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July 2024

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of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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

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July

Tuesday 2nd

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

Thursday 4th

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

Saturday 6th

Corsley History Day – Corsley Reading Room (for full programme, see page 4)

Monday 8th

Corsley's Annual Parish meeting – 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room – this meeting is for everyone!

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 11th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Corsley WI - 'The Scrap Store, Lacock' – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (non-members £3)

Sunday 12th

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

Saturday 13th

Teas and Tours at St Margaret's – from 2 pm to 5 pm (see page 13 for full info)

Thursday 18th

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

Sunday 21st

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

Wednesday 24th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Saturday 27th

The Elizabethan Evening presents 'The Gondoliers' – 7 pm, Manor Farm, Corsley (gates open 6pm). (See page 25 for more info)



Diary Dates

August

Thursday 1st

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

Tuesday 9th

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

Thursday 15th

Community Church Coffee Morning – 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade
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Tuesday 20th

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

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Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday 24th July

Wednesday 7th August

Wednesday 21st August

Wednesday 4th September

Wednesday 18th September

Wednesday 2nd October

Wednesday 16th October

Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 13th November

Wednesday 27th November

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- The Forward Family Photographs of Corsley Village life in the early 20th Century
- The history of the Memorial Playing Fields
- Corsley School
- Maps, documents and photographs from Longleat and Corsley House

Social evening of talks, presentations and Q&As – (6.30 doors open) 7 pm to 10 pm

- Mike Forward – the Lost Castle of Horningsham
- Chris da Costa – the history of Manor Farm
- Fiona Carruthers – the men of Corsley who served in World War One
- Film - Death of a Sociologist, Maud Davies

Other contributions are to be confirmed

There will be a paying bar and tea and coffee available

Tickets for the social evening are £7 and are available online at either www.corsleyreadingroom.org.uk or on the door.

If you would like to contribute documents, maps, artefacts or just your memories and stories of Corsley in the past, please email events@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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- 2 In which field of the arts is Barbara Hepworth most famous?
- 3 After which animals are the Canary Islands named?
- 4 Which religious movement was founded by John Wesley in 1738?
- 5 What was Frank Sinatra's middle name?
- 6 The Great Barrier Reef lies primarily off the coast of which Australian State?
- 7 "Can I have a P please, Bob" would be heard on which TV quiz show?
- 8 Which is the most abundant metal in the Earth's crust?
- 9 Which animal's head, made from brass, is found on the door knocker of 10, Downing Street?
- 10 Which is the smallest State in the USA?
- 11 On which TV programme can you win a golden gavel?
- 12 Which vegetable was described by Mark Twain as "a cabbage with a college education"?

Answers on page 40

Whitbourne Chapel Holiday Bible Club

10:30 – 12 noon

Tuesday 20th August 2024 – Thursday 22nd August 2024

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

www.whitbournechapel.org

Corsley Tennis Club News

Don't miss a summer of tennis! Give it a try or rediscover your previous skills. Joining instructions and current costs can be found on the website. We have reached a total membership of 98! Surely we can push that over the 100 with your help?

It's been a busy couple of months. For the adults, the women's doubles and mixed doubles tournaments were held in May and the American Tournament was on 23rd June. Always a popular event as you get to change partner between sets, thus increasing the chance that you will get to play with someone who can help you lift your individual score (or not!).

Martin's junior sessions are going well, as ever. The juniors celebrated the final of the French Open with a French-themed festival. Coffee and croissants for parents, a French

language warm up with Jenny and lots of fun tennis action.

Martin is also helping five young people in the village to qualify as LTA Junior Tennis Leaders. This can help towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards. He told me he particularly values their help with the first junior group, affectionately called 'the Minis'. "It's important because we have 14 very active 'minis' and I am able to split them into smaller groups and have 3 - 5 stations of different activities - forehand, backhand, serve volley, etc. This allows safe and exciting tennis for the little ones" They are really doing a great job.

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*Liz Garrett
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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead rounds up the PC's activities in June

At its meeting on 13th June, the Parish Council (PC) considered the following:

- A statement regarding the application for community infrastructure levy (CIL) funds for the refurbishment of the village war memorial was also given.
- Statements from members of the public for and against a planning application for development of land to the south of 92 High Street.

Decisions

The PC agreed to allocate CIL funds for the refurbishment of the village war memorial and the addition of a new plaque with the names of two members of the community who died on active service during WWII.

Given the potential for a misunderstanding regarding the date on which the planning application for the land south of 92 High Street (PL/2024/04800) would be discussed by the PC, it was agreed to defer the discussion and decision to the next meeting on 11 July to allow for a balance of representation.

The PC gave its final approval to the updated TAOSJ plan to allow the school to proceed to implementation.

The PC agreed to transfer all the S106 funds to the Village Hall Committee to pay for a number of agreed projects it has undertaken in the Memorial Playing Field. S106 money was only made available for projects at the Village Hall and Memorial Playing Field.

CIL Funds

The PC has, to date, spent CIL funds on two new SIDs and has allocated funds for the war memorial. In coming weeks, it will consider an application from the church for refurbishment to make it more amenable as a community social space and expects to receive a bid for a project from the village hall. The PC is concerned that there are not more projects coming forward and hopes that a reminder here will help generate applications for funds. Funds need to be fully allocated by 2026. All applications will go through the filter of a small steering group which will assess requests before being presented to the PC for final approval and allocation of funds. It is very important that this approval is gained ahead of any expenditure as retrospective claims are not permitted. To give an idea of what will be considered here is an extract from the guidelines:

The key points set out by the CIL Regulations and Planning Practice Guidance relating to CIL funding are that:

- CIL should be spent on infrastructure including roads and other transport, schools and other education, community facilities, health facilities, sport/recreation facilities, and open spaces the infrastructure funded must support the development of the area.
- CIL can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing infrastructure, if needed to support the

needs arising from development.

The following are not eligible for CIL

Funding:

- Projects that have commenced prior to an application being submitted
- Ongoing revenue costs for a project
- Annual maintenance or repair
- Projects promoting a political party
- Projects that conflict with existing council policies

The full guidelines and application forms are on the **Parish Council's** website at:

[www.chapmansladePC.org.uk/](http://www.chapmansladePC.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2024/05/CIL-Application-Form-Final.pdf)

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The next PC meeting is scheduled for 11th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and will include CIL discussions regarding the application from the church and planning applications for: Land to south of 92 High St (PL/2024/04800), 49a High Street and (PL/2023/09506), Rosebank House (PL/2024/05248).

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Carpenter, rounds up the PC's activity in August

We wanted to cover three things this month. Firstly, we had an unscheduled Parish Council meeting to deal with a planning application outside of the village (in Selwood parish). However, the application, on greenfield land outside of the housing boundary claimed its location would make it part of the village. This is the second time this application has been put forward for three detached houses, albeit in a slightly different location to the original application.

The meeting was open to the public and was well attended. Councillor Hares explained exactly what we were allowed to comment on as a Parish Council. Anyone who wished to speak was then given two minutes to make their case. This was followed by each councillor putting their views forward before a vote was held. The Parish Council voted to continue with its objection to the application and the Parish Clerk was asked to write back to the Somerset Planning Officer responsible for this case with our decision and explanation as to why it was made.

The second issue to raise is that we are now being plagued by vandalism and graffiti. Following the defacing of the play equipment in the Memorial Playing Field and the salt bin on Fuzzy Lane, the bus stop at the Heath has been targeted. One of the windows has been smashed on two occasions (as it is double glazed) and graffiti sprayed all over the inside and the bench. This is being investigated by the police and has been reported to Wiltshire Council. Clearly, from the Parish Council's position. We have invested a significant

amount of your money into building a beautiful bus stop (which is envied by many other villages). Having a mindless person damage and deface it is upsetting and will now cost more money to repair.

If anyone has information about who is doing it I would ask that they let us know.

Finally, we have just had an extremely useful meeting with Councillor Parks, Warminster Police, Highways England and Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership with regard to the speeding and heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) coming through the village. Firstly I wanted to thank Councillor Ball and Councillor Philips who had led this campaign tirelessly. The upshot of the meeting is that we have a number of clear strategies to support our goals of:

- 40mph speed limit along the length of the A362 through Corsley.
- Supplying Wiltshire Police with the data from our Speed Indicator Device (SID) in order to support their enforcement of the speed limits.
- Reducing the number of HGV's coming through the village.

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Corsley Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

7 pm, Monday 8th July, Corsley Reading Room

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It is hoped to have a representative of the Longleat Estate to share what is currently happening

Followed by
the Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report
&
Any Questions

All Parish Councils in England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting allows the council and local community organisations to explain what they have been doing over the last year and electors can have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of the parish

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Six Open Doors

Dear Friends,

Celebration Service for 30 Years of Women Priests

Becoming a priest was something I had never dreamt of in my early life, but God thought otherwise! And in 2009 I followed a long line of women in becoming ordained at Salisbury Cathedral.

The women pioneers who were the first to be ordained as priests were remembered and celebrated in a joyful celebration of the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the first women as priests in this diocese.

Hundreds of women clergy and their supporters celebrated the first women, and their own continuing ministries, in a service at Salisbury Cathedral. Of the first women ordained in 1994, four women returned to mark the day - Rev Jacqueline Curtis, Rev Jane Hedges, Rev Mary Ridgewell, and Rev Pam Thomas.

Bishop June Osborne, the first Dean of Salisbury who was also ordained in 1994 among the first women, returned to speak at the service on Saturday. She paid tribute to the first women, and to those still facing discrimination today.

"Like all anniversaries, when it comes to commemorating and celebrating, we discover many layers of reality to be navigated. There are memories to be cherished, experiences which might contradict each other, regrets to be endured, mistakes which are still burdensome such as the Act of Synod, history to be interpreted, issues that are unresolved and tasks unfinished. But today is largely a day for paying tribute.

"Tribute to the women ordained in 1994 who had already, as deaconesses and deacons, had to put up with a lot of unworthy and neurotic behaviour on behalf of the Church – those pioneers all have their stories and it's worth listening to them if only to record and honour the tenacity it took to weather the Church's failings."

She also praised Salisbury diocese for not only "accepting the ministry of women but leading the way in normalising the presence and contributions of able women." She said Salisbury had been a "safe place" for women clergy.

But she said there was more for the whole Church to do.

"So our celebration today isn't an end in itself. There's much to do. Women need to feel safe. The Church needs to acknowledge and address misogyny, not least its own blind spots and prejudices.

The priesthood needs to work at better fulfilling its mission, of living true to its calling. But 30 years is a good start.

"May Salisbury, with the fantastic help of its women clergy, go on being a beacon of that calling – of making Jesus known."

I was ordained Deacon at Salisbury Cathedral in 2007 and ordained priest in 2009. June Osbourne was the Dean of Salisbury at that time and preached at one of those services. She was a great inspiration to us all.

Rev Diana Britten

July Church Diary

7th July: 5th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion, Kingston

10 am Eucharist, Corsley

10 am Morning Worship, Longbridge Deverill



14th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Praise and Worship, Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist, Kingston



21st July: 7th Sunday after Trinity

10 am Eucharist, Brixton



28th July: 8th Trinity Sunday

10 am Eucharist, Chapmanslade

10 am Eucharist, Longbridge

***Please note that there will not be a Matins service at
Corsley during the months of July and August**

Church and Community Events in July

Corsley Community Coffee Morning

First Tuesday of every month
2nd July, 10 am – 12 noon, Reading Rooms Corsley

Crafternoons

Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 24th July 3 pm to 5 pm, Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Community Church Coffee Morning

18th July, 10 am to 12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

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Corsley WI

June news

Alice Helliard rounds up the June meeting



The WI had a last minute change to their programme on Thursday 13th June from their visit to Heywood House to 'Self Defence' with John Phillips in the Reading Rooms.

John is a senior instructor in karate and qualified to a very high level himself. He trains the military, the police force and traffic officers in self defence. The training courses usually run for 3 days but we had quick snippet of an hour.

He gave us tips on self-protection in being careful when wearing jewellery when you are out and about in certain areas like high value watches necklaces. Being aware of your surroundings, especially when visiting unfamiliar places and to always stand tall and look people in the eye, not look down. You should also always be observant.

Our President, Alice, was asked to help with the demonstration and she did a great job.

The rest of us had a go at several defence moves at the end of the evening which was very effective but much harder than we thought.

We thanked John for stepping in and providing us with his very informative talk and demonstration. John enjoys ballroom dancing too so maybe we can add that to our programme!

The next meeting is an insight into 'The Scrap Store' in Lacock, how it was set up, how it operates and a few demonstrations of what they can teach. 7.30pm on Thursday 11th July in the Reading Rooms. Non-members £5.

Please contact Alice Helliard on 07989 339632 for more information.

A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a golden-brown latte, topped with a dusting of brown powder. The cup sits on a matching white saucer with a silver spoon resting on the left side. The entire set is placed on a dark, textured wooden surface.

Church and Community Coffee Mornings

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The Great Row

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It was a roller coaster of a week! We were absolutely pummelled by the Scottish weather which meant that our plans had to change almost hourly. We'd been expecting headwinds, but not as strong as they turned out to be! Force 5-6 on Monday, our first day, gusting to force 7 and we couldn't even get on the water on Tuesday. Wednesday brought much the same as day one, but with even stronger gusts along with hail and sleet! The rowing on Wednesday was tough, we rowed hard for two hours to find that we'd only covered 2 miles! Under such conditions, with no let up in sight, we were forced to abandon our original goal of reaching the Atlantic at Oban; we were absolutely gutted but decided to carry on and turned back to head east for the North Sea. Running with the wind turned out to be completely different and we found that in the following two hours we'd rowed 10 miles! Thursday was a gentler day, navigating locks and swing bridges in welcome sunshine, but still windy, and, by the end of the day we had reached the most northerly point of the Caledonian Canal at Clachnaharry. With an

early start on Friday we took the boat out into the sea loch, there was a small window of opportunity to row with the wind but against the incoming tide, trying to avoid the mid-point where it could be as strong as 6 knots! A RIB was sent out to us to see if we needed assistance – we were challenged, but made it on our own! After a couple of hours of tough rowing we delivered Roxy to the marina where she will be craned out of the water.

We were foiled by the weather, even the locals commented that it wasn't forecast to be as extreme, but we have slogged and gritted and laughed our way through hours and hours of tough rowing, with some good music and enthusiastic, if slightly questionable, singing. It was the most amazing experience and one that none of us will ever forget. Between us all we have raised nearly £12,000 for Friends of St. Margaret's Church which will help hugely to maintain the fabric of the church. If you would still like to donate go to

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Wonderful Walks

Baden-Powell, boats and a bridge!



Robert Baden-Powell

This walk is part two of my 'Purbeck Magic' Chandlers Coach Trip in April. We stopped in Poole at the Dolphin Centre first, while the rest of us were dropped at the quay, alighting at the Swan Inn near the huge Pavers' shoe store. I'm not sure about parking for car drivers, but follow signs to the quay, locate a parking space and find the Pavers shop. I popped in, saw the prices and left again faster; walking stops me spending money! The quay is just that, full of boats, and some vessels moored there are magnificent. I didn't realise how important Poole harbour was in the past;

in the 1700s it had the most ships, in this country, dealing with North America. It was also the largest embarkation point for the D-Day landings and it's still a commercial port with cross-channel ferries operating from it.

Begin walking right, along the quay promenade, and you'll soon see something I thought was unusual – a 2008 quayside statue of Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Gilwell and a Freeman of Poole, Founder of the Scout Movement. Two of my great-grandchildren are having big opportunities and experiences within the modern movement and



seven-year-old Hugo has had camping and adventure days with his group! Walking on, on the far side of the road you'll see different pubs, bars and restaurants, including the green-tiled façade of the Poole Arms. Water-side, there's a tall black sculpture called Sea Music, the only monumental public art, anywhere in the world, by Sir Anthony Caro OM CBE, given to Poole by the artist in 1991. Across the road, at this point, is an impressive red-brick square building, complete with coat of arms; it was once the Custom House (necessary for all Poole's past sea trade), but it's now tearooms and a restaurant.

In the distance from here, on your left, is the town's major bridge, part of the A350 and well worth



red-brick Barber's Wharf, which is now a private housing project, where the base of the perimeter wall has inset tiles by Poole Pottery, showing details of the wharf's history. Take the turning left at the nearby roundabout, into St James Close, and walk alongside a further perimeter of Barber's Wharf, turning left again at the notice board for St James Church; there's been a church building here, of some kind, since Norman times. Walk along



Lifting bridge

walking to and across. It's been operating since 1927 and is some kind of lifting bridge for ships to use, a massive, fascinating and good-looking piece of engineering. Try doing as I did; walk the full length of the structure and out to the end of the barriers, in order to cross to the far side of the road for the walk back towards the quay. Turn right in front of

Barbers Gate, to pause and admire the façade of West End House – Georgian, judging by the symmetrical frontage. Notice the small metal plates set into the pavement here occasionally, with a shell image and a number; there are leaflets on this, Poole's Cockleshell Trail, in the local Tourist Information Centre, though I had no time to do that.



Gill's yachts moored at Poole Harbour!

Return to Church Close next, the path edging the churchyard railings, where I found something unusual – a single wild garlic plant peeking out of the churchyard itself! Doesn't wild garlic need a close water source to thrive? Beyond the cottages is a red-brick vicarage, again Georgian, judging by its symmetrical frontage; both these buildings may have links with Poole's 1700s role in shipping with North America. Return to the quay now, but when you turn, look at the side walls of St James Church and admire its pink-hued building blocks, before finding Thames Street and using that. Back on the quay, cross the road, walk alongside the water and study the many vessels of all shapes and sizes. I found several 'city cruises' boats, for harbour tours. When you reach the Pavers building again, walk ahead and

look at more boats, some for hire (though I didn't see any prices!).

You'll run out of quay eventually, so turn again, head back to Pavers and find your car, though I had time left before the Chandlers coach arrived, to walk back to the Custom House for facilities, a cuppa – and cake! My choice was passion fruit and orange sponge, because I was now on my fifth mile of exercise for the day. Surely cake was essential, before the return journey to Warminster and the walk home?!



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Whitbourne Chapel

*All we like sheep have gone astray;
Isaiah, 53:6*

‘What a Wonderful World’

As I write this on a sunny day with flowers blooming and blue tits flying in and out of the bird box, I might agree with Louis Armstrong’s song ‘What a wonderful World’. And indeed it is, with many hallmarks of God’s design around us. But it is also an ugly world – with war, corruption, crime, violence, humanitarian disasters and man’s inhumanity to man. So, we ask, what has gone wrong with this wonderful world?

The Bible takes us to the basic cause: Adam’s fall in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). When God first made Adam and Eve, He made them upright – not only upright physically, but also upright on the inside – they were happy and enjoyed a good relationship with their maker – for a time. Then they rebelled against God and as a little boy said: ‘Adam fell from good to bad’. And we all fell in him; Adam is the ‘head of us all’.

We are like the story of the clock that just would not go: some suggested ‘leave it a few days, and see what happens’, but nothing. ‘Give it a good shake – that will get it going’ – but still no use. Another said: ‘put it in a different place’ – but again, this was a false remedy.

At last someone said: ‘Send it back to the maker’. The maker said: ‘IT NEEDS A NEW INSIDE. THE SPRING IS BROKEN.’



Our problem is not that we need a good shake or a change in our circumstances to make us what we were meant to be. The Bible’s diagnosis of our condition is: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way (Isaiah 53 v. 6a) and we need a new inside. God is willing to give us this when we come to Him, turning away from our sins, and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ who died in our place for them; the rest of the verse above says ‘and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all’.

We will still have to live in this sin-damaged world but He will help us and one day He is going to make a new heaven and new earth, the home of righteousness (2 Peter 3 v. 13), when we will really be able to say ‘What a Wonderful World’.

*John Hobson
Visiting preacher at Whitbourne Chapel*

Holiday Bible Club

Several parents with young children stopped at the Chapel’s Corsley Fayre stall last year and commented how hard it was to keep youngsters occupied towards the end of the summer break. Our hope is that three mornings of Club, in the week before the Bank Holiday week, will prove useful and helpful to parents, with 4 to 11-year-olds, from both villages.

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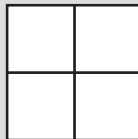
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A view from over the hedge...

Countryside Matters

Here comes summer!

I'm writing this at the very last minute, on the 19th June. Just two days away from mid summer, the longest day, and we at last seem to have sunshine with a decent temperature – 21° today with the forecast of dry sunny weather for the next four days at least. Watch those farmers making some very needy hay in the next few days!

Our spring weather of grey, wet and windy weather has left us all so low in spirit. Gardeners and farmers alike have taken no pleasure in planting and growing crops which took so long to germinate, and due to the lack of any really cold weather in the winter, many aphids and molluscs have been rampant on fruit crops, cereals and vegetables.

With no dry pasture to lie on, cows and calves have all suffered. Shepherds found it impossible to house all the young lambs until they were strong enough to stand the cold wet temperatures.

On the plus side, maize and potatoes have at last been planted. Somehow, with just 48 hours without rain, the first cut of silage was cut and harvested, but the fields were turned into quagmires, needing rolling and reseeding.

Sadly, I failed to hear the cuckoo this year, but would love to hear if any locals have had the pleasure of their spring calls.

During 30 years plus of farming here in Corsley, I have seen many changes in our countryside; initially the sight of a buzzard was a rarity, today there are many breeding

here in our copse and woodland. The red kite was a bird we travelled to mid-Wales to see – a farmer and local butcher were feeding the last remaining few who were known in the UK. These days, I can see the spectacular performances of red kites and buzzards from my window!

Alas, I think the quantity of buzzards is detrimental to small birds and young animals, hares, field mice, voles and moles – some of which were the natural food for barn owls!!

I am aware now of the lack of insects flying into my bedroom at night and no longer do we have to clear the windscreen of those night flyers; what, I wonder, are the bats feeding on?

Already we have forgotten the many elm trees we had in our hedgerows and with 'sudden oak death' and 'ash die-back' becoming prevalent, we must really look at changes close to home and try our very best to protect our countryside.

Thankfully, I am able to enjoy a warm English sunset this evening and hope this will be the start of summer that we have all longed for!

Judith Helliar

Rainfall in Corsley

April	67.9 mm
May	75.93 mm

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

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

The very last Coffee Morning at the Reading Room?

Tuesday 2nd July, 10 am to 12 noon, will be the last Coffee Morning unless someone comes forward to run it for the rest of the year. There will definitely be NO coffee morning in August as we plan a break anyway. It will be a shame for those who come along to lose the opportunity to meet. David and Anne have done a great job in recent months. Please contact them or me/any trustee if you are willing to take this on.

Wiltshire Area Board Grants – great news we have TWO grants!

The Wiltshire Area Board have agreed to fund the film licence for the first year. It is planned to start the Film Club programme in September. Mark Richards will be in touch with those registered so far so if you haven't registered your interest, please email him at films@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk.

The Area Board also agreed to contribute to the costs of some small remedial works to the building – re-pointing some areas and work on the ladies' toilets. Many thanks to the Area Board and local councillors for supporting both applications.

Corsley History Day – Saturday 6th July

See the advert elsewhere in this edition of The Bridge for this planned event featuring historical photos, talks. See website and find the link to buy your tickets up until 5th July. Any remaining seats will be sold at the door.

We need people to join the trustee team/committee running the hall.

We hopefully have a new treasurer, but we would still welcome others to join us and specially someone to succeed the current chairman or take on some of the tasks I have been doing in addition to the role of chairman (e.g. website). Contact me or any trustee if you are interested in joining to help keep the RR available for the benefit of all villagers.

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.

Hugh Deed

Chairman of Management Committee

Chairman@corsleyreadingroom.org.uk

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Trustees

Hugh Deed, Chris de Groot, Claire Firman-Ford, Liz Garrett, Caroline Hutton
Jackie Jasper, Mark Richards (Jamie and Charlie Owen look after 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 Dorset
- 2 Sculpture
- 3 Dogs (Latin Canariae Insulae meaning Island of dogs)
- 4 Methodist
- 5 Albert
- 6 Queensland
- 7 Blockbusters, presented by Bob Holness
- 8 Aluminium
- 9 (Imperial) Lion
- 10 Rhode Island
- 11 Bargain Hunt
- 12 Cauliflower

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.

For trade advertising enquiries, please contact David James (Trade advert coordinator/Treasurer)
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