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August 2024



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of Corsley and Chapmanslade

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Please note: no cash, no advert!

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Please see information on the last page.

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Deadline

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

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

August

Thursday 1st

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

Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - Craft and Games Night – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 13th

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

Wednesday 14th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 15th

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

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

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Saturday 17th

Afternoon Tea and Cakes for Cancer Research UK – 2 pm to 4.30 pm, Garden Cottage, Longhedge, Corsley

Tuesday 20th

Whitbourne Chapel Holiday Bible Club – 10 am to 12 noon, The Pavilion, Corsley Playing Field

Wednesday 21st

Whitbourne Chapel Holiday Bible Club – 10 am to 12 noon, The Pavilion, Corsley Playing Field

Thursday 22nd

Whitbourne Chapel Holiday Bible Club – 10 am to 12 noon, The Pavilion, Corsley Playing Field

Wednesday 28th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 31st

Corsley Fayre – 12 noon to 4 pm, showfield, Deep Lane



Diary Dates

September

Sunday 1st

Illyria presents 'Romeo and Juliet' – 4 pm, Heywood House

Thursday 5th

Corsley Tennis Club - Over 70s tournament – 10 am, Memorial Playing Field

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

Sunday 8th

Corsley House National Garden Scheme Open Garden – 11 am to 5 pm, tickets £10 for adults, children go free. Cream teas, cake and coffee in aid of St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 10th

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

Thursday 19th

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

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

October

Thursday 3rd

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

Tuesday 8th

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

Thursday 17th

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

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

November

Thursday 7th

Craft Fair – 3 pm onwards, Corsley Reading Room – more details nearer the date.

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

Tuesday 12th

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

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Bob's bafflers

This month all the answers contain the name of something to do with weaponry.

- 1 Frank is the first name of which of the platoon members in “Dad’s Army”?
- 2 What was the name of the Pullman service from London to Dover, connecting with a ferry to Calais, where the French equivalent took passengers to Paris?
- 3 What rank in the British Army wears one stripe on the arm of the uniform?
- 4 Which boastful, but cowardly, soldier appears in Shakespeare’s Henry IV Part 2, The Merry Wives of Windsor and Henry V?
- 5 What type of wedding is it where the groom is coerced into marrying his pregnant girlfriend?
- 6 In the Bible, what did David use to kill Goliath?
- 7 What term is used for a domineering, forceful and aggressive woman?
- 8 To be a true cockney one must be born within the sound of which bells?
- 9 In the “Scottish play”, what does Macbeth see before him?
- 10 The five D-Day beaches were Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and ... what?
- 11 Which 5-letter word means to search quickly through something, often to steal?
- 12 If three quarters of your workforce were absent, what would you be left with?

Answers on page 44

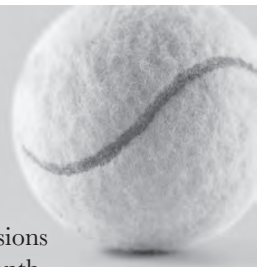
Have you seen ‘The Chosen’?

It is an historical costume drama and follows the life of Jesus and his disciples. It began being screened in 2021 with each season having eight episodes, season four has been released recently and season five has been filmed but not yet released, six and seven are to come. This is a dramatic telling, giving us an authentic look at what it was like to be living under Roman rule. It brings the various characters to life within the culture of the time and faith; yes, there is artistic license and imagination at play, but it is faithful to the biblical accounts of Jesus’ life. Trudi Hopkinson and I would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to watch

The Chosen with us in a group, from the beginning of season one. You can access this online through The Chosen App but we have the DVDs so that we can show the films on a bigger screen and we really would like to know if you would like to join us and of your availability so that we can plan accordingly. Would you prefer daytime or evening? Would you like to meet in one of our homes or in the community space in St Philip and St James’ Church in Chapmanslade? You can contact Trudi on 01373 832393 or Gay on 01373 832490 – we so look forward to hearing from you.

Gay Maynard

Corsley Tennis Club News



Well Wimbledon is over and I have not been asked to play or even won the lottery for tickets for yet another year. But it was great on the telly wasn't it? That's if you could tear yourself away from the Euros and other sporting highlights. I must find time to actually get out and do some sport!

The juniors said farewell to Martin who has been coaching them for the last couple of years. Ever since he was persuaded out of retirement by our erstwhile Chair who fortunately noticed Martin about to pack away his coaching stuff and asked him to come and help us out. 110 Sunday sessions since then plus a lot of taster sessions. Thank you Martin from us all. You have left us with a thriving junior programme and made a huge contribution to the club. Parents, children and young people are universally so grateful for Martin's fun sessions and are very sad to see him give them up. Thankfully he is staying around to offer adult coaching and we have Callum coming in to take over the junior sessions from September. Check out the website for details of those sessions and how/when to book.

The adult group coaching group ended mid-July with a challenging cardio session,

while two women's sessions ran throughout the month but are now over for the summer. With all that extra coaching you should be seeing some great tennis on court in the coming months and, again, check out the website to see what adult coaching is on offer from September onwards.

We're still looking out for people to take over key roles on the Committee. Surely one of our members has the skills to become our Treasurer? For anyone used to managing money it's not a tough role and only demands 2/3 hours a week. Similarly the membership secretary is a role that's the backbone to the club. The LTA software makes most of the processes work electronically but it needs someone to send out joining letters to new members and to keep the website up to date. The people currently doing those jobs really want to train up successors.

Do get in touch if you can help or just want to know more.

See you on court .

Liz Garrett
Club Secretary

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Whitbourne Chapel Holiday Bible Club

10:30 – 12 noon

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The Pavilion, Corsley Memorial Playing Field, BA12 7PW

For children aged 4 – 11

There will be games, crafts, stories, competitions, singing and quizzes.

On Thursday there will be prize giving and family members are welcome

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Tim Humphreys reports on the PC's July meeting

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on 11th July with 11 members of the public present plus our local Unitary Authority councillor Bill Parks.

Public Comments

A number of the public spoke against the Planning Application PL/2024/04800 i.e. Land South of 92, High Street. They all expressed criticism of the Wiltshire Council case officers report as previously intended for discussion at the Western Area Planning Committee, feeling their many written concerns had not been fairly considered.

Planning Applications

Three applications were discussed in closed session by the councillors:

PL/2024/05248: *Construction of single storey extension to existing Coach House for storage at Rosebank House, Corsley.*

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application given there was a lack of clarity over the intentions of a prior planning permission for site development, the substantial increase to size of an existing building hence disproportionate in scale relative to existing residential dwelling, and uncertainty for purpose of the building i.e. residential or commercial.

PL/2023/09506: *Erection of 2 detached dwellings and 1 annex to 49A High Street, Chapmanslade, with associated works.*

It was unanimously agreed that previous objections by the Council remained germane

and the decision was to object to this application primarily on grounds of unclear legality of the proposed access route, adverse impact upon neighbour amenity, and no demonstrable need for additional housing within the Parish as concluded within the Wiltshire Council Local Plan.

PL/2024/04800: *Land South of 92 High Street, Chapmanslade. Demolition of stables and construction of new sustainable house with associated works and change of use of land to C3. (resubmission of PL/2022/09808 and PL/2022/03190).*

Again, the Council agreed unanimously to object to this application (as they had to the previous (applicant withdrawn) identical application). Key reasons focused upon there being no changes since the previous application, the size/context of the proposed dwelling on the application site, concern that the dwelling encroached over the Parish settlement boundary, evident errors still on building plan vs contour levels, and access lane issues both during construction and subsequent residential occupation.

Other matters

An update was given in respect of the proposed War Memorial Plaque to list the names of two men from Chapmanslade who lost their lives in WWII. It was reported that the delegated authority has been given by the Diocese faculty for required works, and this initiative can therefore proceed immediately for full consultation with the Church Council

and the Planning Authority (which was hopefully concluding at the end July).

In regard to finance matters, councillors confirmed the wish to exempt the Council's funds from an audit review for the financial year 2023/2024 and agreed to submit the Certificate of Exemption form for 23/24 following further communication with the auditors.

The Council agreed to support the application for a provisional Tree preservation order (TPO/2024/00020 Land South of 92 High Street) based on the given reason "To safeguard the visual amenity and character of the area" and the merits of protecting two specific trees.

There had been one CIL Funding application received to date from St Philip

and St James' church, to financially support its extended use as a community facility. The Council will consider the application at the August PC meeting.

The Clerk reported receipt of a further small CIL funding in respect of CIL 20/08581/FUL related to Thoulstone Farm (Tranche 1 of 1) in the sum of £1515.52.

Next meeting

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 8th August at the Village Hall.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website

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*Tim Humphreys
Parish Councillor*



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Fun dog show

Donkey rides

Children's Treasure Hunt

Fun dog scurry

Mini steam train

Phoenix Twirlers

Gun dog display

Vintage & Classic Cars

Have-a-go dog agility

Fire engine

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Bar

Skittles

Tea Tent

Trade stands

and lots more...

What time?

***Children's Races
1pm in the arena***

***Fun Dog Show
2pm in the dog show arena***

***Phoenix Twirlers
2 - 2.20pm in the arena***

***Gundog Demonstration
3 - 3.30pm in the arena***

***Tug o' War
3.30 in the arena***

Admission

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Division A - Vegetables and Fruit

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|----|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Runner Beans | 6 pods |
| 2 | Lettuce | 2 heads |
| 3 | Beetroots | 3, with stalk |
| 4 | Cabbage | 1, with stalk |
| 5 | Carrots | 3, with stalk |
| 6 | Container of mixed vegetables | a minimum of 4 kinds |
| 7 | Cucumber | 2 |
| 8 | Onions | 3 |
| 9 | Potatoes | 5 (white or coloured) |
| 10 | Shallots | 5 bulbs |
| 11 | Tomatoes | 5, with calyx (other than cherry type) |
| 12 | Cherry Tomatoes | 6, with calyx |
| 13 | Courgettes | 3 |
| 14 | Chilli peppers | 3, with stalks |
| 15 | Apples | 5, culinary |
| 16 | Apples | 5, dessert |
| 17 | Blackberries | 6 |

Novelty Vegetables

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| 18 | Heaviest potato |
| 19 | Heaviest marrow |
| 20 | Longest stalk of rhubarb |
| 21 | Heaviest onion |
| 22 | Most grotesque vegetable/fruit |
| 23 | Longest runner bean |

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Division B - Flowers and Plants

24	Roses	3 blooms
25	Grasses	a selection of any variety, maximum 10 stems
26	Orchid	in a pot
27	Garden flowers	3 of the same variety
28	Hydrangea	1
29	Sweet peas	6 stems
30	House plant	flowering or non-flowering
31	Fuchsia	plant in a pot, any variety
32	Cactus or succulent	1
33	Fresh cut herbs	any variety/varieties
34	Gladiolus	1 stem
35	Sunflower	1
36	Dahlia	3 blooms, any variety or varieties
37	Dahlias	3 pompon types
38	Dahlias	3 small or miniature

Division C - Flower Arranging

39	Colour burst	A miniature exhibit. Space allowed 4"/10cm in width and depth, 6"/15cm height
40	It's a boy/girl!	An arrangement using fresh or dried flowers (not silk or artificial).
41	Country garden	An arrangement using flowers, foliage, berries and seeds
42	Star burst	A contemporary exhibit

All arrangements in this class may be brought to the marquee ready assembled.

Division D - Children's Classes

Aged under 5 on the day of the Fayre

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| 43 | The sky (night or day) | a picture/collage decorated with any material |
| 44 | A painting | any subject you like! |
| 45 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade |

Ages 5-10 on the day of the Fayre

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| 46 | A picture of your favourite person from history | in any medium, maximum size A3 (vikings, kings, queens, outlaws, horrible history...) |
| 47 | A miniature fairy or goblin's garden | in a seed tray or similar sized container (approx 15" x 10" x 2.5"/38cm x 25cm x 6cm) |
| 48 | A single decorated pebble | any subject. Pebbles may be obtained free of charge from Barbers Plant Centre, Chapmanslade |
| 49 | Handwriting | your favourite nursery rhyme written (and decorated if you want to) on an A4 piece of paper or card |

Class for all ages (up to age 16)

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| 50 | A decorated cake (only the decoration will be judged!). Please state the age of the exhibitor on a card to be placed beside the exhibit |
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Division E - Homecraft

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| 51 | Carrot cake | |
| 52 | Victoria sandwich | Made with 2 medium chicken's eggs and their weight in flour, sugar and fat. The cake should have a jam filling and be dusted with sugar |
| 53 | Chocolate brownies | 5 |
| 54 | Fruit scones | 5 |
| 55 | Meringues | 5 |
| 56 | Homemade drink | alcoholic |
| 57 | Homemade drink | non-alcoholic |
| 58 | Loaf of bread | any type (machine or hand made) |
| 59 | Flapjacks | 5 |

continued...

60	Shortbread	5
61	Vol au vents	3 any filling
62	Biscuits	5 any flavour
63	Mince pies	5
64	Sausage rolls	5
65	Meat-free quiche	
66	Marmalade	1 pot
67	Strawberry jam	1 pot
68	Fruit jelly	1 pot, any fruit
69	Lemon curd	1 pot
70	Chutney	1 pot
71	Honey	1 pot
72	Any homecraft item	anything not included in the classes above

73	Landscape	
74	Portrait	
75	Building(s)	
76	Animal(s)	
77	Still life	
78	Abstract	
79	Summer	

Please ensure that signatures on artwork are covered

80	A ‘work in progress’	
81	Item of crochet	
82	Hand or machine-sewn item	
83	Knitted item	
84	Item made of felt	
85	An item for baby	toy, clothing, play mat, etc

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| 86 | Item of soft furnishing | |
| 87 | Lamp shade | |
| 88 | Door wreath | |
| 89 | A card | birthday, Xmas, anniversary, etc |
| 90 | Item of metalwork | |
| 91 | Item of woodwork | |
| 92 | Item of pottery | |
| 93 | Item of any other craftwork | anything not included in the classes above |

Division H - Photography

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|-----|-------------------------------|--|
| 94 | Wildlife or nature | |
| 95 | Pets | |
| 96 | People | |
| 97 | Holiday | |
| 98 | Weather | |
| 99 | Sport | |
| 100 | Landscape | |
| 101 | Macro (close-up photo) | |
| 102 | Abstract | |
| 103 | Open class | anything not included in the classes above |

Horticulture and Crafts Show Rules

- All entries must be entered online by 11 pm at the latest on Wednesday 28th August at **www.corsleyfayre.org.uk**
- All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
- All exhibits, where applicable, shall be displayed in or on containers supplied by the exhibitor.
- The judges' decisions in all cases will be final.
- Certificates will be awarded at 3pm. No exhibits may be removed before 4pm.
- The Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to exhibits.

Note

The Horticulture and Crafts marquee will be open to receive exhibits on Saturday 31st August from 8am until 9am when judging of Divisions A, B, E and H will commence. Please don't be late with your entries!!

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Dear Friends across Chapmanslade and Corsley,

I am writing to tell you some news, some will think 'great news', others may be more disappointed... for me it is with mixed emotions that I tell you that Cliff and I will soon be leaving. I have been offered a new post working in the diocese of Truro with the Probus Mission Area (PMA). The PMA is a group of churches that have agreed to work together and support each other, my role will be to develop and nurture greater collegiality and collaboration between lay and ordained ministers as well as congregations. Of course, being a mission area there will be a strong focus on outreach into the local communities as well as finding ways to enable people to access church.

I have very much loved being part of the community, being based in Dilton, being the vicar in the church, team vicar across Westbury and being Rural Dean across Heytesbury, supporting vacant parishes as well as clergy from time to time, part of this has been to come alongside the parishes of Chapmanslade and Corsley which I have very much enjoyed. I feel as though I have become part of the family and so it is with a thankful (also sad) heart that I shall be leaving.

This experience reminds me of the calling that was placed on Abram (later Abraham) from the Old Testament. God asked Abram to leave behind his family and friends and to move on to a place that called him to Trust God for his future. I feel that I am being asked to be obedient and to trust God for my future, for the work that I will do. The invitation from Bishop Hugh to come to Cornwall, to become a vicar there has confirmed this sense of call that I feel I have had. It means a big change for us, including Flossie! We will still have a big garden but half the size we have here! My last service in Dilton Marsh will be Harvest on 6th October. My licensing in PMA will be on 5th November – church to be confirmed.

My departure will trigger the Bishop and Chapter to consider who next might become the Rural Dean, I do hope they enjoy getting to know the parishes as much as I have.

Yours in Christ, Caroline

August Church Diary

4th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity
8 am Holy Communion Kingston
10 am Eucharist Corsley
10 am Morning Worship Longbridge Deverill



11th August: 11th Sunday after Trinity
10 am Praise and Worship Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist Kingston



18th August: 13th Sunday after Trinity
10 am Eucharist Brixton



25th August: 14th Sunday after Trinity
10 am Eucharist Chapmanslade
10 am Eucharist Longbridge

Church and Community Events in August

Crafternoons

Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 28th August 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Community Church Coffee Morning

Thursday 15th August, 10 am – 12 pm, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Thank You

Teas and Tours

Thank you to Michael, our tower Captain and his bell ringers, for organising Teas and Tours at St Margaret's church last month. Thank you also to Chris da Costa for giving us tours of Manor farm, and the cake makers and to all who came to support the afternoon, which raised just over £500 towards the fabric and redecoration of St Margaret's Church.

Our rowers

We should also like to give a big thank you also to all our Corsley rowers who, in very wild and windy Scottish weather, bravely took to the water to raise an amazing amount in support of the Friends of St Margaret's Church. We hope soon to begin talks with the diocese to address some of the much-needed repairs in the tower.

Bingo at Chapmanslade Village Hall

The Bingo organisers at the regular Village Hall event, recently held a special fundraiser towards the installation of a toilet in St Philip and St James Church. The amazing sum of just over £1300 will be added to the existing development fund for upgrading its facilities. Huge thanks to the Village Hall Committee for making the arrangements.

From friends and members of Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches

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Corsley WI

July news

Alice Helliard rounds up the July meeting



The Scrapstore

Ever wondered where end-of-roll material, strange-shaped off-cuts from cutting furniture coverings and good quality leather handbags, superseded medical supplies went? You will be pleased to know that not all of it goes into landfill as the lovely Margaret Hiscock from the Wiltshire Scrapstore came to the WI in July to enlighten us!

2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the Wiltshire Scrapstore, who are an award winning environmental and community charity now based on the outskirts of Lacock in a nice big building with their own coffee shop. Their patron, Neil Griffiths is a former Primary School headteacher, and more recently a children's author. He is a huge advocate of giving children opportunities for creativity both in Wiltshire and beyond, setting up a project to support this initiative in Gambia.

The charity collects what is considered to be rubbish from local businesses and recycles or re-purposes it. The main building is fully stocked with all sorts of resources and people can take what they fancy in exchange for a donation to the charity. They also supply schools with 'playpods' which are a selection of larger items such as keyboards, phones,



suitcases, buggies, etc that are then used for creative and role play during freeplay.

The volunteers run a number of workshops and other activities. You could learn how to craft beautiful leather accessories such as bracelets, purses or handbags. Attend a children's craft club over the summer holidays. Arrange a birthday party, hen night party, group trip, etc at the venue. There are also craft kits made by the Scrapstore for sale in the Barty's shop in Lacock itself.

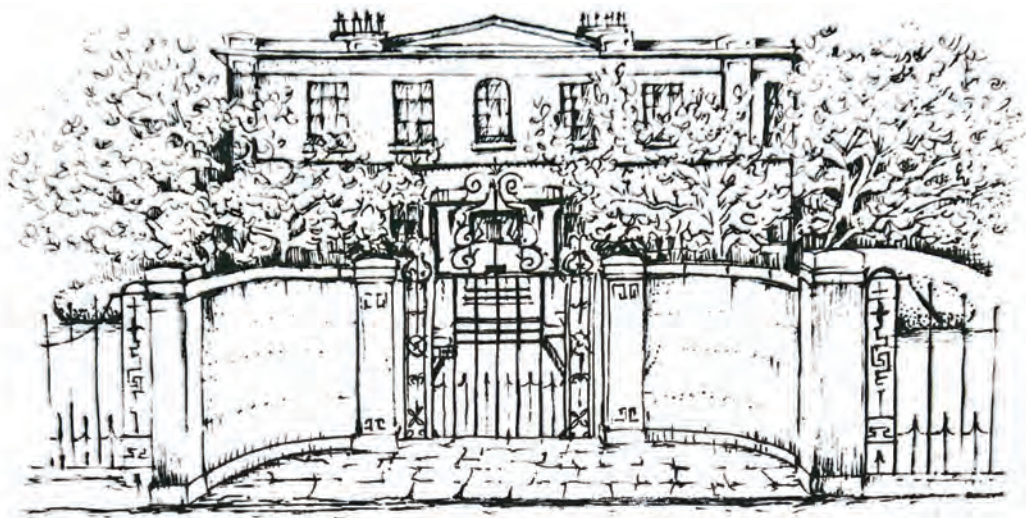
Following the talk WI members made a selection of paper flowers, to varying degrees of success, but with lots of laughter!

Our next meeting is a craft and games night at 7.30pm on 8th August in the Reading Rooms.

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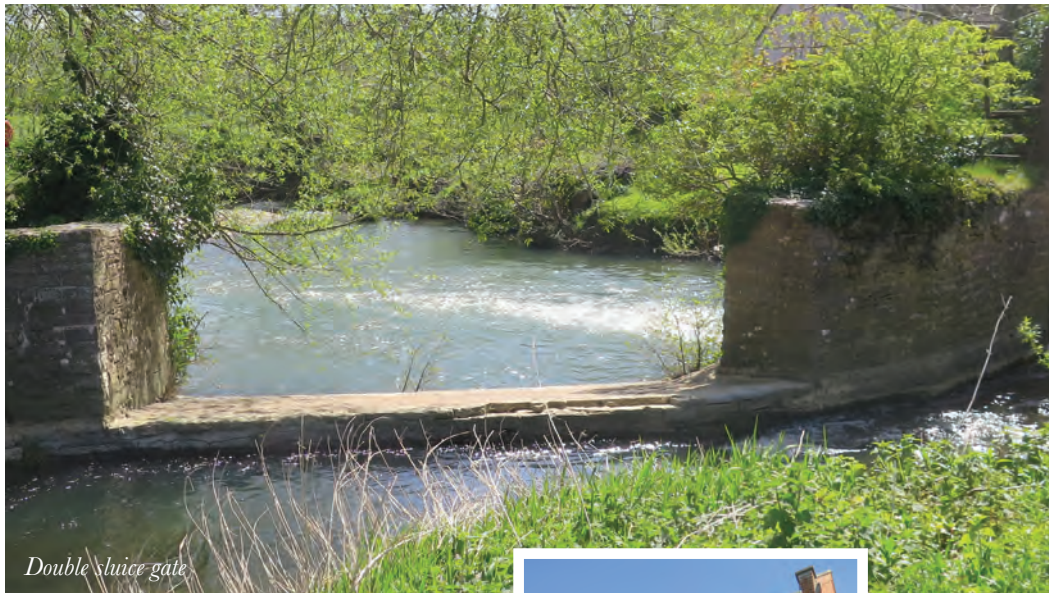
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Double sluice gate

This is another Chandlers Coaches Day Trip, to Bridport on market day, plus West Bay later, but my plan was to walk, not shop! If you're using a car, follow the signs and park near the town centre. Bridport has a lot of history; at the time of King Alfred, it had fortifications and its own mint, its first Town Charter was under Henry III in 1253, and it had two Members of Parliament under the next king, Edward I. In 1685, the Duke of Monmouth's rebel army called in, but the local militia saw them off! Once you're parked up, find South Street, where the Town Hall is, and go left downhill until you see a road sign on the left into Folly Mill Lane, but also mentioning 'Asker Gardens'. Because the coach crossed Asker River bridge, I assumed Asker Gardens was the flat open parkland I'd seen from the coach window. Wrong!

I walked half a mile or more, through a modern housing estate, before realising Asker



New red-brick house

Gardens was the estate itself and doing an 'about turn', returning to Folly Mill Lane. Stay on that, going away from the town and you'll have modern housing first, but there's open ground at

the end of it, Asker Nature Reserve Project (ANRP). At last – proper walking country! Turn right onto a muddy footpath, opposite a single, new red-brick house, and the river isn't far away. There's a wooden bench to sit on and a large area of flat open ground to contemplate – BUT it's on the far side of the river! This was the area seen from the coach



Asker Nature Reserve



'Lookout tower'

window, with its fine gravel path stretching away right. I passed the wooden bench, found the remains of a double sluice-gate across the river, and a farm, but no river crossing.

'About turn' I did again, finding Church Street, and then South Mill Lane. You'll need to do the same, unless you've used facilities, had nourishment and can walk till you find a river crossing! Put a note in the Bridge if you manage it, please! South Mill Lane takes you back to South Street where, across the road and on the right, is an odd-looking stone dwelling, hundreds of years old. It's

obviously been much-altered, but something muttered 'lookout tower' to me; could this be a later addition to the fortifications from King Alfred's time? Head right now, along South Street and you'll soon find the Quaker Meeting Place, perhaps from the 1800s, but with a covered alleyway and cottages that may have existed when Monmouth's men arrived. Cross the road here, from right to left, and St. Mary's Church is further along South Street, on your left. I digressed into the church with its knight's tomb, dating from before Henry VIII's Dissolution of Monasteries.



Knight's tomb



Mexican eatery provided me with scrambled egg on toast and a pot of tea, for £10. When I exited the café, I turned left. Do the same and you'll find something strange further on. Can you think of a local undertaker's premises, with a wall clock outside? Isn't it an odd addition to the frontage of such premises? I did another 'about turn' after studying that, crossed the road and found the designated coach stop for our next destination, West Bay...

Out in the churchyard again, I stepped right, towards South Street, until my eye was caught by a memorial to local men who served in Burma in World War Two. That reminded me of wonderful Ron Stone from Frome, who served in Burma during the war, but attended Whitbourne Chapel in his later years; he died in 2021, aged 101 and is buried in the Chapel grounds. Back on South Street, cross the road to walk left between the stalls, buyers and sellers, plus those sitting, eating and drinking and walk, via a side alley, onto Bridport's main road, East Street. In 1211, King John ordered Bridport to supply ropes for his ships and, from then on, the town was known for the production of both ropes and nets; flax and hemp was widely grown in the surrounding countryside. Both East and West Street are unusually wide, because ropes were spread out and dried there after the spinning process. Bridport was also a main supplier of rope for use on gallows.

Cross East Street and go right, just to explore, though I looked for a café serving local food, too; I didn't want spicy food while on a coach tour! In the end, a young lady in a



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The Middle Wall of Separation

My wife, Kate, and I have recently returned from a week's holiday in Scotland. We were staying in a cottage near Stirling and, as well as seeing some stunning scenery, plus visiting Edinburgh and Glasgow, we also looked around Stirling. One of the highlights for visitors is the Church of the Holy Rood (or Holy Cross). Founded in 1129, the church is close to Stirling Castle and has had a long association with Scottish Monarchs; Mary, Queen of Scots spent time there and the coronation of her infant son, King James VI of Scotland (later James I of England), took place there in 1567. However, something significant also occurred during the 17th Century when, due to political and religious troubles, the building was divided in two and for the next 300 years two separate churches met in the same place. The wall was eventually taken down and the church became one again in 1936.

In his letter to the church at Ephesus (Chapter 2, verses 14-15), the Apostle Paul reminds them that God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, came into the world and died for us for a purpose. Paraphrasing Paul, he writes "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both (Jew and Gentile) one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, the law of commandments, making one new man, that

He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross"

What the Apostle is saying is that, by Christ giving Himself, dying for us on the Cross, our salvation has been bought. There is no longer anything that separates us from knowing and

being known by God. The sinless Son of

God died for each and every one of us. There is nothing we can do

to add to our salvation, which

cannot be earned, other

than by repentance and true

faith in God, through the

Lord Jesus Christ. It's us

that separate ourselves from

God, putting barriers in the

way to truly believing in God

and living in the way that He

requires of us. But this does not

have to be the case, if we would trust

in Him in all things and receive His blessing for our future days.

Chris Andrews, Occasional Preacher at Whitbourne



Holiday Bible Club

Plans are well underway for this event, from 20-22 August, at Corsley Memorial Playing Field pavilion. If your children are aged 4-11 years, bring them along to enjoy the fun.

On the first day, 20th August, come early for registration, starting at 10.15; a parent/guardian needs to be present. Please contact us if you need more information, via the website, or ring Adrian on 07977 935755.

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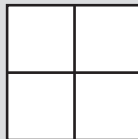
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Wet, wet, wet.

The weather in July mimicked June, in that we managed two or three days of nice summer weather, then back to low pressure bringing damp and wet weather.

On the 15th of July we had such a deluge of rain that one of the paddocks resembled a paddy field when the cows were brought in for morning milking.

Talking about paddy fields, I understand that we now have three sets of beavers here on Redford Water. We are led to believe that by gnawing through trees and felling them they will create pools and wetland which holds the water back, releasing it slowly thus preventing flooding of built-up areas downstream.

Although the ideas are good, the fact that so much building has been carried out on areas that are flood plains, it is just putting off the evil hour when the streams and rivers are bound to flow to lower ground on its way to the sea.

The swifts have already left our shores and, like many birds, the shortage of insects have meant less youngsters have survived. I was fortunate enough to see a flycatcher nesting in the roof of an old farmhouse and was so pleased to see the swallows around our churchyards.

Please leave cutting your hedges for another month to give the second hatches of birds time to fledge.

We did manage to harvest the wheat crop in mid July. The crop was growing on

Corsley green sand (well draining soil). It was still in its green state, about 35% moisture, was chopped, then crimped and put in the silage pit to be fed to the cattle next winter as whole-crop wheat. Following combining, the field was inundated with rooks and crows and pigeons feeding on the fallen grain. Buzzards and kites are training their young, not only to fly but to find voles and field mice as they too compete with the corvids and pigeons for those lost grains.

The month of August is usually when a large amount of our harvesting is done but I suspect the yields will be low and, due to lack of hot sunny weather, it will be harvested late.

The maize is looking good after a slow start and responded well to the heat in mid July.

Autumn calving will soon be here, so holidays for the staff are essential before their busy time begins with cleaning and rebuilding pens for the young calves and feeding the pregnant cows with good nutritious food.

The heifers who are expecting their first calves have to be trained to go in and out of the milking parlour – it's just like training children for the start of their school life!

Enjoy the summer when it comes – go to the country shows and outdoor events that we hold in our villages and make the most of our fabulous countryside.

Judith Helliar

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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



THERE IS NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST.

So please don't turn up! Please do check the September edition of *The Bridge*, the village Facebook page or the Reading Room website to see if (or when) it will restart. Please contact any trustee if you are willing to take on running this monthly social event.

New trustees and Treasurer-in-waiting

At our recent meeting the trustees were delighted to welcome Denise Crossland as the latest trustee and Dee will take over from Caroline Hutton as treasurer later this year.

Additional trustee(s) are still sought as I will be leaving very shortly if all goes to plan!

Please contact Mark Richards or any other trustee to find out more. Also, if you are willing to support the IT aspects – whether as a trustee or not – please make contact.

Corsley History Day – Saturday 6th July

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the event and to those who showed exhibits, delivered the talks and everyone who came to see the afternoon display and listen to the evening talks.

Craft Fair

November 7th, 3 pm onwards – more details nearer the date.

Booking the hall

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

See website www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk for up-to-date information and more.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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Trustees

Denise Crossland, Hugh Deed, Chris de Groot, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett, Caroline Hutton, Jackie Jasper, Mark Richards (Jamie and Charlie Owen look after hall bookings)

Small ads

£1 for EACH item for sale or wanted (cash only please) - at one of the two drop-off locations)

Please note: no cash, no advert!

Answers to Bob's Bafflers

- 1 Private Pike
- 2 Golden Arrow (From 1926, it was a luxury boat train, later of British Railways, which linked London with Dover, where passengers took the ferry to Calais to join the Flèche d'Or of the Chemin de Fer du Nord, later SNCF, which took them on to Paris).
- 3 Lance Corporal
- 4 Pistol
- 5 Shotgun
- 6 Sling with a stone
- 7 Battleaxe
- 8 Bow
- 9 Dagger
- 10 Sword
- 11 Rifle
- 12 Quarterstaff (Groan!)

Local organisation adverts

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

Trade advertising

Annual trade advertisements (12 issues, when space is available)

1 space	(69mm wide x 33mm high)	£24
2 spaces	(69mm wide x 66mm high)	£47
3 spaces	(quarter page - 69mm wide x 100mm high)	£68
4 spaces	(138mm wide x 66mm high)	£85
6 spaces	(half page - 138mm wide x 100mm high)	£120

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

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