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September 2016

*monthly magazine for the villages
of Corsley and Chapmanslade*



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biggest coffee morning, find some treasure, go to the ladies' social,
hear about ChapCAP, there's lots to do in September...*



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Please submit articles either by email to viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or by hand (legible handwriting please!) and take them to the drop-off locations at Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade, or Acres Supply Garden Centre, Corsley by the deadline.

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

File types

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

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Small ads are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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

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Deadline

**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
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4pm 19th September**

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

September

Saturday 3rd

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

Monday 5th

Corsley Festival Choir – rehearsals start at 7.15 pm, St Margaret's Church. Future weekly rehearsals will be on **Mondays** at **7.45 pm**

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

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room, 'The Frome Hoard'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 10th

Chapmanslade Beetle Drive

Thursday 15th

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

Cinema Corsley 'Golden Years' – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 19th

NEW craft meeting – 7 pm, The Forge, 104a Corsley Heath

Thursday 22nd

Ladies' Social Evening – 8 pm onwards, Royal Oak, Corsley

Sunday 25th

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

Wednesday 28th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Public meeting for BT Openreach to present plans for the broadband upgrade in Corsley – 6.30 pm, Corsley Reading Rooms



Pet and horse owners

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Horses and dogs can find hot-air balloons very frightening – please ensure you keep your pets safe during this weekend. Clearly, Longleat cannot predict the route the balloons will take – they go where the wind takes them!

Diary Dates

Thursday 29th

ChapCAP meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Friday 30th

Macmillan's World' Biggest Coffee Morning – 10 am-4 pm, Barters Plant Centre, Chapmanslade

Dorothy House Quiz Night – 6.30 pm for 7 pm start, Horningsham Village Hall

October

Saturday 1st

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

Tuesday 4th

Village Coffee Morning

10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 13th

Corsley WI – 2 pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting 'Liquid Gold'

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 15th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Corsley Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 16th

Apple Pressing Day – 11 am-4 pm, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Thursday 20th

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

Cinema Corsley 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' – 7 pm for 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Rotary Club Fun Quiz – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 26th

Lite Bites lunch – 12.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 29th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches. Chapmanslade Harvest Supper, 7 for 7.30 pm
Chapmanslade Village Hall

November

Thursday 3rd

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Warminster Civic Centre

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Saturday 5th

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

Tuesday 1st

Village Coffee Morning

10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 10th

Corsley WI – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room, OPEN Meeting 'National Trust Ireland'

Tuesday 15th

Corsley Memorial Playing Field Committee Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm, Cross Keys back room



Corsley Festival Choir

Singing in the shower? Why not sing with the choir?

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Sunday 11th December

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Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 3rd September – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor

For up-to-date information such as occasional parish council meetings, church services, previous editions of The Bridge, local clubs and activities, business listings, and other useful information, please visit

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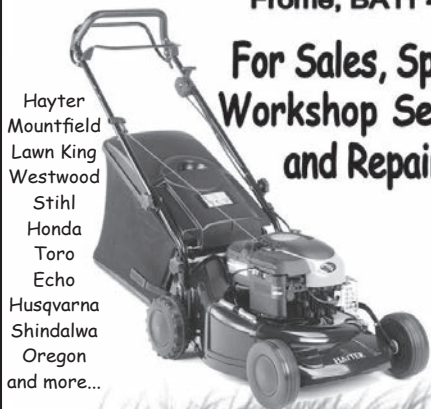


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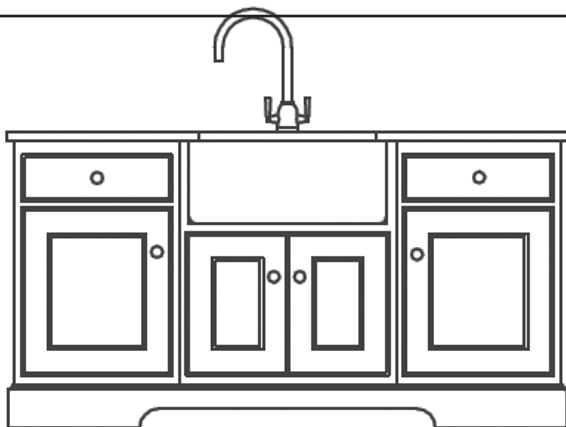
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Thank you all, those who were able to join with me in my last service as Associate Priest, at the Benefice Service on July 31st, and those who were not able to make it, for the wonderful support and help I have received from you all during my nine years of ordained ministry. I have enjoyed my time immensely and it has been a great privilege to serve here in this Benefice.

Thank you especially for your hospitality and kindness as I travelled from village to village, for your patience and forbearance when things have not quite gone according to plan, and for your prayers during those busy and difficult times that reassured me I was not on my own.

Last but not least, I would also like to thank you for your most generous gift on my retirement, which I have put towards a new greenhouse. As many of you know my garden is one of my great loves and I look forward to having the time and space to indulge it even more and contemplate a wonderful period of service and fulfilment in my life.

Thank you all

Di Britten

Reverend Di Britten
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A new plan for Chapmanslade

The last major plan for Chapmanslade was set out more than 12 years ago and given the title CHAPCAP (Chapmanslade Community Action Plan). It resulted in many positive initiatives, improvements and activities happening around the village. (for example; the children's playground, a youth club, speed watch group, tree and hedge planting, Neighbourhood Watch, recycling and more) One of the reasons CHAPCAP was so successful was because many volunteers helped in the process and everyone in the village could be involved.

We're doing it again!

ChapCAP 12 years ago worked because a wide cross section of the village was involved generating ideas and discussion. The Parish council has decided to repeat the process but the intention this time around is to create a 'rolling plan' where the achievements and results are reported back to residents and the plan is revisited and revised every three or four years.

The key to success is getting as many people as possible involved.

At **7.30 pm on Thursday 29th September** a meeting at the village hall will be held where village residents can find out more about the process. We hope to decide then what sort of plan we will embark on. We will explain the task ahead and the work involved. If you think you might like to help, get involved or just want to learn more please come along and support the future of your village.

If you would like to be involved please call Adam on 01373 832437 or email plan@chapmanslade.org.uk

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Who is known as Topolino in Italy?
- 2 Why did the IBM computer called 'Deep Blue' make the headlines in 1997?
- 3 In which series of action films does the character John McClane appear?
- 4 Which country has the airline KLM?
- 5 Where would a 'troglodyte' live?
- 6 How many counters does each player have at the start of a game of backgammon?
- 7 What is the only sign of the zodiac not named after a living creature?
- 8 Augusta is the state capital of which US state?
- 9 Which drink was advertised on TV by Joan Collins and Leonard Rossiter?
- 10 What are the only two elements with the letter X in their name?
- 11 What nationality is Agatha Christie's detective Hercule Poirot?
- 12 In The Flintstones cartoons, what feature do Fred and Betty have that Barney and Wilma do not?

Answers on page 48

Thank you!

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who sponsored Bethany and Ruby Coulson for their sponsored bounce in July. Together they raised £313 – Bethany raised £159 and Ruby raised £154. All the money went towards a new playhouse and garden furniture for Horningsham Primary School.

Fred Carpenter

Friends and neighbours of Fred Carpenter MBE are invited to join the family to commemorate and celebrate his life at a service to be held at
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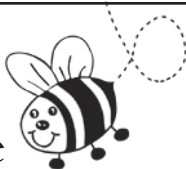
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Biology: changing the world

The perils of higher education

I am writing this on the day before A level results come out and a large number of pupils, some from our villages, are waiting to see how they have done and whether they have achieved the grades they need to go to on to university or college. If they do so, they are bound to meet new people, hopefully make new friends and have an active social life (as well as working hard of course!).

New friends bring new ideas, new opportunities and – here's the rub – new infections. I apologise if anyone is unimpressed with my writing about infections in two consecutive articles, but I try and keep this column topical.

Many people know that there is a higher incidence of glandular fever in students than in the general population. The reasons are complex, but the common name of 'kissing disease' gives the hint of one form of transmission of the virus causing the illness. The normal form of the disease is unpleasant, with fever, a sore throat and fatigue, but otherwise it is not particularly problematic. However, the patient should avoid contact with others as it is highly infectious. Lifelong immunity is acquired during infection, so individuals who were infected as children should not catch the disease later.



A much more serious disease which students may suffer from is meningitis. They become infected because they are mixing closely with unfamiliar people who may unknowingly

carry the bacterium or virus that causes the disease and are perfectly healthy. Only when the bacteria or viruses infect the tissues around the brain or spinal cord (the meninges) does the disease occur.

In August, Public Health England issued an urgent appeal for students starting university or college to be vaccinated. Although the likelihood of contracting

meningitis is low, a new strain of meningitis W causes death in 10% of cases and may lead to other health problems. A new vaccine released last year protects against this strain as well as strains A, C and Y.

The message is simple – if you know someone going to university or college, tell them to get the new MenACWY vaccine, also MMR if they have not already been vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, and then enjoy their new social life.

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Champs-lade. He is happy to receive comments, questions and suggestions for future articles at nigeltbrown48@gmail.com.

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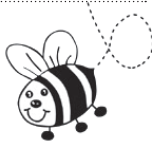
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The buzz from the Bee Hive



Welcome to the news feature from the 'Bee Hive' – Busy Bees Pre-School, Chapmanslade

The new term has just started and we welcome our new Busy Bees to the pre-school. The beginning of the autumn term is all about helping the little ones settle in, particularly as for some this will be their first experience of pre-school, as well as getting those returning from their summer break back into the swing of things. The team are arranging activities to help this process as well as a sports day for the children in the playing field which they all enjoy.

Our Setting Manager, Kelly Williams, will be going on maternity leave at the end of the month and we wish her every happiness with her new baby. She will return at the end of her maternity leave. In the meantime Sammie Lewis, our current Deputy Manager, will be Acting Setting Manager and Stephanie Aven will take on the role of Deputy: we thank both of them for agreeing to take on these additional tasks. We are also pleased that Natalie Dunford will be joining us in September. Natalie is qualified

to Level 3 and has over 10 years' experience of working with children in pre-schools and nurseries.

From September, our Busy Bees after school club will be open on Tuesdays as well as Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (until 5pm). This is as a result of requests from parents indicating that there is now a growing demand for all-week provision.

Busy Bees operates an open-door policy so that prospective parents can come along at anytime and talk to the Team. We recognise that choosing a pre-school can be difficult and we therefore offer a free trial session to give your child the chance to experience being a Busy Bee. If you would like further information about the pre-school please contact Kelly or Sammie on 07749 257608.

Sally Evans
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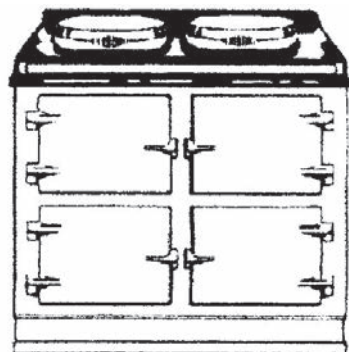


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Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the activities of the PC and announces a public meeting on the broadband issue

This is a very curtailed 'summer holiday' brief. There has been one occasional meeting of the PC in the last month, primarily to deal with a planning application, but the opportunity was taken to catch up on some key issues and take decisions on the way ahead.

Planning application

16/0257/FUL

Erection of a three-bay detached garage at the old school

This is a replacement for the original application for a two-bay detached garage that had been approved, with conditions restricting the use of the building and its development or disposal as a separate dwelling.

The PC had no objection to the application, subject to the conditions remaining.

Bay Tree Close

This project is progressing and a planning application is anticipated around the end of August. The PC has agreed that the new sewage disposal plans meet previous concerns and Wiltshire have reported good progress in getting agreement for the new footpath between Bay Tree and the Heath.

Wiltshire have recommended that the PC investigate potential additional funding for the project from the Community Area, who have a small 'pot' available for Highway projects. In the present plan the new bus stops are widened areas on the footpaths at the entrance to Bay Tree, but there are no shelters. The possibility of applying for additional funding from the Community Area for shelters will be investigated.

Broadband

BT have provided a quotation for the additional infrastructure needed to extend the Wiltshire funded broadband upgrade to the whole village. A planned public meeting, to be held on the **28th September** was ratified by the PC. This meeting will allow BT to explain their overall plans for Corsley, both the Heath upgrade and the additional improvements for the rest of Corsley, the costs and the detail of how these costs could be met. This will be your opportunity to question BT about any and all broadband matters which concern you and a notice for the meeting is on the opposite page. It will be also be advertised on The Bridge website and by public notice.

The options for funding will be presented at the meeting, along with the involvement needed from the village to make it a

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success. Please give the meeting your support and make sure you have the date in your diary!

Future meetings

Quarterly Meeting 5th September

Quarterly Meeting 5th December

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village noticeboards for these.

Neil Britten

*Chairman, Corsley Parish Council,
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Corsley Parish Council PUBLIC MEETING

**Wednesday 28th September
6.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms**

BROADBAND IN CORSLEY AND THE WAY FORWARD

a presentation by

Matthew Lloyd

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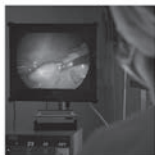


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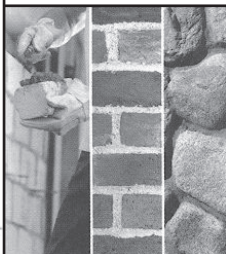
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Dear Friends,

If you are not a dog person I apologise now because I cannot write this letter without reference to the ball of fluff called Betty who has already become a much-loved member of our family alongside our beautiful black Labrador Alf.

Pondering on possible subject matter I wondered, given the pain and tragedy that is so much in evidence in our world today, whether it was acceptable to focus on such trivialities as the arrival of a new puppy in the family. But I came to the conclusion that it's really important to keep telling stories about the good things in life that bring us joy, because if we don't the dark aspects of human experience can blind us to what is good and hopeful in our lives. And there is something wonderfully joyful about getting to know a puppy and watching them interact with a world that to them is new and incredibly exciting.

It's hard work though! Training has to begin from day one and I am constantly in and out the garden, so much so that my knees actually hurt from the constant leaping up and down! But you know what, being forced out in the garden of necessity, I have seen so much beauty that I usually miss. I have gazed entranced at the moon in the night sky, wondered at the mist hanging over the fields in the early morning light. I've sat on the lawn in the evening after a riotous game of fetch, listing to the pheasants preparing to roost and watching the long shadows of sunlight slide away into dusk. I've laughed at Betty trying to play with the wind by batting it with her paws, and stood by her as she listens intently to the multiplicity sounds that surround us; everything is fascinating; each new experience is greeted with interest and delight.

We are all so busy rushing around aren't we, and there almost seems to be an element of competition in the need to be constantly engaged in what we perceive as worthwhile, productive activity; the default answer these days to the question 'How are you?' seems to be 'Oh I'm really busy.' I wonder what the reaction would be if the answer was: 'I'm well thank you, I've been laying on the lawn looking at the stars and the moon and wondering about my place in it all.' I would imagine some of you will be getting cross at this point and muttering about time and the demands of 21st century life, but I think what I am trying to say is that we need to make time to wonder. I would say, we need to make time to engage with the numinous, to open ourselves to the breath of God whose presence fills the universe if only we would stop and apprehend it.

So in these beautiful last days of summer, as the light fades once more, take the time just for a moment or two to stop, and breathe, and wonder at the mysterious beauty of it all.

With love and prayers
Pauline

September Church Diary

Sunday 4th September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

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



Sunday 11th September: Sixteenth after Trinity

9.30 am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Communion

10.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

11 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: Matins



Tuesday 14th September

Parochial Church Council for Corsley & Chapmanslade

7.30 pm at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley



Thursday 16th September

Church & Community Coffee Morning

10 am to 12 noon at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



Sunday 18th September: Hildegard, Abbess, Visionary

9 am at St Mary's, Temple, Corsley: 1662 BCP Holy Communion

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

10.30 am at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley: Family Worship



Sunday 25th September: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

5 pm at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Harvest Festival



Wednesday 28th September

Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch – donations in aid of Juba School

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

Sunday 2nd October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30 am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

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



Saturday 15th October

Harvest Supper – please see advert for further details

7 pm at Corsley Reading Rooms



Saturday 29th October

Harvest Supper – please see advert for further details

7 pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall

Baptisms, weddings, congratulations and farewells

We welcome into our church family Freya Olivia Reid and her father Liam Andrew Reid who were baptised at St John the Baptist, Horningsham on 7th August.

In August there were two weddings at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley. On 6th August William Muir Mackean married Louenna Bailey and on 26th August Justin Hanney married Rachel Cox. Our warmest congratulations to both couples.

The funeral of Maureen Miller took place on August 4th at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade. The funeral of Belinda Davis was on 9th August at St Margaret of Antioch, Corsley. Our prayers and sympathy are with both families.

Messy Olympics

Wednesday 17th August saw over thirty excited children plus parents and grandparents gather at Chapmanslade Village Hall for an afternoon of Olympic activities. Following the opening ceremony in which the five continents, represented by the Olympic rings, entered the 'arena', there were various games and challenges with medals being won! This was followed by refreshments of pizza, sausages and cake and much enjoyed by all. The afternoon was rounded off with a closing ceremony. All great fun and the weather was as good as Rio! We look forward to Tokyo and more inspiration from TeamGB. Please go to the website www.cleyhillchurches.org to see a selection of photographs.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Our Christmas Coffee Morning this year will be on Saturday 10th December and we will be returning to Godswell Grove Farm. This was a great success last year and we ask you to put the date in your diary.

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Corsley Show & Songs of Praise

On Sunday 28th August we held a special 'Songs of Praise' service at the Showground. This service is always very well supported and becoming something of a tradition. Our thanks to all who chose hymns who came from many different Christian backgrounds.

At the actual Show itself we were selling items for the Farmhouse Kitchen and as usual had our regular raffle. An excellent day with funds raised for the work of the church. Our thanks to everyone who supported the stall either by helping on the stall or donating items for the stall and of course everyone who bought something!

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Corsley WI

August News



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

For their August meeting, members of Corsley WI met at the Royal Oak instead of their usual venue of the Reading Room, for a fish and chip supper and social evening. Business was kept to a minimum then members were each given the task of colouring in small pictures, which were later put together like a jigsaw to make the original picture. Colouring books for adults have become very popular and this exercise gave us a taste of this latest craze and will hopefully encourage members to enter the colouring class in our Produce and Handicraft Show in 2017. A summer, sea and sun quiz prepared by Carol Seward, rounded off a very pleasant evening.

The new list of future events for members this month includes the Christmas concert, a Christmas butchery demonstration and



The Frome Hoard at the Museum of Somerset

a Christmas crafts workshop. Full details available at our next meeting.

We will be back in the Reading Room at Corsley on Thursday 8th September at 7.30 pm, when the speaker at the meeting will be David Crisp talking about the Frome Hoard. The competition for members is for an old coin.

If you would like to join our WI, please come to any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month, in the Reading Room at Corsley. New members are always welcome!

The dates and times for our future meetings are listed in The Bridge Diary Dates and also mentioned in this monthly WI meeting report or you can ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446 for more information.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme
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- When harvesting garlic, onions or shallots, carefully loosen the roots from the soil a few days before you harvest them and then lift and lay to dry any crops that you intend on storing
- To store carrots, find a tray and fill it with dry sand. Lay the carrots in the sand, covering them entirely to ensure that all the light has been excluded. Pick the carrots out of the tray as and when you need them!
- When the silk at the top of sweet corn turns a brown/black colour it's ready for harvest. Pick just before you need them and if ripe they should exude a milky, not clear, juice
- Tomatoes will soon be ready, but if you have a few that are not ripening, hang up a banana skin near the unripe ones. The banana skin will release a gaseous plant hormone called ethylene and cause the tomato to ripen quicker
- Apples, pears and plums will be ripening on fruit trees and be very rich in sugar. All the bugs and pests in your garden will love this and will travel up the tree

to reach the sugar. To prevent this from happening, tie grease bands around the trunk of the tree about half way up and this will stop the pests, so they don't ruin your crop.

Kaylee Evans

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New craft meetings

Vanessa and Gill would like to invite anyone interested in crafts to a meeting on Monday 19th September at The Forge, 104a Corsley Heath, BA12 7PP from 7-9.30pm.

If you have a favourite craft please bring it with you. Maybe you have a project that you never get time to do – bring it along! We hope to offer meetings where we swap projects and learn new crafts, so if you would like to share your skills we would love to meet you.

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in July and August

The parish council has met twice since my last report, on 7th July and 11th August.

July meeting

A new plan for Chapmanslade?

Residents with a relatively long memory will recall the Chapcap initiative. This involved a series of meetings attended by many village residents, a parish questionnaire which most residents participated in and a number of working groups that tackled some of the issues which were current in Chapmanslade at that time. Chapcap was a hugely successful initiative, which fostered a strong community spirit in the village and brought a number of benefits, some of which remain with us today. The children's play park, a youth club, litter collection, community speedwatch, kerbside recycling and hedge planting are just a few of the developments that grew out of the scheme.

For some time now, and after a false start a few years ago, the parish council has been thinking about revisiting the notion of having a parish plan and, at our meeting, Adam gave a comprehensive presentation on the different types of planning processes that communities can use to best meet their own needs. Adam was assisted by Trevor

Cherrett from the Wiltshire Land Community Trust and representing Community First, who fielded questions from councillors and members of the public.

We agreed that the parish council should make this a priority over the coming months and that the next step would be to raise awareness throughout the parish. We will be holding a meeting on 29th September to start the ball rolling. Please see Adam's notice advertising this elsewhere in The Bridge and come along on the 29th if you can.

Planning applications

16/05148/LBC

Security works involving new fence and secure foyer at Chapmanslade CE VA School.

16/02522/FUL

Reversion of The Retreat/82 High Street, from a single to two dwellings with associated car parking. Erection of carport and pool building.

Wiltshire Planning Authority has now approved these applications. The Parochial Church Council has requested some minor

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revisions to 16/05148/LBC on safety grounds – the track between the church and the school is owned by the church. The school has agreed to take these into account.

16/05260/FUL

53 High Street Proposed single storey rear extension, new detached car port, and new entrance steps from public footpath.

The parish council objected to this application because of concerns about the height of the proposed carport. We were also concerned that the application requested the obliteration of the existing right of way across the front of the property. We regard this section of public highway to be part our village heritage, the legendary village 'bash', and its obliteration as a right of way would, we feel, be detrimental in the long term.

Wiltshire has now approved the planning application but, at the time of writing the approval letter has not appeared on Wiltshire's website so we do not know yet whether any conditions have been applied. However, see the note below on our discussions at the August meeting.

Highways

The parish council is not making much progress in persuading Wiltshire Council that we need a 7.5 tonne limit throughout the village and we are not impressed with their grounds for saying no. We will continue to press our case!

You may have noticed the return of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) to the village recently. Warminster and the surrounding villages share two of these mobile devices and from time to time we will have our share of one of them. Sadly, Wiltshire Council

does not see SIDs as an effective means of calming traffic but the general feeling in those villages that operate Speedwatch schemes is that they serve a useful reminder to motorists when the speedwatch teams are not on duty.

Neighbourhood Watch

Phil Holihead reported on a meeting of coordinators from across Wiltshire he had attended. This had been addressed by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The police are experiencing an increasingly challenging time with budgets being cut back but are trying hard to ensure that they maintain their presence in the community. We are grateful for the support we get from Debbie, our PCSO.

Phil reported he is updating the team of village coordinators and discussed the possibility of a messaging system which would link the police's messaging system to our village website. As a precursor to this, Debbie posts her monthly report there and whenever possible we inform you of those alerts we receive from the police which are relevant to our parish.

As you will know, there has been a minor spate of burglaries in the village in recent weeks so vigilance is urged at all times. As I write this, I have learned about a car parked in the High Street which was severely damaged by another vehicle in the early hours of the morning (18/19 August). The offending vehicle, perhaps a lorry or van with a trailer, did not stop even though it too was damaged and left debris on the road surface.

Warminster Area Board

The Warminster Area Board met in our village hall on 30th June. I had the

opportunity of welcoming the five Wiltshire Councillors from the Warminster area to our village and to the village hall. I then gave a presentation which highlighted the 'historical and positive attributes of Chapmanslade' (as Wiltshire Council described it). I thanked the Area Board for their grant contributions and for funds which had provided traffic calming measures. A copy of the presentation is posted on the village website. The village hall committee's request for a grant of £2,304 towards a much-needed dishwasher for the kitchen was agreed at the meeting.

August meeting

We do not normally meet in August but an extraordinary meeting was held on 11th August to consider a number of planning applications.

We raised no objection to the following three applications:

16/06570/FUL

12 Brimhill Rise: proposed extensions to front elevation and over existing garage.

16/06450/FUL

140 High Street: increase in size of existing single storey extension.

16/06460/FUL

Black Dog Cottage 75 Black Dog Hill: erection of single storey extension to the kitchen and a porch around the existing side door entrance to the house.

16/06626/FUL

The Old Kennels 164 Short Street: change of use of land for the siting of three safari tents (tourism business use)

We were joined at the meeting by most of the residents of Short Street, who are totally opposed to this application. They believe that a business venture of this nature is inappropriate for this location: they are

concerned that increased traffic on a narrow and twisting lane would make an existing hazard even more dangerous and they have concerns about drainage issues, too.

The parish council's decision to lodge an objection to the proposal was unanimous. We hope that, if the case officer from the planning department recommends approval, Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, our Wiltshire Councillor, will "call the application in" so that it will be considered at a meeting of the Western Area Planning Committee. It seems that this will depend on whether or not the highways authority expresses concern about the proposal.

16/05260/FUL

53 High Street: proposed single storey rear extension, new detached car port, and new entrance steps from public footpath.

Concerning the requested obliteration of the public highway outside no 53, we were informed that the Secretary of State for the Environment is charged with making a decision. We decided that it would be appropriate to lodge an objection, which the Secretary of State will need to take into account when reaching her decision.

Our next scheduled parish council meeting is due to be held in the village hall on **Thursday 8th September**. Do come along to the meeting if you can, to speak or maybe just to listen. And do remember that if you want to keep in touch with what is going on in Chapmanslade visit our website at www.chapmanslade.org.uk. We regularly refresh the website with news and details of coming events.

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News from the Nest

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

Its back to school for the Little Cuckoos Preschool!

Little Cuckoos will be welcoming seven new children to the nest this year. During the first term they will be busy getting to know each other and the setting – enjoying our fantastic outdoor space whatever the weather! We have received lots of great feedback from our former Cuckoos who flew the nest in July to join the various local primary schools. We wish them all the best as they begin their new journeys.

Tuesdays at the nest is a busy day with the Baby and Toddler Group 10 am-11.30 am. This group is a great opportunity for younger siblings to be introduced to the setting and to experience learning through play. Please contact Emily Edwards Group leader for further details little.cuckoos@hotmail.co.uk or give her a ring on 01373 832298.

Over the next few weeks the children will be enjoying autumnal and bonfire night-themed activities – making collages from leaves and other autumn material and creating firework pictures!

The Little Cuckoos committee's Annual General Meeting will be held mid-October, the date to be confirmed. We would like to welcome anyone interested in joining the committee or would like to learn more about the Pre-school.

Term-time opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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

For more information, please contact us on 01373 832298

www.littlecuckoos@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Market

Saturday 19th November, Corsley Reading Room

The Corsley Reading Room Committee would like to hear from anyone interested in taking a stall at this year's Christmas Market. There's loads of time to get making/crafting lovely things to sell – wooden toys, crafted candles, Christmas cards, funky jewellery – whatever you fancy selling!

Stallholders will be carefully selected to give buyers the widest choice of products possible



To get ahead of the pack, please contact Vanessa Hyde on 01373 832700

Stalls cost £10 – all profits to the stallholder



A ruddy great Ruddigore round up

So, it seems the committees' naked cavorting in the woods, worshipping the goddess of sunshine paid off handsomely and we had a near-perfect evening for this year's event.

Although Ruddigore is one of the lesser known Gilbert and Sullivan works, it still attracted a capacity audience to the grounds of Manor Farm and was, by all accounts, a very well-acted and sung performance by Illiiria.

For the committee, it's an eight-month labour of love without equal in the village cannon of events and is arguably the most fun you can have with your clothes on (and occasionally off).

Our sponsors, big or less big are the life-blood of the event and their generous support allows us to make most use of the event to raise money for local charities and good causes – and we again had a very successful fundraising year. In particular we are ever grateful for S A Group Ltd's very generous support of the event.

The customary foreplay, sadly missing this year, was replaced by a short introductory piece by Messrs Dandy Jack & Quill who it seems had neither agreed what period costume they should wear, nor on a script. We realise that for many of the audience this is their only opportunity to experience quality foreplay on a Saturday evening, but fear not it will be back even better next year.

Upon the shoulders of the food sub-committee so much rests. Neither limp lettuce nor squishy cucumber thwarted their plans for another excellent meal and, duly laden, they all disappeared home with 5kg of spuds each with instructions to cook and bring back for in time for supper.

As the evening was so warm, gentlemen were excused jackets and ties and the ladies were allowed to loosen their stays

and dispense with their nether garments. Unfortunately the latter was done with too much relish and we have an assortment of unclaimed pairs in the lost property box. The size 28 thong however won't be returned as we are having too much fun using it as a catapult on our siege engine. Other less salacious items of lost property can be claimed by ringing Claire.

What the audience perhaps doesn't see is the army of local volunteers who are dragged out on Saturday morning to hump and clean 400+ chairs into place, the tables and benches to feed 200, road signs, bunting, candles and much more besides. And THEN we drag them all out again on Sunday morning to clear it away; hangovers, backache, senility and old age being no excuse for a non-appearance.

Also behind the scenes on the night much twanging of latex takes place in the back kitchen and Miriam, the mistress of the Marigolds and her companions spent over four hours hand-washing the crocs, glasses and cutlery.

With everything going so spiffingly well, what possible fly in the ointment could there be? Running out of beer, that's what!! You thirsty people had quaffed your way through 144 pints before the performance had even started (Note to that old tramp running the bar – get more beer in if the weather's hot!!).

The committee is once again hugely grateful to the current Mrs Helliard for allowing her home to be the host of some many committee meetings, Claire and Chris for the venue with the best menu and the many volunteers young and old who make the evening the success it always is.

... and so with that good readers, we're off to hang up our aching codpieces and heaving bustiers for another year (well, five months actually) before we start it all again.

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I know best!

Is there a single day from this lovely summer that sticks in your mind? Mine is one hot Tuesday, 19th July. I was meeting my friend Mary at noon for lunch, but walking alone, first. The temperature was going to top thirty degrees, so I put a full bottle of water in the car with sweets, a mini-bottle of water in my bag, charged the mobile and took my sunhat.

Stockhill Forest's where I went, under shade for a 90-minute stroll, with ample time to drive to Mary's home after. The forest's roughly square, so I walked the perimeter wall for two sides of the four. Because I had spare time left, I decided to walk sides three and four, instead of using the main diagonal track back to the car. However, side three became fallen trees and swamp, didn't connect with side four and before long, I was lost. I drank my water, tried not to panic, put on my sunhat and eventually found a wide path in full sunlight – which led back to the car.

There I sat, shaking as I drank my big bottle of water and ate sweets, before driving from the car park. After 200 yards, I pulled into a lay-by; I wasn't fit to drive. I tried using the mobile, but couldn't do it. A car parked in front of mine had a driver in it; I staggered to it and, when the poor man wound down the window, I handed him my mobile, muttered about needing Mary and having to lie down – and wobbled back to my car!

Thank the Lord the man was there, as if waiting for a fool to arrive! He found Mary's number on my mobile and rang her on his, checked I was all right and left for his work.

Mary came, put me in her car and took me to Burrington Inn – but I was so ill when we got there, I had to lie down on a couch in the bar. Mary rang the Ambulance Service and enjoyed a portion of chips and a drink, while I lay flaked out beside her! An hour passed, no ambulance came and I felt better, standing and walking without wobbling. Mary cancelled the ambulance (they were 'stretched' – probably with more silly people like me), I had chips and a cuppa, thanked the Inn staff for their help and left. Mary returned me to my car and followed me halfway home, but I was fine by then.

I thank the Lord, too, that Burrington Inn staff know me well enough to let me lie on their couch and recover from something that was entirely my own fault. I knew best! It's always that hot in Rome, I knew the woods, I had supplies... It's no different to the way I am with God; He tells me what's right and I think I know best... I admit it now – no, I don't.

Harvest Services

Our Harvest Services will be held this year on Sunday 18th September. Mr Chris Andrews will lead the 11am Service and Mr Andrew Coxhead will take the Evening Service at 5 pm. Please, come along and join us for one of these Services; you'll be made very welcome!

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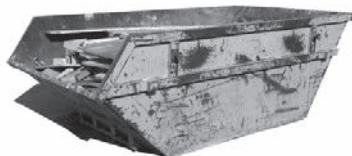
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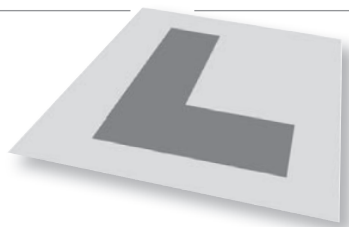
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"You must run over animals if you are on your test" Er, no ! Try to avoid the animal as you would normally, as long as it doesn't cause an accident with another road user.

"You are not allowed to speak to the examiner". Poppycock! Yes you can, although it is probably best not to get into a full blown conversation with the examiner, as talking can, especially at the wrong moment, be a distraction.

"You have to move your head to let the examiner know you are looking in the mirror". Ha Ha ! Another common myth. The examiner is watching the pupil's eyes, not the nodding of the head. Moving your head is not of itself a failure, and sometimes it is necessary in order to get a better view of something i.e. a cyclist slightly out of sight behind you. But it is unnecessary to do it for the benefit of the examiner. The examiners are perfectly trained to see the eyes move.

"I am not allowed to talk myself through a difficult situation" Yes you can. If it makes it easier to talk out loud through some elements of the test (a common example

can be counting the exits on a roundabout out loud), then there is no harm in doing so. The examiner is interested in what the pupil actually does, not what they say.

"Examiners have to fail a certain number of pupils each week". Absolute nonsense. If it was down to a lottery of 'today's the failure day', then all instructors would have the same pass rate because statistically it would all even out, yet we all know there are good and bad in all professions... and pass rates are not all the same! This is invariably an excuse made by people who didn't pass their first test. If the examiners had to fail a certain number of people, then the reverse would also be true, that the examiners would therefore have to pass a required number or percentage of pupils – which would swiftly become ridiculous, since if examiners failed (for instance) the first half of a weeks tests, that means they would have to pass the remaining half that week, even if some of them ran three red lights, took off a wing mirror and pulled out in front of other traffic causing them to brake. It becomes very clear that the ability for the examiner to 'massage the results' would go rapidly and badly wrong. It would, and is, much simpler that if a person on test makes a failure mistake, then fail them, and if they don't, then pass them! The statistics will show up as a truth of actual performance.

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Wow what a summer! Lots of outside events have been enjoyed on some lovely sunny days – I hope that the Corsley Show will benefit as well!

Farmers and gardeners are notorious for grumbling about the weather, but the six to eight weeks of having hardly any rain during July and August brought the harvesting of cereal crops forward a few weeks earlier than usual. Bearing a slightly lower yield, the crops were harvested in a dry state, so farmers will receive smaller drying bill.

The turn-round on some of our fields was immediate with direct-drilling of winter feeding crops going straight into the stubble.

Our lanes, roads and motorways are busy with trailers and lorries travelling down to the West Country carrying straw which will be used for feed and bedding in the oncoming months of winter. We are fortunate to be able to buy in straw locally from Salisbury Plain, which helps keep costs down, whereas farmers in the West Country and Wales where less arable crops are grown may have to buy in from as far afield as East Anglia.

The birds are enjoying the grain dropped in the fields and the fruits in the hedgerows. If you go out picking the fruit in the hedgerows, do go along footpaths where you will find berries less contaminated with dust and traffic fumes. Following a shower of rain, you may even find some field mushrooms which appear overnight: get out early and pick them and eat them at their best for breakfast

Sadly, as the clouds bearing a little welcome rain come over the village, the second day of tuberculosis testing is carried out on the farm; the news is not good – eight reactors on the first day, all pregnant cows due to calf in the next few months will now be slaughtered, and there could be more by the end by the end of today.

Judith Helliar



Ladies' Social Evening

8pm onwards, Thursday 22 September

The Royal Oak, Corsley

The summer is almost over and I hope it's been full of long relaxing days lying in the sunshine, sipping cocktails on a sandy beach and reading all those books you've been wanting to read for ages. Or has it gone by far too quickly and you still feel you haven't got all the things done you intended to.

Whatever your summer has been like, come and have a truly relaxing and fun evening at the Royal Oak at the ladies' social night. You can catch up with all those people you have said 'see you soon' to or 'lets meet up over the summer and BBQ!' Bring friends, neighbours and meet new people too.

See you there.

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Cinema Corsley

Golden Years

7.30 pm, Thursday 15th September

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