is Greencroft Open Space, common land from the early days of Salisbury in the 13th

over Wiltshire were charged, found guilty and transported to the colonies. The trees gracing Greencroft may date to Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee in 1897. If the sun’s shining, relax and enjoy the setting, looking left to an elegant Georgian, red-brick edifice in the distance, with carved stone urns adorning the roof. When you’re ready, head that way and,





*Vanners' Chequer*

once across the road, stand beside the lonely stone porchway and look back to the opposite side of the road. The exquisite cream building there is Vanner's Chequer, the home of Richard Vanner, a tailor here in 1667.

Climb Bourne Hill, where the red-brick building is Wiltshire Council Offices, with an ugly modern Police Station behind; luckily, the cop shop is mostly hidden by trees, especially in summer! You'll

soon see an unmarked entrance on your left into more open land – go that way; this was once part of Vanner's Chequer, private allotments and gardens for local residents. A couple I met here showed me a Spindlewood tree, an essential plant in an area used for the woollen trade, during tailor Richard Vanner's time and after. Follow the narrow path going right, which leads through an old,

isolated four-sided archway and between various trees and bushes. Eventually, you'll emerge onto a road leading downhill left, past another entrance to the Wiltshire Council offices and into St. Edmund's churchyard, which is part of Salisbury Art Centre. Walk diagonally right on the narrow path through the churchyard and you'll be back on Castle Street.

Turn right, keep walking and you'll pass Hussey's Almshouses, built 1794 and rebuilt 1875. William Hussey was born in 1724 and was the local Independent MP for nearly 48 years; he died in 1813. Cross Castle Street near Tesco, walk on to Timpson's corner shop, turn left and along this row of buildings is Bradbeer's, trading where Debenham's store was. Why not head for the first floor, where the facilities and restaurant are, before returning to your car..?



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# Whitbourne Chapel

“You must be born again.”  
John, 3:7

## The Repair Shop

One of my favourite television programmes is the BBC series ‘The Repair Shop’. It is not necessarily the item brought in for repair or refurbishment that interests me, but the story behind it. I remember the many vases in numerous pieces which Kirsten, one of the crafts people, painfully put back together with meticulous professional skill, which often look new afterwards. Or Will, the carpenter, with that old writing desk, worm-ridden and bashed about. Or Steve, dealing with the precision of countless clocks and wind-up toys, so skilfully and fiddly giving them all new life. They are amazing crafts-people, doing such amazing work. The value is not necessarily in the item itself, but in the memories people can relive; of loved ones, often passed away, or a memory of better days for one still alive. The programme can bring back memories for us and we can empathise with those who have brought the various items in. It can be a very emotionally charged series, and you would not be considered foolish for shedding a tear or two.

We live in a world that is broken, but repairing this brokenness is beyond the skills of the Repair Shop team. The problem with our world is the presence of sin in the

hearts of people, leading to the corrosive fractured society we live in. We live in an age of increased wickedness, and the leaders and authorities of today do not have any answers on how to repair the damage. Man, and the nations of the world, live in opposition to the commands and statutes of our creator God. We want to control and live our own lives, our way, or “My Way” as Frank Sinatra sang.

Instead of loving God and loving our neighbour as ourselves, we make idols of created things including ourselves; God, is not in our thoughts.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He died on the cross at Calvary that we might have new lives, not repaired ones. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we read,

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold

all things are become new.” Jesus, speaking to the Pharisee Nicodemus said, “You must be born again.” No Repair Shop fix here! Christ’s sacrifice on the cross has paid the price for our sins and restored our way back to God, and everyone that repents of their sins and believes, will be given new, eternal lives.

*Adrian Henson  
Chapel Member*



### Please remember:

If you need help or simply someone to talk to, ring 07980 013685 and we'll do our best to help you. Otherwise, visit our website [www.whitbournechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitbournechapel.org.uk) or google ‘Whitbourne Baptist Chapel’.

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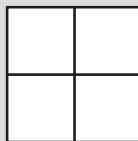
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**Dorothy House**

# Night Walk in Bath

Walking, talking and dancing for charity

Take on a brilliant pyjama-themed charity night walk in Bath!

Dorothy House is looking for fabulous people to take on a night of walking, talking and dancing in Bath on Saturday 15 June.

Event highlights include a free drink upon arrival, numerous stalls including an environmentally friendly face paint bar and a photo booth, a fully marshalled 5K or 10K walk, and finally a DJ bringing in the party vibes!

The Midnight Walk is for anyone aged 12+ and starts at the Bath Pavilion. Arrival is from 9 pm, with time to enjoy drinks, food, fun and funky warm-up with Cheryl Sprinkler from Mojo Moves. This year, there'll be both the usual 5K walk, as well as a brand new 10K route for those looking to push themselves! The 10K walkers will set off at 10 pm, followed by the 5K walkers heading out at 11 pm, enjoying the sights of Bath on a wonderful summer night.

This year's theme is all about pyjamas – it will be the biggest PJ party in town! The Hospice is looking for people to get into the bedtime spirit by snuggling into their own pyjamas, onesies or dressing gowns. Alternatively, walkers are encouraged to upcycle some gorgeous nightwear from one of our Dorothy House shops!

All the walkers will be back at Bath Pavilion around midnight where everyone will continue to celebrate with the legendary slumber party! Celebrations at the Pavilion will finish at 1.30 am.

Every penny raised from the Midnight Walk will help fund the Dorothy House “Hospice at Home” service. Dorothy House is asking each walker to aim to raise a minimum of £50, which could fund two hours of overnight care, provided by one of the charity's compassionate, skilled and experienced Hospice at Home carers.

Kerry Evans is taking part in the Midnight Walk. Dorothy House looked after her step dad Kevin and she says;

“We will be forever grateful to all the staff at Dorothy House who contributed to looking after Kevin and us

as a family. For the amazing and tender care and the time and effort they gave to Kevin to ensure his time at Dorothy House was as wonderful as it could be. The laughs they provided to keep us all smiling and even to the tears they shared with us after he took his last breath. Nothing was ever too much trouble.”

Sign up for just £20 today at

**[www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/](http://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/)**

Join the night of celebration for an amazing cause!



# Countryside Matters

As I write this letter to you in mid April, my neighbour who records the rainfall on a daily basis regularly at 9 each morning has given me the March recording. In March 2024 he recorded 131mm – yet another wet miserable month (which has continued into April).

By the second week of April, the milking cows were out grazing during the daytime, much to the detriment of the grass fields, which may have to be replanted with grass or winter root crop because of the damage done to the ground during the heavy storms when cattle crowd together for shelter. The cows are still being kept in the warm, covered yard at night time. Hopefully the weather will improve soon as first-cut silage making should commence in early May.

Young lambs do not like being outside in this wet, cold weather, they will creep under hedges and any cover and, unless the mother ewe is diligent, the lamb will die within hours from lack of milk and chill. If you do see a lone lamb looking poorly, do contact the shepherd/farmer. Unlike lambs, wild animals such as deer or hare must be left alone as their mothers will return to their young quite naturally.

By the 10th of April I was aware that my robin had hatched two young in my newspaper box and, when leaving the nest, was being very careful not to attract the attention of people and the local cat. A week later and all is well and no doubt they will have flown the nest in the next few days.

On 12th April I saw my first swallows and look forward to seeing the migrating birds returning. Some, like the house martins, swifts and swallows return to the same buildings where they were hatched last year.

Let's hope we hear the sound of the cuckoo

this year – usually heard in woodland or forest area as they call for their mate.

The verges and woodland are again covered in the blue haze of bluebells; sadly, our native bluebell has been replaced in many areas by the Spanish bluebell. The native bluebell is quite delicate in appearance and the flower head droops, whereas the Spanish is a stronger, and a more upright multi-headed flower. Soon, the verges will be full of cow parsley and, in some areas, wild garlic grows; their leaves make a wonderful garlic butter if chopped up finely.

Look out for elderflower growing along the footpaths and bridle paths, (where there's no traffic fumes); it makes wonderful non-alcoholic cordial or 'champagne' which will grace any summer picnic or dining table.

Most walkers and dog owners are aware of blood sucking insects called ticks, found in long grass, please protect yourselves by wearing trousers and boots or wellington boots while out walking and check your clothes when returning home for those nasty little creatures. Check your dog too as they cannot get rid of ticks themselves. Ticks can cause not only discomfort but serious illness (Lyme disease) to humans and dogs.

May is a month when plant fairs, open gardens and agricultural shows abound. It's a great time to get out to support charities, meet up with like-minded people and enjoy seeing some of the best exhibits that the countryside provides. Our local churches has a Rogation Service on a farm on 5th May, open garden and fair and plant sale on 18th May and, of course, The Bath and West Show at Shepton Mallet at the end of the month.

*Judith Helliar*



## Corsley Reading Room

# Your 'village hall'

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

### Coffee Mornings

Tuesday 7th May and every first Tuesday of the month (10 am to 12 noon). Please come and join us and meet others, pick up the local gossip or just put the world to rights!

### Corsley Film Club

This being progressed – read more about it on our website.

### Corsley History Day

Saturday 6th July – see page 17 in this edition of *The Bridge* for this planned event featuring historical photos, a talk, and, we hope, an opportunity to see the Maud Davies film (*Death of a Sociologist*), or see the website for more info.

### Land adjacent to the Reading Room

Readers will know we had obtained a generous offer from Longleat for us to use part of the field adjacent to the RR. Sadly however, the trustees feel that the legal costs involved, plus setup and then on-going maintenance mean this is not something we can go ahead with especially when set against other more pressing needs of the RR.

### Electricity prices

There will be a 26% drop in the unit rate charged to the RR users following a new

contract with Octopus effective for 12 months from 1st June.

### **We continue to seek people to join the trustee team running the hall**

Specifically, we need a treasurer, this is not an onerous task, but it is vital. It is probably less complex than managing an average household account and less transactions! Please consider taking this on.

There is also a need for someone to succeed the current chairman.

Please do contact me or any of the trustees if you are interested in joining the team and keep the RR running for the benefit of all villagers.

### Booking the hall

Please use the website form or email [crrbookings@gmail.com](mailto:crrbookings@gmail.com). Corsley residents get a discount on our published prices! So please do use the hall. Jamie and Charlie Owen are keen to help with your booking.

See website [www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk) for up-to-date information and more.

*Hugh Deed*

*Chairman of Management Committee*

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### Trustees


Hugh Deed, Chris de Groot, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett, Caroline Hutton  
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£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

**Please note: no cash, no advert!**

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## Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Gin
- 2 Squirrel
- 3 Asia (in China and Mongolia)
- 4 Flax
- 5 Palladium
- 6 Elephant
- 7 Agatha Christie (Mary was her middle name and Westmacott was the name of distant relatives)
- 8 Stonehenge
- 9 Poplar
- 10 Delaware
- 11 Savile Row
- 12 House sparrow

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## Local organisation adverts

£2.50 per month for a small boxed advert or £8 for a full page. Full page adverts are allocated depending on space available and cannot be guaranteed. All monies must be at one of the two drop-off locations (Barter's Plant Centre or Acres Supply Garden Centre) by **4pm** on the **19th** of the month. Please note: no cash, no advert!

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6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£120

Trade advertisement material should be supplied in print-ready format, to the chosen standard size and correct shape.

For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer) at either [thebridge832@gmail.com](mailto:thebridge832@gmail.com) or 01373 832443.



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