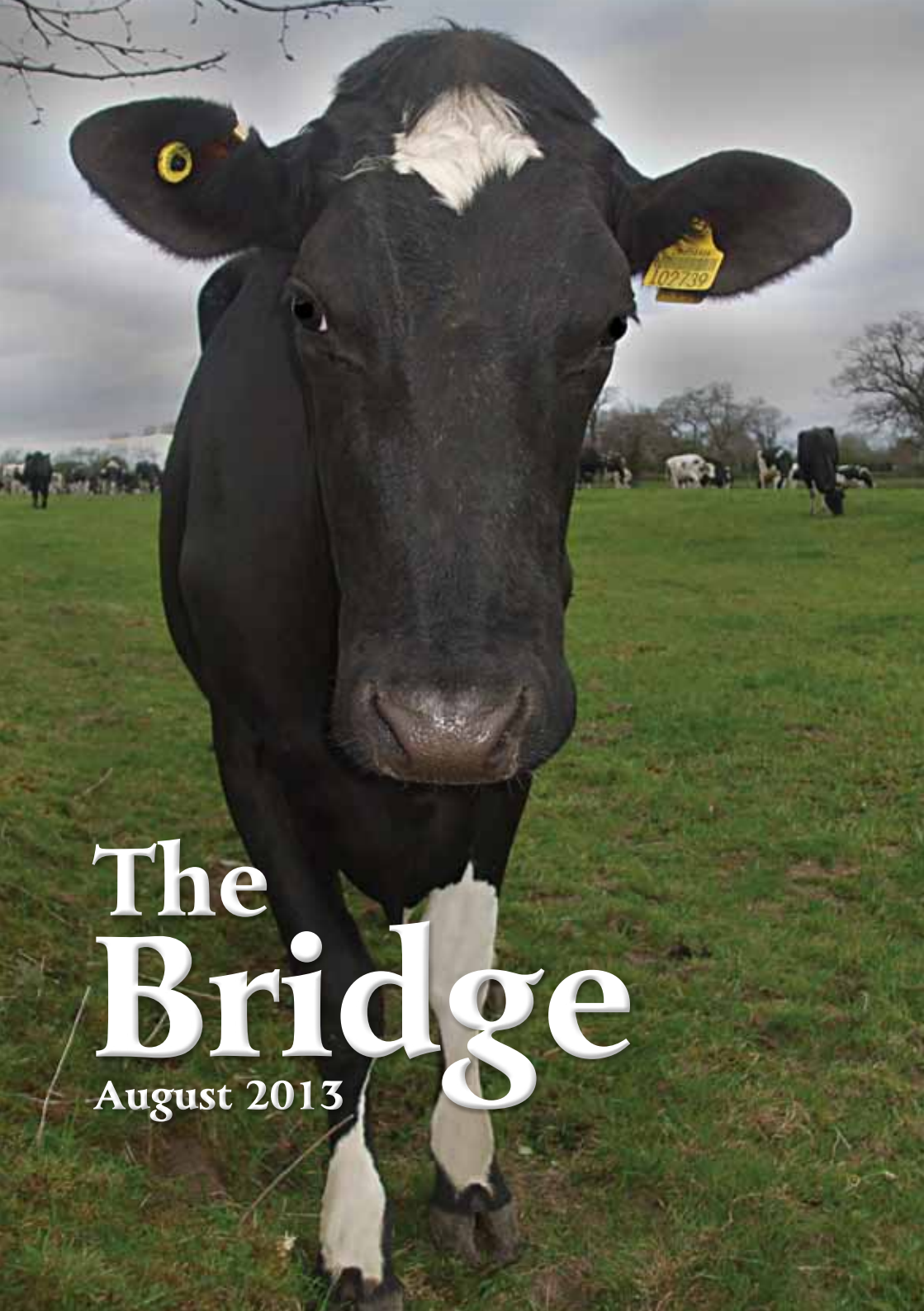




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From the Editor

With the Corsley Show fast approaching, I hope all you gardeners, cooks and artists – young and old – are getting your entries geared up! If you have an hour to spare to help out stewarding, I'm sure Colin Cary would love to hear from you (see page 13 for details)

Viv Thomas, Editor

Please submit your articles either by email to me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com or take them to either

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If you are advertising, please don't forget to include the advertiser's fee. Small ads are 80p PER ITEM, local organisations (churches, playgroups, clubs, etc) who are advertising events are £2.00. News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free - the more the merrier - keep 'em coming! Space allotted for events adverts is always dependent on availability at the time.

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or adverts for the next
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August

Saturday 3rd

Cancer Research UK – Coffee, bring and buy, raffle and stalls – Old Weavers, 101 Corsley Heath, 10am to 12 noon

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 6th

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

Thursday 8th

Warminster mobile library (see page 33 for times)

Corsley WI Biennial Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 11th

Croquet and Boules – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 14th

Cley Hill Summer Family Picnic – 12.00 noon

Wednesday 21st

Visit to Salisbury Cathedral – 10.00am

Thursday 22nd

Warminster mobile library (see page 33 for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning– 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Bank Holiday Monday 26th

Corsley Show

Wednesday 28th

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches visit to Salisbury Cathedral

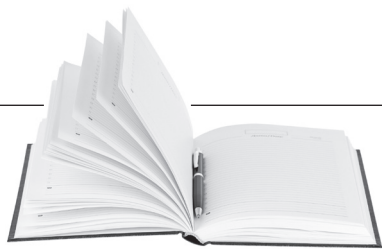
September

Monday 2nd

Corsley Parish Council - Quarterly Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Tuesday 3rd

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



Diary Dates

Thursday 5th

Warminster mobile library (see page 33 for times)

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Chapmanslade Loose Women – ‘Mercy Ships’ talk – 1 Brimhill Rise, 7.30pm

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Celebration of the Countryside, St Margaret’s Church (and tomorrow, Sunday 8th)

Sunday 8th

Celebration of the Countryside, St Margaret’s Church

Community luncheon to celebrate the 450th birthday of Corsley Manor

Songs of Praise Special – 6.00pm, St Margaret’s Church

Thursday 12th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Open Meeting, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 14th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Ride and Stride – all day at the three churches

Sunday 15th

Benefice Service followed by buffet lunch at Horningsham Village Hall to say goodbye to Rev Norma Payne – Longbridge Deverill Church, 10.30am

Wednesday 18th

Gardening Club visit to Avebury

Thursday 19th September

Warminster mobile library (see page 33 for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning– 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 25th September

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Friday 27th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.00am - 12 noon, venue to be confirmed

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October

Tuesday 1st

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

Thursday 10th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 12th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 17th October

Church and Community Coffee Morning– 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 23rd October

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

November

Tuesday 5th

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

Thursday 7th

Warminster Area Board – 6.30 for 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 9th

Chapmanslade Litter Pick – 12 noon, meet opposite The Three Horseshoes

Thursday 14th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 21st November

Church and Community Coffee Morning– 10.00am - noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Wednesday 27th November

Lite Bites Bread and Soup Lunch – 12.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

December

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 9th

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

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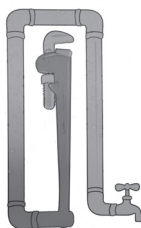
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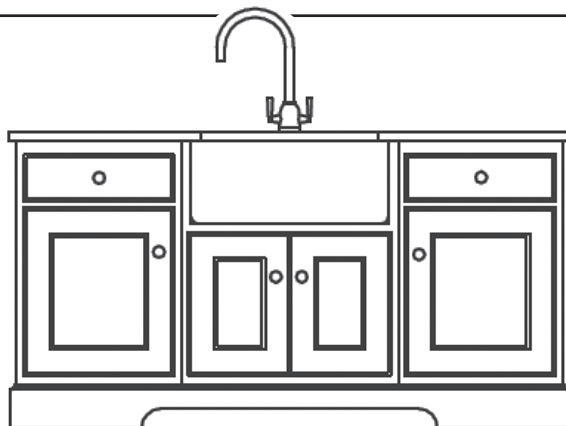
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The Corsley Show

26th August 2013
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Now is the time to decide about your entries for the Horticulture & Craft tent which this year promises a glorious array of produce as the National Vegetable Society is joining us for the first time.

You can take your entry form and money to the Corsley Reading Room on either Monday 12th or 19th August 7.00 – 8.30pm. You can also post or email your entry forms (see page 42 of the Schedule).

We look forward to welcoming you on the day to enjoy a grand array of entertainment.

Will any trophy holders for the Horse & Pony Show, Dog Show and Horticulture & Crafts Show please make sure they return the cups in good time.



Bob's bafflers

- 1 What are Spode, Bow and Chelsea all types of?
- 2 A covey is the collective name for a group of which birds?
- 3 Which area of Italy produces chianti?
- 4 What in your body are affected by phlebitis?
- 5 True or false – upsilon is a letter of the Greek alphabet?
- 6 How did the wicked witch of the East die in the Wizard of Oz?
- 7 Which Saint has 15th July as his feast day?
- 8 Eton School is in which county?
- 9 In which Shakespeare play does a ghost walk on the battlements?
- 10 What is a Miller's Thumb?
- 11 How many states make up the United Arab Emirates - 5, 7 or 9?
- 12 Who was once described in Blackwell's worst dressed list as 'the bare toed terror of London town' after a well-documented toe incident?

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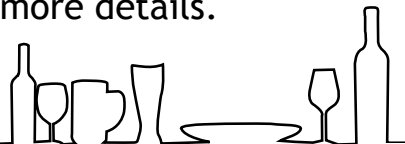
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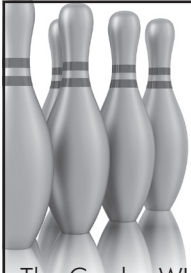


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Corsley WI Ladies win the Wiltshire Federation of WI's Skittles League!

The Corsley WI Skittles team, captained by Charlotte Beswick, was delighted to have finally won the Wiltshire Federation of WI's Skittles League for 2012/13.

After having won 6 out of our 8 matches during the season, there was an anxious wait for Charlotte Beswick, Jean White, Sheila Moulton, Rosemary Collins, Val Sandoe, Jean Jones, Anne Carruthers, Di Dowling, Val Benbow and Carol Seward, to see if we had qualified for the quarter-finals matches. The good news arrived and in early May 2013 we won a place in the semi-finals after having to play an extra leg because of a tied match on the night.

Then at last all the hard work paid off and victory was ours in late May as we finally won the Shield. To add to the celebrations, Val Sandoe won the cup for the highest score in the final match. Considering that the average age of our skittles ladies team members is just over 79, these are fantastic achievements and we congratulate them all.

The Forever Friends Appeal

It's a sad fact that most people have had some experience of cancer or knows somebody who has. A small group of volunteers have recently formed a local fundraising group to help raise money towards the building of a new Cancer Care Centre at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

Inspired by initiatives in the USA and more recently at the new UCLH Cancer Centre in London the RUH has the opportunity to do something very special and different. The aim is to build a new and pioneering Cancer Centre which balances clinical expertise with the provision of a nurturing and therapeutic environment centred on patient care and experience, reducing stress and anxiety whilst promoting health.

Our local fundraising group meet once a month to help raise money by running charity events, such as a recent quiz night at Ruby's Bistro on Warminster. We will be manning a stall at the Corsley Show and would welcome any donations of raffle prizes, arts and crafts items, unwanted gifts, etc. Homemade produce and cakes to sell would be great too. If you can help in any way or would like to become involved in our group please ring me (Jane) on 01373 832444.



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Sam Abe	Grade 4 with Merit
Georgia Lawrence	Grade 5 with Merit
Sam Abel	Grade 5 theory with Distinction

Many congratulations to you all.

Debbie Rickhuss
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Corsley Show

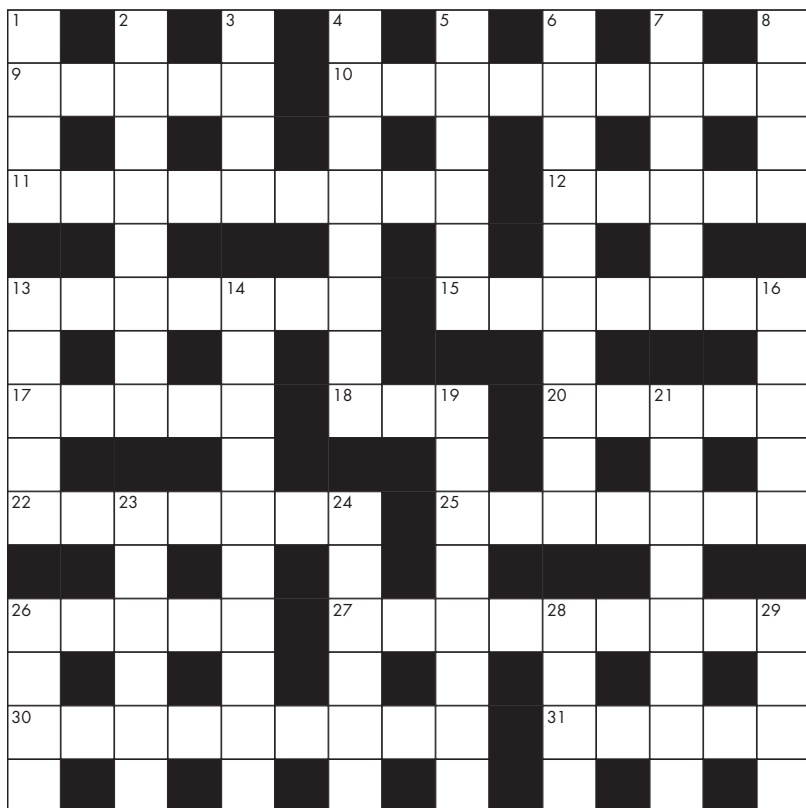
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Canopus



Doodle pad

solution page 44

Clues across

- 9 Go for a ride in Clancy Clermont? (5)
 10 Narrow escape – but the phone's nearby! (5,4)
 11 Map encompassing various routes to ambush Mickey (9)
 12 Geronimo's top prize (5)
 13 How a good golfer might scrape by? (7)
 15 Proper to have direction before going down (7)
 17 Burdened with dismal eland (5)
 18 See 27 ac.
 20 In Sussex, tolerance is to be applauded (5)
 22 Flower includes writers cost (7)
 25 I hear you dreamt badly – so adult (7)
 26 Evidence of penny top provided by 16 dn. (5)
 27 Hardly a dandy, but cowboy in it! (9, 4)
 30 Novel return of Daily Mail, perhaps (9)
 31 Appropriated a scarf? (5)

Clues down

- 1 Swindle revealed in Lottery's Camelot HQ! (4)
 2 Obtained four folded sheets in a compact disc? (8)
 3 Exposed in the Defence Department? Give over! (4)
 4 Seared musical arranged about church? (8)
 5 Languid, if unstable, tripod (6)
 6 Oddly, it presents only a tenacious characteristic (10)
 7 My mate's top notch at Blenheim... (8)
 8and all my mates are up for a strike! (4)
 13 Work out love's conundrum? (5)
 14 Pianist relies on cutlery to stay melodic (6, 4)
 16 Edward gathered 49 and laid the floor (5)
 19 Identical title nervously makes Sean lose direction (8)
 21 Trader upset about room contents faces bovine challenge (8)
 23 Remind thespian to be on time (6)
 24 Don't finish over there, reportedly – you'll be loved for it (6)
 26 Put a sock in it when it's down (4)
 28 The point is, it's 50 off minimal! (4)
 29 Weapon used in quite peevish mood (4)

Corsley Tennis Club News

The club held its Ladies Doubles Tournament on a balmy Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Playing Field. Eight pairs fought mightily to entertain the watching aficionados and all the ladies demonstrated skill and tenacity.

Brenda Levitt and Jenny Bishop emerged as worthy winners with 28 points: consistency and a knack of turning defence into attack proved to be their trump cards. Runners-up with 25 points were Alison Plummer and Diana Hale, who both volleyed impressively. Third place went to Jane Snedden and Val Sandoe (24 points), who played with poise and guile. The event was seamlessly organised by Sonia Glenn and concluded with a fine tea.

Cake Monster

The Tennis Club will be running a Bric-a-Brac stall at **Corsley Show** this year. All contributions will be gratefully received. For further information please contact Isabel Lewis on 01373 832770.

Many thanks

Sonia Glenn

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We are taking a break during August. Our next session will be on 14th September when we will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon as usual. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

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Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 3rd August – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

*Cath Aylesbury and
Sue Taylor*

At the crease

Corsley lost to Dinton by 87 runs on a pleasant day at the Memorial Playing Field.

Dinton faltered initially as Phil Wood snared three victims,

but Coombes (a perennial thorn in Corsley's flesh) notched 74 and Randell made 38 to put the visitors on top. Despite a good stint by Mervyn Parrish, Dinton amassed a daunting 217.

Corsley Cricket Club News

After a delicious tea, Corsley struggled against some accurate bowling. Neil Carpenter scored a vigorous 19 and Tom Liquorice hit 12, but the best innings came from Glyn Newton, whose 34 included a six which wreaked havoc amongst the lady tennis players taking tea nearby! Though Adam Ledbury battled bravely, Allen dismissed the tail-enders as Corsley declined further to 130 all out.

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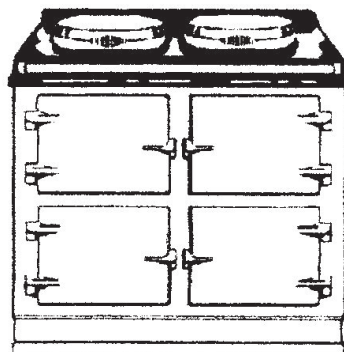


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July briefing

Roundup of news from the July meeting from the Chairman

By the time of this edition, there will have been an “occasional” PC meeting on 22 July. These meetings are held in addition to the well publicised quarterly and annual meetings, usually to consider planning applications. The latter arrive at unpredictable intervals and we are obliged to consider them and respond within a fairly short timescale. Members of the public are welcome at occasional meetings, but the short notice that we get allows little opportunity to publicise the meetings and their agendas other than on the two Village notice-boards.

In addition to the two planning applications (renewal of the Little Cuckoos Pre-School approval, the other a change of use of studio accommodation at Reeves Barn), the opportunity will be taken at the meeting to provide up-dates on one or two ongoing issues, which are briefly discussed below.

It is probably public knowledge, but it is worthy of note that the Steiner Academy Frome (SAF) now have approval for their plans to develop the Frome site. Their occupancy of the Corsley Centre and use of PC land is the subject of a Licence with the PC, for which a fee is payable, which is end dated on the last day of the Summer Term 2014. This accords with the planned opening of the new premises. in Frome at the start of the Autumn term 2014.

A meeting will have taken place with Tracy MYERS, our Community Street Scene Co-ordinator on 24th July to allow us to gain a better understanding of the new

arrangements that I mentioned in the last Bridge. We intend to present a ‘shopping list’ of issues and areas in Corsley which need his team’s attention and we will also take him on a trip round the Parish to see the details. For any of you with burning issues you want us to represent, please contact Simon JASPER.

At the CATG meeting on 18th June, attended by three PC Councillors and one interested Villager, the A362 repairs were confirmed and the general plan is to have a 2 week closure of the A362 in October. Preliminary surveys are underway and the PC will be represented at the County Council/Contractor meetings to work out the diversions schemes.

Also at the CATG, it was confirmed that Longleat (CEO plus Financial Officer) are prepared to meet us to discuss local issues arising from traffic to and from the Estate. The date has not yet been fixed but will be publicised as soon as known. Please contact Simon if you have any specific issues you wish us to raise.

Finally, you will have noted last month’s editorial concerning the embryonic Bridge-cum-Corsley website. The website will have a page or two devoted to PC business and the intention is to use these pages to give immediate public access to key PC paperwork and news.

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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

It is interesting how some courses leave a greater impression than others. I attended one such just last week. It was entitled 'Therefore choose life - defying the odds and embracing true hope over optimism.' I was intrigued by the title and decided to book a place. I am so glad that I did and I share some of the wisdom I received with you.

The day was an opportunity to reflect on the complex issue of climate change. We were reminded about projected temperature rise with increasing carbon dioxide content, sea level rise and melting of polar ice, the shifting of the jet streams, the loss of habitable land and cultivation and food and water security and much more.

Human responses to such considerations are interesting. Knowledge about what is happening to the environment is not enough; we know what is happening but seem unable or unwilling to do anything about it because the issues seem so huge. We defend our own actions - climate change isn't our fault. The problem is so massive - why bother to do anything? If we have to change our behaviours we only want to change a little. We want to limit climate change but continue to want the things that are causing it. 'Greed is seen as an economic virtue and frugality as an economic vice.' I have found myself thinking a great deal about those words as I make choices about what I want/need as I prepare to move house.

The challenge of the day was, while living with 'climate change' knowledge, to consider what can be done, something of integrity, to make a difference. As with so many things, it is one step at a time, changing small things within our own use of the world's resources. It is about 'speaking truth to power' and 'seeking to unmask illusion.' It is about finding hope in the face of despair and understanding the mutuality of our human existence. Perhaps in those ideals, there is a vocation for us all.

Norma Payne

August Church Diary

Sunday 4th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley – Eucharist



Sunday 11th August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Eucharist

11am at St Mary's, Temple – Matins



Summer Family Picnic – Wednesday 14th August

We are having a picnic for all the family on Cley Hill from 12pm.
Everyone is welcome. Meet at the Cley Hill car park; we finish after some
exploring and enjoying our picnics!



Thursday 15th August

From 10am at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church and Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 18th August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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



Visit to Cathedral – Wednesday 21st August

Departing from St Margaret's at 10am we will have a day out in Salisbury
with a visit to the cathedral for those who wish to. The fare for the coach is £5.
Please contact either Di Britten on 832515 or Pat Ryan 832650 for tickets.



Sunday 25th August: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Mary's, Temple – Holy Communion 1662

6pm at Corsley Showground – Songs of Praise for All



Sunday 1st September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley – Eucharist

Sea Sunday

Sunday 14 July was the annual Sea Sunday service at St. Mary's at Temple. Julie James, a Volunteer Visitor for the Mission to Seafarers at Southampton and Poole gave an interesting and enlightening address about how her visits to ships can make a difference, often significant, in the lives of visiting seamen. Our thanks go to David and Anne Carruthers who once again put in a lot of effort to find an appropriate speaker and to ensure Sea Sunday was enjoyable, and the tradition maintained.

Farewell to our Rector

The Rector for the Cley Hill Villages Benefice, the Reverend Norma Payne, is retiring at the end of September. Her final service will be a Benefice service on Sunday 15th September and will be held at Longbridge Deverill at 10.30am. This will be followed by a lunch at Horningsham Village Hall. No charge for lunch but donations welcome. Please let churchwardens know if you wish to attend as we need to know numbers!! We are making a collection for a leaving present and if you wish to donate please contact any member of the PCC. Please come along and give Norma a tremendous farewell. Everyone welcome!!

Corsley Show

Monday 26th August

This year the theme of our fundraising is the Farmhouse Kitchen and Garden. If you can help with any cakes, bread, vegetables and plants etc., please contact Stella on 832230; also kitchenalia e.g. pots, pans, crockery, cookery books, baskets, cutlery, tea towels, cloths and cake tins; please contact Judith Helliar on 832803. We would appreciate donations for our raffle – contact Stella on 832230.

A message from Richard and Margaret Askew

PAUL'S LEGACY - is the title of Richard and Margaret Askew's 2014 Pilgrimage (positively our last!). Together with the Rev Selina Deacon we shall be leading a party to Turkey, to trace the impact of Paul's dynamic life and teaching. We visit Ephesus and Miletus, and then travel north to Assos, Troy, Gallipoli and finally Istanbul. Here, apart from enjoying the amazing Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace, we shall cruise the Bosphorus and hope to see Florence Nightingale's Scutari Hospital and museum. 12 days (28th April to 9th May inclusive) all-in price £1845. For a brochure and more information, ring 01225 863350.

Celebration of the Countryside at St Margaret's

As part of the celebrations to mark the 450th anniversary of Manor Farm we shall be organising a very special weekend on the 7th (2pm to 5pm) and 8th (10am to 5pm) of September in St Margaret's, which is next door to Manor Farm. Over the weekend there will be a Flower Festival and the weekend will culminate with a very special Songs of Praise service on the Sunday at 6pm which will be Reverend Norma Payne's final service in our parish before she retires. In addition there will be displays of local interest focussing on the wonderful countryside which is all around us. If you can assist at the weekend would you please contact Judith Helliar on 832803 who is leading the team for the celebrations.

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Church Event for your diary

Saturday 14th September

Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride

A group from this Parish will take part in the annual "Ride & Stride" visiting local churches. All funds raised are used to maintain Wiltshire's historic churches. Please contact Charlie Thackway for details – 832048.

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Corsley WI July News



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

At the July meeting of Corsley WI the speaker was Sue Bell from Glastonbury. Sue is part of a small nationwide co-operative called Get Ahead Hats, a millinery business, which is run by farmers wives from their farm-houses, enabling customers in rural areas to see the latest styles in hats without having to travel to the big cities. Sue pointed out the importance of actually wearing the outfit and the shoes when choosing a hat. Sue had brought with her a selection of glorious creations suitable for all occasions and we all enjoyed trying on the unusual designs while she showed us how to wear them correctly and avoid the lampshade look! Hilary Vallis gave the vote of thanks.

The competition for a hat was won by Amanda Bain with Jean White second and Rosemary Collins third.

The recent outing to Weymouth was very much enjoyed by members and friends and details were given of several new events being organized by the Wiltshire Federation over the next few months. A visit to Forde Abbey is also being arranged.

Congratulations must go to our Skittles team of Jean White, Sheila Moulton, Val

Sandoe, Jean Jones, Rosemary Collins, Anne Carruthers, Di Dowling, Val Benbow, Carol Seward and team captain Charlotte Beswick, who were delighted to win the Wiltshire Federation of WIs League Shield. Val Sandoe won the cup for the player with the highest score in the final match.

Congratulations also to our Scrabble team of Anne Carruthers, Pauline Scott, Caroline Higham and Carol Seward. The team was the top scorer in our group and thus reached the finals. After some hard fought matches on finals night, we came sixth out of fourteen teams.

We will be holding our biennial **Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show** at our next meeting on **Thursday 8th August** at 7.30pm. Members should bring their entries for the show to the Reading Room between 11am and 1.30pm on the day.

We will also have our usual cakes and preserves stall at **Corsley Show** on 26th August.

New members are always welcome to join us at any meeting in Corsley Reading Room.

Activities open to non-members

Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, venues as per programme
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760	

At long last...

Website officially launched

The anticipation is over! Take a gander at the new website for The Bridge and Corsley village...

www.corsleyandthebridge.co.uk

If you'd like to see your club, society or activity advertised FREE on the website, please submit your text (and a picture if you have one) by the usual methods – drop them off at either Barbers Plant Centre (Chapmanslade) or Acres Supply (Corsley) or email me at viv.thomas146@btinternet.com.

Do you have photo's of a local event you'd like to see on the website? Send them in and I'll create a photo gallery for everyone to enjoy.

In the section dedicated to The Bridge, you can find out how much it costs to advertise in the magazine – events, trade ads, etc. There's also an archive where you can research previous issues.

I hope you like it – please do contact me to suggest additional services.

*Viv Thomas
Editor*

Broadband issues?

Calling all residents of Corsley

Are you having broadband issues – painfully slow connections or difficulty receiving/sending emails? Please contact me so I can map where the difficulties lie (not all areas of the village are affected). The Parish Council hope to bear influence on the providers of the infrastructure and ISPs to improve matters significantly.

*Neil Britten
Chairman, Corsley Parish Council
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Barbers Development Open Afternoon

If you were unable to attend this event on Tuesday 16th July and would like to know more, please contact Legh Walker on 01373 832512 (daytime) to arrange a time to come and see the plans and have a chat, after 5pm on weekdays.

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As the weather gets warmer, and the temperature of you pond rises, it naturally decreases the oxygen levels and increases the chances of having green water or blanket weed. The increase in light levels and too much fish food gives the algae plenty to live on, enabling it to thrive. When these problems occur you have a few options... you could spend all day, every day, pulling blanket weed out with your pond net, or you could actively seek a long term solution.

The natural solution

Creating shade over the pond can reduce the factors that can cause an outbreak. Natural shading with the use of plants will deprive the algae of light – using artificial shading over the pond will also be helpful.

Another natural alternative to help treat green water and blanket weed is barley straw. Barley straw bales, providing they are used in the right way, can help to prevent the onset of problems. Sufficient air circulation is needed around the straw and it must be placed into the pond as a preventative measure during early spring before the algae takes hold of your pond in order for it to be effective.

Live daphnia is also a natural biological control for green water and algae as it eats away at the algae helping to stabilise your

pond and maintain clear water – at only £1.50 it's also a cheap solution.

Chemical control – both natural and inorganic

There are many treatments on the market to control and treat blanket weed and green water problems. Some products work in conjunction with other control systems or as a highly effective stand-alone product. Cloverleaf is one of the best products on the market as a stand-alone product: it's a natural enzyme which helps to break down the chain on which the algae thrives.

Ultraviolet light

UV light is an effective control for green water as it makes the algae particles stick together to form larger clumps which can be removed by an appropriately sized filter. Filter boxes can now be bought with a built-in UV light. However UV light may not be successful at preventing blanket weed and so unless the source of the outbreak e.g. excessive phosphates have been removed, the problem will continue.

Overall a good rule is keep your pond sensibly stocked with plants and not over stocked with fish. In the long run this will help maintain a balanced pond which will, in turn, even-out algae outbreaks.

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Thursday 8th August

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10:45 - 11:00

Chapmanslade, outside 132 High St

11:05 - 12:00

Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

22nd August, 5th and 19th September

Chapmanslade Loose Women

For our meeting on Thursday 5th September, we will be having a speaker from the charity 'Mercy Ships'. The hospital ship creates an 'island' of care off the coast of desperately poor African countries.

The meeting will be held at 1 Brimhill Rise, Chapmanslade at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome!

A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

On St. Swithin's Day, 15th July, we had a glorious blue sky, little wind and daytime temperatures in the high 20°C. According to the old country saying, we now have 40 days of this weather ahead of us!

Already the verges are dry, and lawns and gardens need watering at least once a day. Farmers are beginning to think of harvesting their first arable crops. The winter wheat will be first: it's cut and chopped, straw and all, to make whole-grain silage. Although the grain itself is still quite soft it make an excellent natural feed for the cows during the winter. It's all home-produced and so has a low carbon footprint when compared to imported foods.

Nature has a way of keeping us on our toes. Fortunately we have managed to store a lot of the water that was washed off the cattle yards during the winter. It all goes into the slurry lagoon. At this time of year the heavy material is stirred up from the bottom of the lagoon and pumped onto the fields using a low sprayer: within two to three feet of the ground. In this way the fields that will be cut next for silage will have been irrigated with saved liquid manure.

The maize crop is enjoying the Mediterranean weather and growing well. We just have to hope that the roots have grown deep enough in our greensand soil to find the necessary water.

As with humans, making sure the cattle, sheep and horses get plenty of water during this hot weather is essential. Unfortunately animals such as cows will become quite lethargic in this heat. They must have water

readily accessible in large troughs near their grazing area.

The birds and other wildlife in your garden also need water; not just for drinking, but also to keep their feathers in peak flying condition. Please keep those birdbaths and ponds topped up.

This is one of the few years when farmers have had the confidence to make hay: a process taking normally four to six days, whereas grass silage takes just two to three days. It has been a joy to smell hay being made! The old tedders and balers have been brought out to turn and pack the hay into the traditional small bales.

Can I just remind walkers that cattle wandering onto roads, gardens and other farmland can cause havoc; being a danger to humans and other stock. So, please do remember to close those gates behind you when out in the countryside.

Judith Helliar

Date for your Diary

**Corsley & Chapmanslade
Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Friday 27th September, 10:00 – 12 noon

Stalls Raffle Gifts

Venue to be confirmed

Tales from the passenger seat



The other day I had the 3,540th pupil I had taught pass his test. He was a twin and had struggled to learn; unlike his sister who breezed through in under half the number of lessons and passed ages ago. Something he found galling but could do nothing about. His sister wondered what on earth all the fuss was about.

Over the years I have taught many twins, and it is interesting to observe the considerable difference in ability.

I remember Ben and William – identical twins, both studying the same subjects at school, and both visually identical. It was impossible to tell them apart, but only up to the instant they opened the car door. Then it became extremely apparent who I was sitting beside. They both had Wednesday afternoons free, and so had their lessons one immediately after the other. Ben had the first lesson, and as normal I spent the first few minutes explaining a few controls, safety checks, etc, then it was time to have a drive. Under instruction, Ben drove off and just as I was about to talk him into second gear, he was already proceeding to do so. The other gears swiftly followed on. OK, let's tell him some more advanced stuff. Heading down to a roundabout that we were going to go round then head back home, he gently braked, signalled, etc, and steered reasonably successfully round. So, time to feed him even more information on the way back. A coordinated and forward thinking pupil of above average standard. Great,

nice first time driving a car. Well done. Next lesson we will cover junctions and swiftly move on to hill starts.

Then it was William's turn. Oh dear. Chalk and cheese were more similar. Poor William struggled to even get in the car. He somehow managed to put his right foot in first, so he ended up facing the wrong way on the drivers seat. After sorting that out, it was a major task to hold the inside mirror and adjust it. It ended up too high, then too low, then too far to the left... you get the picture. After high drama having a dummy run through the gearbox to learn where the gears were, it was time to put seat belts on. Somehow he got it round his neck, but after final disentanglement we were ready to go. I use the word 'ready' loosely of course.

William was a practitioner of 'linear driving' – one thing at a time – I will steer or change gear, but not both at the same time! My hand was constantly on the wheel, and on occasion when I tried to let go a little to give him a gentle idea of how the steering felt, we would violently head towards oncoming traffic or the hedge. Needless to say, the journey round and back was under full physical assistance with verbal guidance confined to only the most essential and basic comment.

Ben passed in about three months, William....best not said, but he did pass first time and was rightly very proud.

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Foreign Adventure

Happy Campers! James Mead, a newly-qualified teacher and member of the Chapel, reports that for several years, over the August Bank Holiday weekend, some of our young people, plus friends from Frome and a few parents, look forward to



Rosie Carr and James Mead

and enjoy a trip across the Severn Bridge to a lovely camp site near Chepstow. Plenty of fun, sports, music and excellent food, especially the traditional Sunday barbecue. It is also a good opportunity for the young Christians to discuss Christian topics and study the Bible together.

Part Two of our quiz

O is forin a cave he prophets hid.
P is for.....what noble works they did.
Q is forPaul's brother in the Lord.
R is for.....under flax the spies she stored.
S is for.....who was martyred for the truth.
T is for.....trained in the Word from youth.
U is forby David's order slain.
V is for.....before Esther she did reign.
For W, X and Y, no matter where you look,
beginning with these letters there's no name
in God's Book.
Z is for.....of old he did foretell, the
glorious Advent of our Lord as King on earth
to dwell.
(Answers on page 39)

Corsley Show

We had such a wonderful time at last year's Corsley Show, we've bought a new gazebo and will be giving it an airing at this year's event. We hope to see you there, come rain or shine...

Prayer

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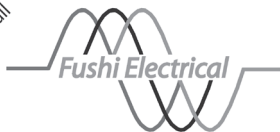
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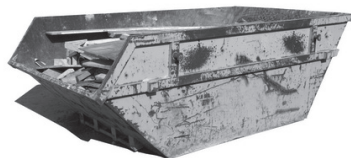
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Caroline Le Vine, counsellor in Corsley

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Whitbourne Chapel Quiz answers

Obadiah, Paul and Peter, Quartus,
Rahab, Stephen, Timothy, Uriah, Vashti,
Zechariah

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Porcelain
- 2 Partridges
- 3 Tuscany
- 4 Veins
- 5 True (u)
- 6 She was crushed by Dorothy's house.
- 7 St Swithin
- 8 Berkshire
- 9 Hamlet
- 10 A fish
- 11 7
- 12 The Duchess of York aka Sarah Ferguson

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The 450th Birthday Party update

Sunday 8th September a community luncheon

As you will almost all know a significant birthday party is happening at Manor Farm, Corsley on the 8th September. Anyone living within the civil parish boundaries of Chapmanslade or Corsley is welcome to apply for the FREE tickets to the event, And remember admission is by TICKET ONLY.

So free tickets, free food, free entertainment and a free drink – what more can one ask for? A pay bar will also be available for slaking of more serious thirsts.

The hogs for the luncheon are fattening up nicely, and if this sunshine continues there may be more crackling than we would normally expect.

Dicky and the Clangers or was that Clappers are likely to be putting in appearances, along with Freddy and the Crickets. Spinning of the home spun entertainers continues apace and the net is extending far and wide for some professional support.

Casting for The Directors cut of “Through Thick & Thynne- 450 years of Manor Farm” continues in the front rooms, couches and bushes throughout Corsley. The script is edited daily by libel lawyers to ensure we stay out of the law courts and Lou’s has had to drop her bloomers.

The event is limited to 450 ticket holders, on a first come first served basis and 4 tickets per household. Entry will be by TICKET ONLY – so get in contact with Claire on 01373 832113 with your details sooner, rather than later

Final date for ticket applications is TUESDAY 27th AUGUST. IF we have any tickets left they will be available on a first come first served basis (maximum of two extra per household – again only Chapmanslade or Corsley) by phone as above between 0900 and 1300 on THURSDAY 29th August.

No need to bring a present – but you might want to bring a candle for the cake! Should you wish to dress up you have four and a half centuries of costume styles to choose from. Me, I never miss the opportunity to slip on the tights, dust off the codpiece and find some timbers that need a good old shivering.

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News from the Nest

Welcome to this month's feature of 'News from the Nest' from Little Cuckoo's Pre-School in Lyes Green, Corsley.

We had a fabulous last couple of weeks at Little Cuckoo's Pre-School. The sports day was a great success with all of the children taking part and winning a certificate and a medal! We had fun with a 'Knight's and Princesses' themed day, which had been a topic we had looked at. Some of the children dressed up and we had a fantastic feast for all at lunchtime! On the last day of term we held a Graduation Ceremony in St Mary's Church followed by a picnic in the school gardens. It was a lovely way to end the school year with all of our Little Cuckoo's – to say goodbye and good luck to our school leavers and to say a huge thank you to all of the fantastic teachers, staff and helpers who work so hard to make Cuckoo's the successful and popular pre-school that it is.

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