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February 2015

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14th February

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of Corsley and Chapmanslade

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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.

Advertising

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.

Full page ads cost £7.50, are subject to space availability and cannot be guaranteed,

If you are advertising, don't forget to take the fee – cash or cheque in a sealed envelope please, to either of the drop-off points (Barbers Plant Centre or Acres Supply).

Please note: no cash, no advert!

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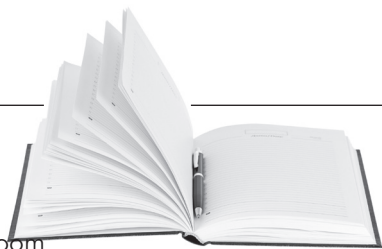
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Deadline

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

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

February



Tuesday 3rd

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

Wednesday 4th

Apple IT Session – 10am, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 5th

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)

Friday 6th

Cleyhill Stompers – 9pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Auction of Promises – 7pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Channel Swimmers' – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

Movie at the Reading Room (subject to permissions and availability)

Tuesday 17th

Messy Church - Pancake Party and Craft Workshop – 3 - 5pm, Chapmanslade School

Wednesday 18th

Corsley Gardening Club visit to The Old Rectory, Limington – 2.30pm (entry £3.50)

Thursday 19th

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

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)

Saturday 21st

Race Night – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 28th

February Walk with Judith Helliard – 10.30am, meet at Corsley Reading Room car park

Diary Dates

March

Tuesday 3rd

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

Thursday 5th

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)

Warminster Area Board – 7.00pm, Warminster Civic Centre

Saturday 7th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Wednesday 11th

Corsley Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting – 6.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - Annual Meeting – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

Short talks (10 - 15 minutes each) on a variety of subjects plus other activities and games at the Reading Rooms

Wednesday 18th

Corsley Gardening Club - Talk on Clematis – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church

Thursday 19th

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)

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

Friday 20th

Irish Night – 7 - 11pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 21st

Barn Dance – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Barn Dance – Frome Friends for Dorothy House, Rye Hill Barn, Longbridge Deverill

Wednesday 25th

Light Bites Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

continued...

April

Thursday 2nd

Warminster mobile library (see page 44 for times)

Good Friday 3rd

Little Cuckoo's Easter Egg Hunt (more details to follow)

Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 10.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 7th

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

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI - 'Making Felt Brooches' – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room
Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 12th

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

Corsley Gardening Club

Wednesday 18th February

Private visit to The Old Rectory, Limington 2.30pm. Entry £3.50. This garden has many early spring flowers.

Wednesday 18th March

Talk on Clematis
2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room – fee £2

Wednesday 15th April

Private visit to Ridley's Cheer, near Chippenham. 2.30pm. Entry £7.
Tea available

Apple IT Sessions

If anyone is interested in a self-help group for Apple computers/iPads please telephone Gill Parkinson on 01373 832322 or email corsleyfootpaths@btinternet.com.

If there is sufficient interest it is hoped to have a meeting on Wednesday 4th February 10am at the Corsley Reading Rooms to establish the way forward.

These sessions would largely concentrate on the unique features of these Apple products and complement the other IT sessions that are also being run at the Reading Rooms.

Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 14th February. We provide all the necessary equipment and spend about an hour or so collecting litter from the High Street and surrounding area.

Phil Jefferson, 01373 832845

Corsley litter pickers

We meet opposite the Royal Oak at 10am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 7th February – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

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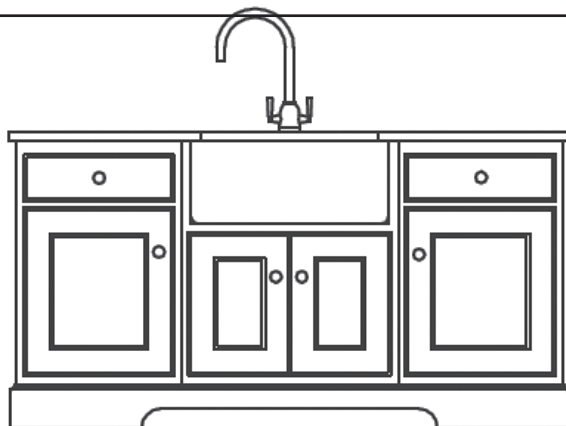


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A stomping good party!

Many thanks to all those who attended the Cleyhill Stompers' Christmas Party in Chapmanslade Village Hall in December and who helped raise a massive £460 towards the village improvement fund.

Special thanks to Clem Pullet (Dennis Barnard) for staying up late to entertain the locals, to Edward Lawrence, aged just 10, who joined in amazingly on drums with the Stompers and to Georgia Lawrence and dad Paul, who opened the show on keyboard and trumpet respectively, to get the audience into the festive spirit.

Many thanks to Jamies' Burger Bar for raising funds for the Chapmanslade PTA and to the overworked bar staff who went far and beyond the call of duty!

Piano Exam Success

The following pupils of Debbie Rickhuss have been successful in gaining qualifications set by The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Evie Jackson Grade 5 Theory

Georgia Lawrence Grade 6 Practical
This young lady is only 12 years old. The exam is equivalent to an A level!

George Kiriakides Grade 1 Practical

Pia Anderson Grade 2 Practical

Ellie Chatwin Grade 2 Practical with merit

Jamie Holmes Prep test

Many congratulations to all of you as most of you were only one or two marks away from merits or distinctions.

Debbie Rickhuss
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February Walk

Saturday 28th at 10.30am
Meet at the Reading Room car park

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 Silverstone racing circuit is in which English county?
- 2 Who was the first 'real person' to be portrayed in a Disney animated film?
- 3 Drag act Conchita Wurst won the 2014 Eurovision Song Contest for which country?
- 4 What is the maximum number of dots used in the braille alphabet to represent a number or a letter?
- 5 In Monopoly, the green set consists Bond Street, Regent Street and which other?
- 6 Which sport are spectators invited onto the field of play to stamp on divots at half time?
- 7 What do Americans call Estate Agents?
- 8 What name is given to the craft and science of growing plants in liquid nutrients instead of soil?
- 9 In which former republic of the USSR is Chernobyl?
- 10 Which songwriter/singer who had hits such as "No Honestly" and "Won't somebody dance with me" in the 1970s and represented the UK in the 1977 Eurovision Song Contest, died in October 2014 at the age of 64?
- 11 In which Canadian State is Vancouver?
- 12 Which Disney film does the song "When you wish upon a star" come from?

Answers on page 44

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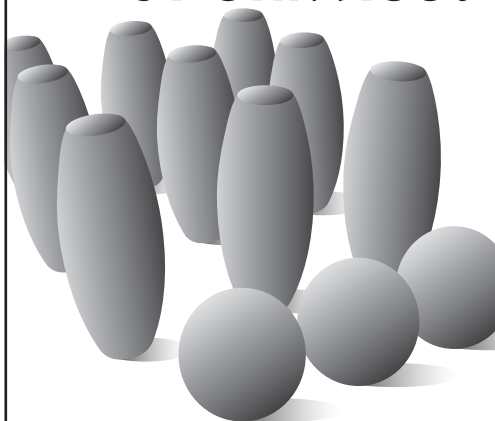
January	210.30 mm
February	163.60 mm
March	38.70 mm
April	82.35 mm
May	83.30 mm
June	31.80 mm
July	94.70 mm
August	85.20 mm
September	19.10 mm
October	101.20 mm
November	116.20 mm
December	36.10 mm
	1062.55 mm (41.9")

2010	649.40 mm
2011	677.60 mm
2012	1090.90 mm
2013	882.60 mm
2014	1062.55 mm

Average annual rainfall 2010 – 2014 is 872.61 mm (34.35 inches)

Shirley Chapman
Volunteer Rainfall Observer for Corsley
 01373 832378

Fancy a game of skittles?



Chapmanslade Skittles Team, who play in the Warminster Skittles League, are looking for new members.

We are a friendly group who play most weeks during the winter months and our home alley is The Cross Keys at Corsley.

If you are interested in joining us please contact either

**George Brown 01373 832440, or
 Mike Frowde 01373 832556**

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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I shall be keeping my hand in with a few vintage and classic cars and vans which have always been a hobby of mine, I have two Morris Minors of my own which I have been meaning to find time to do but it never happens. I hope to see many of you at Corsley Show if the weather permits this year!

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In September 2014 on a chance visit to Victoria Bridge, Bath, Nigel Bridewell of Chapmanslade discovered that, courtesy of a grant of £3.5 million from English Heritage, the bridge was being restored. It was built by his Great, great uncle, James Dredge, who was also born and raised in Chapmanslade. James owned Norfolk Brewery near Victoria Park, Bath and built the suspension bridge in order to be able to deliver his beer to the other side of the River Avon. The undertaking was so successful that James left his brothers to run the brewery and went building similar bridges around Britain and abroad, even as far as India and Jamaica.

On his way back from treatment for a broken arm at Royal United Hospital, Nigel, together with his friend Anne Filkins, visited the site every couple of weeks to follow the progress of the work. He and a fourth cousin, Stewart Dredge from Edinburgh, provided assistance to Alf Perry of English Heritage in researching the Dredge family history.

On 15th January an opening ceremony took place at which Nigel and Stewart, whom Nigel had never met, were presented with a commemorative book of the history of the many suspension bridges their Great, great uncle had built. The Chapmanslade History Group had visited the bridge a few weeks before and an exhibition of documentation and items can be seen at the Guild Hall, Bath.

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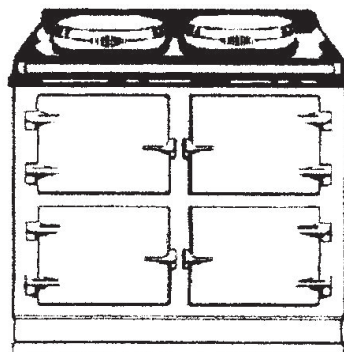


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Parish Council Briefing

The Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the latest meeting...

Things were fairly quiet over the Christmas period, with just one occasional PC meeting on 13 January to discuss a planning application and a major update to PC Standing Orders. We have also had a brief update from the Council House Development team.

Planning Application

14/11767/FUL. This was a full application by a family building firm, McIntosh DBR, of Knowle Farm, Compton Martin, for erection of two detached dwellings and associated garaging at Squires Coal Yard, Lane End. Conditional upon success with this application, McIntosh will purchase the site.

This was the third application for development of the site, the first two being for outline permission. Permission was previously granted subject to reserved matters relating to the scale of the proposed new houses, the layout, external appearance and landscaping, with two additional conditions concerning access and turning areas, and disposal of surface water.

Residents of Roddenbury View, who had opposed this application and its precursors, were present together with representatives of McIntosh DBR. All were given the opportunity to speak. The major areas of concern were the potential overlook, maintenance access to the retaining wall between the development site and the

rear gardens of the Roddenbury View and the height of the proposed houses. The PC supported the application subject to conditions that the developer provided a 2 metre fence on top of the boundary wall, the ridge height of both houses was lower than Nos 2 and 3 Roddenbury View and that a covenant was placed to ensure that the boundary retaining wall would be properly maintained in perpetuity.

Affordable Housing

Some progress has been made, in that an initial site visit to Baytree has been made by Wiltshire's 'Asset Management team'. As a result, the internal build officer has recommended that initial planning feasibility studies are undertaken and by the time of publication of this Bridge these should have been instructed. These should include input from Planning and Highways. That report will then be assessed to check the viability and feasibility of building houses/bungalows on the site.

Please note that it is likely there will be officials visiting the site over the next few weeks.

Bids for PC funding

I mentioned last month that, traditionally, the PC has given grants to the Readings Rooms, the Memorial Playing Field, Corsley and Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council and the Baptist Church. As a reminder,

village organisations are invited to make bids for donations for the year 2015/16, to be sent to the Parish Clerk, John WILLCOX (corsleypc_idw@aol.co.uk - note the underscore - or by hand to Little Orchard, Lyes Green). Those received by 1st March will be considered. The bids should include extant accounts for the organisation, show how the organisation benefits the Parish of Corsley and relate to a specific project. To date only one application has been received.

Streetscene and footpaths

The same advice as last month – we are in the season of heavy rain squalls, blocked drains and debris being washed down from bridleways and fields. Please look after any drains or ditches close to your property or that you come across on walks and for any serious issues please call Clarence. Any problems with footpaths, please let Gill Parkinson know.

Salt bins have all been replenished and the Parish has some additional salt which will be used for Geys Hill and vulnerable junctions; subject to manpower and vehicles being made available at the time.

Annual Parish Meeting

We have now had confirmation that the main speakers will be Michael Birnie, Longleat Land Agent, and Bob Montgomery, CEO, meeting to take place on **Wednesday 11th March** in the Reading Rooms. For

more info, please see advert on page 19 of this edition of The Bridge.

Dates of 2015 Meetings

Dates for your diaries:

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 11th March

Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th May
(election of Chair and Vice Chair)

Quarterly Meetings

Monday 1st June
Monday 7th September
Monday 7th December.

There will be at least as many Occasional Meetings, at short notice, to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village notice-boards and The Bridge website for these.

Neil Britten

*Chairman, Corsley Parish Council
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Campanology News

Another year has come and gone, time races on so fast
And this one's been quite special, much more ringing than the last.
Our Corsley band has grown of late to six most times we ring
And seven on occasion when Bertie doesn't sing.

Responsibilities elsewhere play havoc with our band;
Holidays and family, the village, sport, the land.
But we completed last year with a very special do.
We gathered in our tower, we totalled twenty-two.

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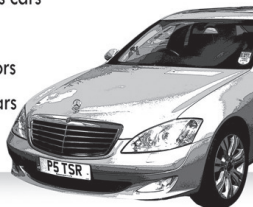
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Dear Friends,

As I sit at my desk preparing to write this letter two images are rattling around my head; one is of the snowdrops that are appearing in their droves in the churchyards, little candles of hope in these dark cold days. And the other is a photograph of two good-looking young men, arms wrapped around each other's shoulders, faces lit up by beaming smiles as they pose proudly for the camera, radiating an exuberant youthful promise. I looked at the photograph for a long time and thought how innocent they looked, how similar to my sons. Except these young men are dressed in the uniform of war, their weapons and ammunition proudly displayed on their bodies for all to see, these young men would give their lives - and probably will - for a cause they passionately believe in. And you have to ask yourself the question: What happened? What vacuum in somebody's life provides the breeding ground for extreme radicalisation and indeed what ills in our society provide the wider context for all this? What is it that enables a perfectly ordinary young man to believe that inflicting violence and terror on other human beings is the right thing to do?

Clearly, such behaviour is totally unacceptable, but it doesn't arise out of no-where. In our shock and fearfulness it's easy for us to distance ourselves from those who perpetrate such attacks by convincing ourselves that somehow such people are 'other'. In doing so we can then absolve ourselves of any responsibility for the creation of a society where disaffected young men are easy targets for radicalisation and subsequent involvement in terrorism.

The threat of terrorism understandably makes us all edgy and fearful and being fearful can have a profound effect upon the way we engage with those whom we perceive to be 'different'. In trying to frame a response to all this I keep coming back to the story of the Good Samaritan. It's not the cosy story we love to tell; Jews and Samaritans were mortal enemies, it was an absolute no-no for them to mix in any way shape or form and the notion of a 'good' Samaritan is an oxymoron that would have had Jesus' listeners shaking their heads in disbelief. In having the Samaritan stop and tend to the injured Jew Jesus smashes through centuries of hatred and mistrust and shows us that 'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3: 28)

All of us are part of the human family; the story of The Good Samaritan is Jesus' answer to the question 'Who is my neighbour?' At this time of uncertainty and fear we must do all we can to promote respect and tolerance with regard to those whose beliefs are different to ours. When we feel threatened it is horribly tempting to retreat into ghetto mentality and build walls of mistrust; far better to respond to our own fears by reaching out to others to enable dialogue that enhances mutual respect and understanding. And that brings me back to the snowdrops; just as you wait and wait and then out of the cold earth they miraculously appear, in our sad old world it often hard to see signs of beauty and hope amidst the darkness. Let's pray that we can have the courage to be such signs by refusing to kowtow to an agenda of fear and by loving our neighbour - who ever that might be - as ourselves.

Love and prayers

Pauline

February Church Diary

Sunday 1st February: Candlemas

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

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist



11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Special service for Candlemas. Families and children are particularly welcome to this service when we will bless the church candles for the coming year. Please bring a candle from home that you would like blessed



Tuesday 3rd February

After Alpha Home Group

7.30pm at 129d Forest Walk, Chapmanslade



Saturday 7th February

Auction of Promises

7.30pm at Chapmanslade Village Hall



Sunday 8th February: Second Sunday before Lent

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

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

11am at St Mary's, Temple: Matins



Monday 9th February

Time to Think Home Group

10.30am at 9 Cleyhill Gardens, Chapmanslade



Sunday 15th February: Sunday next before Lent

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

10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship

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



Tuesday 17th February

3pm to 5pm at Chapmanslade School. 'Messy Pancake' afternoon. Fun for all the family ending with pancakes. No charge but donations welcome. Yum!

7.30pm at 93 Lyes Green, Corsley: After Alpha Home Group



Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday

10am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade: Ashing Eucharist

6.30pm at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Ashing Eucharist



Thursday 19th February

10am to 12pm at Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
Church and Community Coffee Morning



Sunday 22nd February: First Sunday of Lent

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

10.30am at St John the Baptist, Horningsham: Eucharist



Tuesday 24th February: Lent course

10.30am at 131 High Street, Chapmanslade and repeated at 7.30pm at The Rectory, Longbridge Deverill. Our Lent Course is entitled 'Creative Spirit' and our discussion will centre around a number of paintings from the Methodist Art Collection. You don't have to be arty to join in! (There will be further meetings on a weekly basis through Lent)



Wednesday 25th February

12.30pm to 1.30pm at the Reading Rooms, Corsley
Light Bites Soup & Bread Lunch. Donations in aid of Warminster Foodbank



Sunday 1st March: Second Sunday of Lent

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

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

11.15am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

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Corsley Chalice on Display in Salisbury

We are delighted that Salisbury Museum has chosen to put St Margaret church's 16th century Chalice on public display alongside the Lacock Cup in the coming weeks. The Lacock Cup will be on show at a number of locations in the county over the coming months, starting in Salisbury from 31st January until 4th May.

The Corsley Chalice, with its accompanying paten, or plate, is normally kept under lock and key in Salisbury Cathedral and rarely sees the light of day. On special occasions, however, for example the licensing of a new incumbent, it is sometimes brought back to Corsley and used in services. Rev Pauline Reid's licensing as priest in charge of the Cley Hill Villages benefice in October 2014 was the last time the Chalice was used in the village.

Not a great deal is known about the Chalice and paten. In 1553 the Crown Commissioners took 20oz of silver for the King from Corsley (this was a common practice when the monarch was short of money!) and left only 7 1/2 ozs. Of the plate they left, a silver-gilt paten of c1510 still remains. The Chalice which they left was remodelled in the 1570s. As far as is known, the Chalice and plate have never been valued; certainly the parish has no intention of selling them!

Phil Jefferson commented that villagers were delighted that the decision had been chosen to display the Chalice alongside its Lacock cousin. He said "We appreciate that our Chalice is not as well known or indeed as valuable as the Lacock Cup, but we are very proud of this part of our heritage and we thank Salisbury Museum for making it available to be seen by the public throughout the Spring". Reverend Pauline Reid, Priest-in-Charge, added, "I feel very privileged to have used the cup for the purpose it was intended on the Sunday after the service, it was an extraordinary feeling to administer communion with something that held such meaning for the parish and connected us to past communicants in such a profound way. A real joy."



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Corsley WI

January News



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

At the first meeting of 2015, members of Corsley WI were treated to a 'Korean Odyssey'. South Korea is possibly best known for its Dictator, the Korean War in the 1950's and for 'Gangnam Style'! However, for the first part of the 20th century, the Japanese occupied the whole of North and South Korea and destroyed much of the country. Whilst the North was more economically viable, the South struggled through lack of natural resources but in recent years there has been much new development in South Korea. Palaces are being restored and there are many new big hotels. An extremely mountainous country, space to build is at a premium and therefore there are vast numbers of skyscrapers in town centres and the residential areas have large high-rise blocks of flats.

Our speaker, the Rev. Ward Jones from Wesley Methodist Church in Frome, had visited South Korea through his position as Chairman of the Bristol District and its connections with the Methodist Church in Korea. The misty scenes taken by Rev. Ward Jones showed that although the mountains are beautiful, smog is a significant problem and many people in the cities wear

facemasks outside. The main religion is Buddhism but Protestant Christianity is growing fast. In 1886 there would have been only about 25 Churches, but by 1995 the number had grown to over 10 million, with about 1.5 million Methodists. Churches are now extremely popular, with some having enormous congregations of over 100,000 members. Pauline Scott gave the vote of thanks for the most interesting talk.

The 2015 outing will be to Beaulieu on Thursday 18th June. The competition winner this month was Mary Purchase, with Jean White second and Di Dowling and Hilary Vallis joint third. Schedules for our Flower, Handicraft & Produce Show on Thursday 13 August will be available at the February meeting.

Full details of all trips and events for 2015 are available to members at our meeting on Thursday 12 February at 2.30pm in the Reading Room at Corsley, when Sally Hooper will give a talk entitled 'Channel Swimmers'. The monthly competition for members is for a seaside postcard and the annual Hilda Guy Arts & Crafts Cup competition is for a box resembling a beach hut.

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

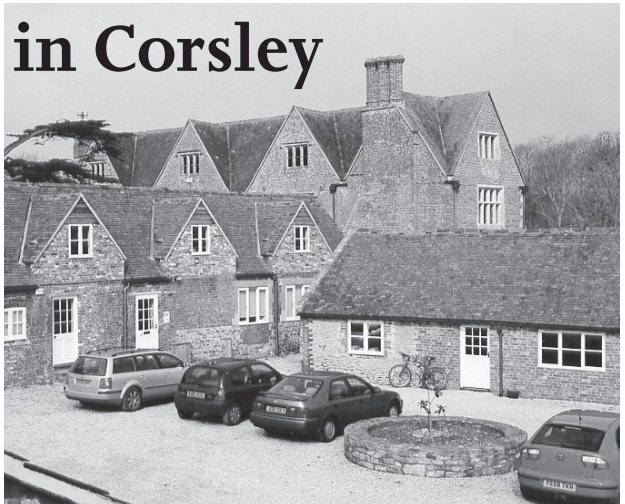
Bridge Club	First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room
Coffee Morning	First Tuesday each month, 10-12noon, Corsley Reading Room
Gardening Club	Third Wednesday each month, 2.30pm venues to be announced
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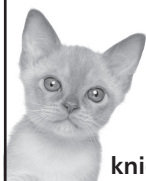
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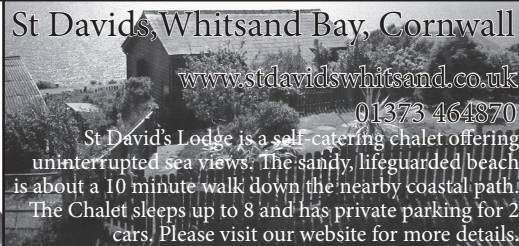


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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Phil Jefferson reports from Chapmanslade Parish Council

Over 30 residents attended our meeting held on 15th January.

Barters Farm Development

Legh Walker introduced his new business partner, Lochailort Investments Limited. Hugo Haig, Lochailort's Managing Director, and his colleague Jamie Allen, gave a presentation on how the housing development on part of the Barters Farm site might look.

Mr Haig stressed that his company's work was at a relatively early stage and that he would not proceed with the development if the Chapmanslade community rejected it. However, 40 houses were proposed (in line with the previous plan), ranging from one to five bedrooms, of which 30% would be onsite subsidised and affordable housing.

Mr Haig told us that he aimed to create a sensitive, well-considered and high quality development of which the village and wider area would be proud. There would be extensive use of traditional, locally typical materials including brick and render elevations, slate and tile roofs, and selective use of flint and stone. Access would be provided to neighbouring properties to the

south and west of the development and building lines would diminish to 1.5 storeys along the corresponding boundaries. He added that car-parking provision would be enhanced, all parking would be off-street and there would be ample parking for each unit. This, together with planting to the front garden areas, would produce attractive uncluttered areas. The roads themselves would include raised tables to reduce speed and different surface materials would be utilised to soften the appearance and add to the attractiveness of the overall scheme. And finally, each property would have a private garden, enclosed in the most part with fencing, some with brick feature walls, and others with hedging and fencing.

Residents discussed a number of points concerning the proposed development. Would the character of the village change and could the village's infrastructure (including our road system) cope with an additional 40 houses? Would the proposed access from Cley Hill Gardens be safe? Would planning permission be given as the site is outside the village's 'building line' and in the light of Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy document which envisages only a small amount of housing development taking place between now and 2026 in the

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On the positive side, the prospect of affordable housing being made available in the village looked attractive. More youngsters of primary school age living in the village might help secure the long-term future of the school and the possibility of mains gas reaching the village would be enhanced. Also, if the development went ahead, a certain amount of cash (known as Section 106 funds) would be made available to fund community projects. This might be used to tackle some of the traffic issues in Chapmanslade and Mr Haig offered the services of his transport consultants to work on this.

The overall feeling of the meeting was that the development would be welcomed in the village. The parish council resolved, despite the concerns mentioned above, to work alongside Lochailort by offering advice and to help tackle the various issues which had been raised.

We will keep you closely in touch with progress in the coming months. In the meantime we would welcome your views on the proposals. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us or do come along to our next meeting.

Planning

At the time of writing, we are still waiting to learn whether Wiltshire Council has agreed to give planning permission to the owners of Thoulstone Park for temporary permission (ref 14/10453/FUL) to store 8 touring caravans and residential occupation of a further 5 caravans to be housed in the area of the former golf driving range. We objected to the proposal as have a significant number of local residents.

Thoulstone Wind Turbine

(Ref 14/08778/FUL). We now understand that a decision on this controversial application can be expected by the end of April. The developers have been given an extension until the end of February to respond to some of the concerns raised in the period of consultation and we believe we will be given the opportunity to see their response, and hopefully comment on it, before a final decision is taken.

Sienna's Valley

(Ref 14/09500/FUL). The Western Area Planning Committee considered a retrospective and controversial application for a static caravan on the site at its meeting on 17th December. At the meeting, several local residents challenged the Planning Officer's recommendation (which was based on advice provided by Wiltshire Council's agricultural consultant) that it was essential for someone to be on site for 24 hours each day to care for a herd of alpacas. The committee deferred a decision until a later date so that the planning officers could consider the evidence presented. At the time of writing, we are waiting to find out when the matter will return to committee.

Footpath 12

At its December meeting the Western Area Planning Committee also considered the recently published order concerning the diversion of footpath 12 (Dye House Farm). An objection to the proposed order had been lodged by a member of the public and, despite assurances given by Wiltshire's Rights of Way officers, was not withdrawn. The parish council and a number of village residents had offered their support for the diversion, which is already being used by walkers, to their satisfaction. The committee's only option was to refer the

matter to central government's Planning Inspectorate. A planning inspector will consider and will prepare a report for Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities, who will reach a decision in due course (and at not-inconsiderable expense to the taxpayer).

53 High Street

(Ref14/11797/FUL). We considered an application to build 2 four-bedroomed houses in the garden of no 53 High Street. A number of residents living in the immediate area were present and voiced their objections. We decided to object to the proposal, on the basis that the potential increased traffic to the development would create an additional safety hazard. This is in an area where on street parking either side of this proposed access is already raising serious safety concerns for traffic passing through the village, access from Wood Lane and access to and from Huntenhull Lane as well as access from adjacent properties and those opposite the proposed access. The existing poor visibility at this proposed access would be further limited by the continuous and hazardous on road parking in this area and would increase the potential of serious accidents in this area. We also considered that the proposed design for the development is not in keeping with the surrounding dwellings and is overbearing for the site. Accordingly we have asked Fleur de Rhe Phillipe, our Wiltshire Councillor, to call the application in so that the planning committee can consider it if the officers recommend approval.

2015-16 Precept

We confirmed that our precept for 2015-2016 should be £4,390.51 which, together with Wiltshire Council's top-up grant of £109.49, means that our income next year

will be £4,500. We are not a high-spending authority; the majority of our expenditure is to support the village hall, which annually receives £3,100.

Defibrillator

A number of volunteers have come forward to offer help as voluntary 'wardens' of the defibrillator, which we expect will be installed in February. We still need to raise funds to pay towards the cost of the defibrillator scheme and all suggestions and further offers of help will be much appreciated. Once the machine is in place we will invite you to an event where we show you how it works and how it can be of benefit to our village.

Mains Gas

We are rapidly approaching the 59 households needed before Wales and West can proceed.

Highways

The hole in the road outside Clearwood View is due to be repaired again in the near future. There's no news yet of Southcroft getting back into the schedule for resurfacing. Recent road traffic accidents in the village underline the importance of the Community Speedwatch scheme and our efforts to put pressure on Wiltshire Council to come up with initiatives to calm traffic speeds in the High Street. In this respect we were dismayed to learn that the council has withdrawn funding for Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), which are another means of slowing down the traffic.

And finally...

Congratulations to Nigel Bridewell who, along with a distant cousin, performed the re-opening ceremony at James Dredge's

Victoria Bridge in Bath on 15th January. You may have spotted him on Points West that evening.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 12th February**, 7.30pm at Chapmanslade School. All are welcome. Do come along to listen or to speak.

Phil Jefferson
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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.

Little Cuckoo's would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Our theme this term is 'Opposites'. We are thoroughly enjoying learning about all things wet/dry, high/low, day/night, happy/sad, hot/cold and lots, lots more.

We have lots of exciting events planned over the next few months including our very successful 'Stories by Starlight' complete with onesies and hot chocolate.

We are already planning for our famous annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday 3rd April. So please put it in your diary's and bring all the family along for a fun-filled afternoon.

Our Tuesday Mother and Toddler Group is really thriving and we are all having so much fun with the wide variety of arts and crafts, singing and of course fun playtime on offer. We welcome all parents/carers to join in the fun and meet new friends every Tuesday during term time 10 - 11.30am. Just bring a piece of fruit to share and pay £1.50 per family.

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'All scripture is given by inspiration of God...' 2 Timothy, 3:16

Preacher Feature

Ray Mead, Chapel Secretary

Born into a non-Christian family, I was sent to Sunday School and at an early age was challenged to accept the Lord Jesus into my life.

In 1964 my life changed dramatically, when I was asked by a fellow worker to teach him to drive and he talked about his family of girls. A visiting evangelist had put up a marquee in the field at the bottom of their garden and I was smitten by the work he was doing. He told me to continue in my own church and hold children's Gospel meetings there.

In 1969 I married Jen, who was one of the daughters of the man I taught to drive. In 1970 our first daughter was born and one year later I joined the Open Air Mission. We visited fairs, racecourses and large cities to preach to the crowds. We visited seaside venues to hold children's meetings on the beach.

I felt my local church was beginning to teach that the Bible was not true, so we looked for a spiritual home for our five children, and came to Corsley. I'd preached here before and Mr and Mrs Powell were devoted Christians.

Today we have seven children and eleven grandchildren and on a Sunday they all attend a place of worship. God has blessed us and my prayer for you all is that you might know what God wants you to be, through trusting the Lord Jesus as your Saviour.

Bible Quiz

- 1 What was the only bird which might be used as a sacrifice in the Temple?
Luke 2.24
- 2 What was the first recorded question of Jesus?
Luke 2.49
- 3 Who was caught by the hair in an oak tree?
2 Samuel 18.10

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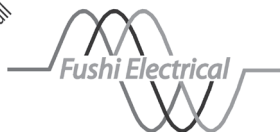
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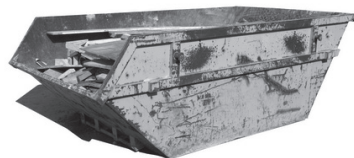
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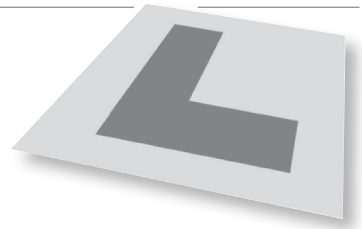
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Tales from the passenger seat



There have been occasions when I have been able to identify an underlying medical or other problem that the pupil is not aware of. This doesn't mean that I am some kind of Sherlock Holmes doctor in the car, but I do have some examples that proved useful to the pupils in question.

I was teaching two ladies, one was 49, the other 52. Neither knew each other, but both started around the same time. Now generally speaking, steering a car is a bit like riding a bike or learning to swim, once you have reached a certain standard, you don't get worse. There might be the odd individual "Oops", but the severe 'wobble, wobble, veer all over the road' action that some learners do initially, does not re-occur. You don't ride a bike or swim, then suddenly fall off continually, or sink, unless there is something wrong... By coincidence both these ladies reverted back to abysmal steering in the same week. They also complained they were bumping into things when at home, feeling tired, off balance and their muscles aching during a lesson. I suggested to both ladies that they should consider a visit to the doctor. Next lesson both explained that they had been diagnosed with an underactive thyroid gland. Suitable treatment in place, normality resumed almost immediately.

Many pupils will mention they have dyslexia when I first meet them. Fine, nice to know.

I can then understand the different learning process required, and make adjustments to my lessons. Sometimes a pupil will not tell me. They may not realise that it can have a direct effect on their learning to drive. It doesn't prevent a successful outcome, but it often means that situations requiring fast, judgemental and/or multi-tasking types of decisions, can be more difficult to start with. If I am suspicious that a pupil may be dyslexic there are a number of questions I casually ask during a lesson that, depending on the answers, gives me a good indication whether my suspicions were justified.

There have been times when a pupil has been totally unaware that they are dyslexic. A little while ago I had such a case, where neither the school nor the parents had identified any problem, yet all the signs were there. He was a lad who was perfectly happy to discuss all manner of things, so broaching the subject was no problem. He was more than happy to agree that taking an appropriate test would be a good idea, especially since it was February and he was due to take his A Levels that summer. His parents arranged for the school to conduct a test, which confirmed he most certainly was dyslexic, the very happy outcome being he was given a special laptop programme to assist his studies as well as being allowed extra exam time; he also passed his A levels – a great result!

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Countryside Matters

Is Britain no longer a land of milk and honey? How times have changed...

It is of great concern to dairy farmers that one of the large milk buyers has been unable to pay its producers for the milk supplied in December. Since the mid-1930s when the Milk Marketing Board (MMB) was set up, dairy farmers have been guaranteed payment for the milk they produced. During the 1970s the MMB, was disbanded and farmers were given the opportunity to find their own milk buyer, but were then given a quota for the amount of milk they could produce.

After the foot and mouth disease outbreak of 2001 when many herds were slaughtered, a lot of farmers gave up the 24 hours a day, 365 days a year job of looking after milking cows; deciding

instead to retire, produce beef or sheep, or plough up the land for cereal crops.

Since then the British dairy farmer has been unable to supply enough fresh milk to meet the demands of the food suppliers. Supermarkets then found European and world producers of dairy products such as dried and processed milk for manufacturing, subsidised cheese and butter, and have used milk as a loss-leader to entice the food buyer into the supermarket.

Over the last two years many milk producers have been selling milk for less than it costs

to produce. Milk costs, on average, 30p per litre to produce: the farmer receives around 20p per litre, whilst the supermarkets charge you 50p per litre. The British dairy industry as we know it is in real trouble. Where will our fresh milk-based food products come from in years to come?

You would imagine that our countryside is quiet and dormant in February, but this is not so. The skies in the early morning are alive with the crow family (mainly rooks, carrion crows and jackdaws) leaving their roosting perches to find food in the fields. The Canada geese fly over in formation from local ponds to the lakes and adjacent feeding areas.

Buzzards, and increasingly, red kites swoop down to pick up small

mammals, especially those annoying rabbits. Meanwhile our winter visitors, the redwings and fieldfares are joining resident finches to enjoy the last of our berries and seeds. The woodpeckers are drumming away in the woods and the cock pheasants call to say they are still around – how lovely they all look.

The willow trees are bursting with fluffy buds, hazel catkins sway in the wind and underneath, on the banks, are the wonderful snowdrops. The long winter nights will soon be behind us, so let's make the most of each season.

Judith Helliar

That milkmaid's lot is better than mine, and her life merrier. Elizabeth I



No news is good news

Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley

In a lecture on positive psychology, I heard that people who don't listen to or watch the news

just choose to switch off the news, say, once or twice a week and do something else instead - read a good book, meditate, walk, ring a friend and so on. These acts of recharging our emotional batteries allow us to be more resilient and can even bestow upon us the energy to engage more powerfully in a bid to make a difference.

frequently are less likely to be depressed or unhappy than people who do. There isn't room here to unpack the arguments about causal and correlational links (and you'll probably be glad of that) but it's an interesting idea. And there can be little doubt that the vast majority of the headlines concern awful events occurring around the world.

Should we just switch off, then, and block out the unpleasantness?

If we did that, we'd be uninformed about current affairs and in no position to comment or act upon things that we feel deserve a response of some kind; we'd become disengaged. But when the picture of the world is so unrelentingly dismal, we can start to feel enraged and impotent; hopeless. It's easy then fail to register hope, joy and strength in ourselves and others. We're beleaguered on two fronts: the outside world is grim and so are we and there's nothing we can do about it.

So a little balance may be useful. Some people take time to notice the good things around and within them and some of those people write them down; in a notebook or on scraps of paper that they put into a jar so that they can watch the stock of good things grow. Some people acknowledge that there is darkness in the world and try to bring a little light into their own corner of it to alleviate their own suffering and that of others. Some

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