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June 2026

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of Corsley and Chapmanslade



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

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

Diary Dates



June

Wednesday 3rd

Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 8th

Corsley Parish Council meeting to discuss audit documentation – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Thursday 11th

Chapmanslade Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Corsley WI – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room – ‘Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney’, non-members welcome, £6 including refreshments

Thursday 18th

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

Wednesday 24th

Crafternoon – 3 to 5 pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Sunday 28th

Sunday Brunch – World Cup – 10 am to 2 p m, Soisy Gardens, Westbury

July

Wednesday 1st

Coffee Morning (run by the Lite Bites team) – 10.30 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 6th

Corsley Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 9th

Croquet and Cream Tea – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Sunday 12th

Summer BBQ – Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 14th

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

Thursday 16th

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

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- 4 Which town in Kent got its name from its septet of fine trees?
- 5 In which London Park is London Zoo situated?
- 6 Blackcurrants are a good source of which vitamin?
- 7 Rigoletto and La Traviata are operas by which composer?
- 8 The island of Sardinia is one of the twenty autonomous regions of which country?
- 9 In "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, what magical country does the White Witch put a spell on so that it always "remains winter but never Christmas"?
- 10 Who is the current question master on "University Challenge"?
- 11 In 1942, the battle of El Alamein took place in which country?
- 12 Which is the only capitalised vowel which does not look the same in a mirror?

Answers on page 40

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Wednesday 16th September

Wednesday 30th September

Corsley Tennis Club News



The tennis season builds momentum at this time of year with the start of the Grand Slam events, where the world's best players will battle it out for the sport's most prestigious titles. Very exciting news that Andy Murray will be coaching Jack Draper for the grass court season; fingers crossed that he will be injury free. For players at every level, it's a reminder of the pinnacle of the sport – a great inspiration to get out on court, sharpen our skills, and enjoy the game.

There's also lots going on at our club at this time of year: Junior coaching, the Chippenham and District Mixed League season and the start of our fabulous tournaments!

On writing this article, our intrepid team have played three matches so far in the Mixed League. We were off to a winning start with a win against Calne, unfortunately a tricky match against Freshford B and a very narrow defeat against Grittleton, the

team being rewarded with a well-earned drink at the local pub after. We still have a lot of matches to go, so good luck for the rest of the season!

Our tournaments (within the club) are about to get underway too, starting with the Mixed Doubles. These well-attended friendly tournaments are a vital part of any small tennis club; they help to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere encouraging players of all abilities to get involved and mix with different partners. It's a great way to enjoy competitive tennis without pressure, have a chinwag, and of course, eat lots of yummy cake! The entries are now closed apart from the Men's Doubles and Singles matches due to alternative dates for these only recently been put on the WhatsApp poll. Please contact Kate on 07791 975411 if you have any queries.

There's lots to look forward to at CTC!

Kate Jackson
Committee Member

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Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Councillor Phil Holihead reports on the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held in May

The Parish Council (PC) met at the Village Hall on 14th May with five councillors present and three members of the public including Unitary Authority Councillor, Bill Parks. Councillor Phil Holihead chaired the meeting. There were no public questions made against the items listed on the agenda.

Councillor Bill Parks gave updates on the progress of the weight limit consultation and hoped that it would be signed off by the summer. He was reminded that there is a time limit on the funds available from the PC and requested to bear this in mind when discussing with the Highways team. He also informed the meeting that:

- Parish Stewards would shortly be returning to their normal working pattern
- The present Wiltshire Parking Charges consultation, if agreed, will impact on free parking in place in Warminster and encouraged people to give their views
- That the changes to the waste collection services will be in place in August with new Food Containers coming into use
- Consultation is in progress concerning the prospective closure of four fire & rescue stations in Wiltshire; the PC decided to write to express its concerns.

As this was the AGM business started with the election of Councillors to the Chair and Vice-chair roles. Councillor Holihead will remain as Chair with Councillor Humphreys as Vice-chair.

Matters arising**Short Street road junction:**

Councillors agreed the updated proposal for new road signs and markings in the approaches to Short Street, including a 'warning pedestrians' sign for walkers crossing from the footpaths in Thoulstone Park. A small uplift of funds was agreed to deliver this work.

Resilience Plan

An update was given on the work being undertaken to develop the resilience plan, and specifically the lessons coming from the table-top exercise held with Corsley on 6th May. A joint funding bid has been drawn up with Corsley and Horningsham for funds from SSSEN for equipment that might be required should the resilience team be activated in the event of a major incident e.g. long-term widespread power outages, flooding, severe snow, etc. Councillor Parks had endorsed the bid to add weight to get the equipment.

Older residents might remember the emergency plan that used to be run from the village shop and anecdotal information suggests that this was heavily reliant on a small group of volunteers to act as district wardens within the community to pass on information. The PC will be looking to re-invigorate this type of scheme, similar to what ran so successfully during the COVID lock-downs, so that emergency warnings and community updates can be made should an incident occur

and the more vulnerable in our community are regularly checked upon and assisted if necessary.

Village Plan

Those who have read the Annual Report which is available on the PC website will see that quite a lot of effort has been given to improving issues with the road, especially the High Street. Additionally, some initiatives in the Village Plan were taken forward for work, but when the reality of increased light pollution from additional street lighting, or additional noise from traffic calming measures were brought forward for consultation, were rejected by the community. The PC feels therefore that it is time to again address the priorities in the Village Plan and will do so over the next few months.

Planning

Two applications were discussed:
PL/2026/02703 Listed Building Consent for amendment to kitchen/dining room 63 High Street.

The Council had no objections.

PI/2026/02702 Listed Building Consent for replacement windows to the first-floor South elevation Barters Farm, 45 High Street.

The Council supported this application as it will improve the preservation of the building.

Parish Council end of year business

- The PC accepted documentation provided prior to the meeting by the Clerk including:
- End of year 25/26 accounts – all accounts
 - CIL Account with bank reconciliations.
 - Internal audit report
 - Updated assets register
 - Updated financial risk assessment

Approvals given

- That the PC’s spending met the criteria for the Certificate of Exemption from audit to be submitted.
- That the Governance Statement was considered and completed by councillors.

- AGAR Section 2 Accounts statement was correct and signed by the Clerk prior to the meeting.
- The end of year bank reconciliation was correct.
- The explanation of variances was correct.
- The Date of Notice for Public Rights and confirmation of dates for viewing was set for 3rd June – 14th July 2026.
- The Chair agreed to write to our existing internal auditor to engage her for the coming year.

Next PC meeting

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm at the Village Hall on Thursday 11th June. Items for the agenda should be emailed to clerk@chapmansladeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Minutes

Minutes of all PC meetings can be found on the Parish Council website www.chapmansladeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Annual Report

The Annual Report can be found at: www.chapmansladeparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/110/2026/04/2026-Annual-report-Final-1.pdf

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Mark your calendars and join us – whether to support the team or to step onto the pitch yourself. We warmly welcome players of all ages, genders, skills and experience levels.

Rupert Tolson
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2026 Fixtures		Sunday matches in grey Away matches in <i>italics</i>		+ denotes T20 or 100 match <i>Updated April 2026</i>
Day	Date	Home/ away	Against	Start time (pm)
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6th May</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Horningsham+</i>	6
Sunday	10th May	Home	The Bell	2
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>13th May</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Monkton+</i>	6
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>21st May</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Heytesbury and Sutton Veny+</i>	6
Wednesday	27th May	Home	Southstoke+	6
Sunday	31st May	Home	The Deverills	2
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4th June</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Red Star+</i>	6
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>14th June</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Southstoke</i>	2
Thursday	18th June	Home	Red Star+	6
Wednesday	24th June	Home	Frome Incidentals +	6
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>28th June</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Broughton Gifford</i>	2
Sunday	5th July	Home	Broughton Gifford	2
Thursday	9th July	Home	Heytesbury and Sutton Veny+	6
Sunday	12th July	Home	Longleat	2
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>15th July</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Urchfont+</i>	6
Wednesday	22nd July	Home	Horningsham+	6
Saturday	25th July	Home	Fulham Breweries	1
Sunday	6th September	Home	Witham Friary	2
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>13th September</i>	<i>Away</i>	<i>Witham Friary</i>	2
Sunday	27th September	Home	Southstoke	2

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

David Sharrocks reports on the latest happenings at the hall



It's been business as usual at the village hall this month in spite of the planned activities of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks who have been upgrading the power lines in and around the Village. On the day when the most extensive power cuts were in progress in the village we had two booked events at the same time in the Hall. We didn't want any risk of the regular monthly coffee meeting or the planned Joint Emergency Planning meeting with Chapmanslade being disrupted, so we switched to our emergency battery power supply for the duration of both meetings. Most of the users were probably unaware, and the coffee tasted just the same!

We have had to revise our charges for event hire to catch up with inflation over the last few years and the current rates and hire details are on our website. We continue to offer substantial discounts on the published prices to village residents.

If you do have an event in mind, please do contact us as you make your plans and we will try to assist.

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Six Open Doors

Dear all,

GOOD NEWS

At last, some very exciting, good news. Following the interviews in April, the post of Rector was offered to Rev. Mark Windsor. Mark has been part of 'The Vale of Pewsey Team' for the past 13 years. We look forward to working with him, developing our links with the school and wider community. The licensing service for Mark will be on 13th September, 3pm at Longbridge Deverill.

Our May Fair, held on Chapmanslade school field and in the church, was a great success both financially and helping to strengthen our links with the school. Together we raised over £1000.

More good news is that we have just been granted a faculty (the church equivalent of planning permission) to install a kitchenette in St Philip & St James. This is an important part of our vision to transform the church for wider community use. Now we have the faculty approved we can get quotes for the work and raise the money needed to bridge the gap between the development funds already raised (including the Community Infrastructure Levy from the Parish Council) and the total amount needed to complete the work.

June Church Diary

Sunday 7th June: Trinity 1

10 am Eucharist, St Margaret's, Corsley

8 am BCP, Kingston Deverill

10 am Eucharist, Longbridge Deverill



Sunday 14th June: Trinity 2

10a m Praise and Worship,

10 am Eucharist, Kingston Deverill



Sunday 21st June: Trinity 3

11 am Matins St Margaret's, Corsley

10 am Eucharist, Brixton Deverill



Sunday 28th June: Trinity 4

10 am Eucharist St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

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Pastoral Visiting

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Church and Community Events in June

Corsley Coffee Morning

Wednesday 3rd June – 10 am to 12 noon, Corsley Reading Rooms

Crafternoon

Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 24th June – 3 to 5 pm, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 18th June – 10 am to 12 noon, The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade



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Corsley WI

May news

Patricia Sharrocks rounds up the May meeting

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The May meeting, which was held in the Reading Room, began with our AGM. The annual report and financial report were presented and the committee elected. Members also voted to support the national WI campaign for more accessible public toilets and for action on women's homelessness.

The business part of the meeting ended with our thanks and a presentation to Val Benbow. During the year Val stood down from the committee after many years of service but she continues to be an active member of the WI.

As the AGM closed we took a break to enjoy some coffee and delicious cakes. A feast for the eyes that tasted as good as they looked. Then it was time for 'Eyes Down!' as we rounded off the evening with a game of bingo. There was a lot of chatter and laughter as numbers were called – and often misheard!

Our next meeting will be on June 11th at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room when our speaker will be Jane Healey talking about 'Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney (LPAs)'. Non-members are welcome to join us for the evening £6 to include refreshments.

For more information about Corsley WI please contact Alice Helliard on 07989 339632





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at the Badminton Estate, Gloucestershire. Running from the 8th to the 12th July, the garden entitled 'Shared Breath' highlights the collective reliance of all human beings on a finite, shared resource: oxygen. Its aim is to encourage meaningful conversations around death and end-of-life care and to raise awareness of the vital work carried out by Dorothy House.

Thank You Patrick!

Patrick Cusworth has been Chapmanslade coordinator for The Bridge for many years and has now decided to pass the baton on to a new volunteer. I, for one, am jolly grateful to Patrick for coordinating the distribution of 350+ copies out to all the lovely Chapmanslade delivery elves every month.

Thank you so much Patrick – enjoy your new 'retirement'!

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When I booked my seat on the Chandlers Coaches tour to Lymington Market Day in Hampshire, I thought the trip was going to the seaside! I saw no sign of a beach where I walked on the day, though there was Lymington River and a definite flotilla of water craft. It took 90 minutes or so to reach this town from the old M&Co store in Warminster, and hostess Claire came round, offering hot drinks and biscuits to those in need – and I always am!

Lymington's coach stop is on the High Street, in the midst of market stalls stretching the whole High Street and beyond. At first, I thought we'd reached Rome instead (if

only!), as two young men with truly wonderful voices were belting out opera numbers in fluent Italian when we arrived. As we left the coach, driver Peter told us to head down the hill behind us if we wanted 'The Quay' and Claire reminded us to be back at the stop for 4.30pm. Not having a clue where anything was, I toddled off towards The Quay. There are black signposts everywhere to guide you in Lymington, but if you travel by car, aim for car parking on Quay Road. I probably had a half-mile walk to the Town Quay, along the High Street and right, into a pedestrianised area, which descended slowly downhill and became cosy and quaint, like something from

the 18th century.

Once you reach The Quay itself, water and boats are everywhere! Sailing ships arrived here importing coal and timber, and exporting salt until 1821, when the ship-building industry took precedence. Ferries have crossed from here to Yarmouth, on the Isle of

Ground, complete with Millennium bandstand. Crossing the grass area towards the sea wall, the big red-brick and glass building jutting out into the water is the headquarters of Lymington Yacht Club. The local RNLI station appealed to me more! There's an RNLI shop beside the actual

station, so I spent a few minutes there. I was standing outside the shop to get my bearings in the sunshine – then suddenly a hailstorm! Wonderful! I'm not a hot weather person, so



Wight, since the early 1900s, originally steamboats and barges, until double-ended car ferries arrived in 1936. There are toilet facilities here and, of course, plenty of small shops and eateries. Past the 'facilities', I found a sign pointing ahead to 'The Marinas' and, as it still wasn't lunchtime, I walked on into Bath Road. No, not the city, but an open-air sea bath, available in the summer months.

Wandering on, I passed a chapel building on my right, now home to the local Army Cadet Force, while the next building on the right was a chandler's, not the coach, but a boatyard. I passed another yard on the left side of the road, with craft of all sorts on display. A huge sign loomed ahead of me on the left, 'Berthon'. There's been a working boatyard here since the sixteenth century, and in 1821 a yacht built here, 'The Alarm', raced against a schooner called 'America', in the forerunner of the America's Cup.

Further on is Bath Road Recreation



the pitter-patter of hailstones on me and the pavements thrilled me to bits!

I returned to the High Street the same way I had reached The Quay, trying every eatery I passed, but all were filled with people, no doubt hiding from the hailstones and bitter wind being enjoyed by me! Eventually, on the High Street, I found the Solento Lounge and ate there, a bacon butty and a pot of tea. There I rested, working out how much walking I'd done - between three and four miles! If you park on Quay Road, it should be much easier and less tiring than my walk was.

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The Bible includes the account of the people of God, led by Joshua, taking over the land God promised them. Following victory over the City of Jericho, they move on to take the much smaller city of Ai. However, after a brief skirmish and the loss of 36 men, they run back to their camp in fright. The ensuing enquiry reveals that one of their own, Achan, has stolen (and hidden under his tent) a stately robe, silver and gold that was captured from Jericho, brought to the camp and put into storage as items that were devoted to God. Eventually, Achan is forced to confess. He and his family are sentenced to death, after which God instructs Joshua to lead a second attack on the city of Ai. They obey and win a relatively easy victory.



There are key lessons for us here. First, they broke the commands given to Moses, not to steal and not to covet. Second, not only have they stolen, they have also deceived. Furthermore, they turned their backs on the men of Ai, as they ran back down that hill - rather than trusting in God to help them achieve their victory.

The Bible reminds us that our priority in life is not to be in material possessions, but in our relationship with God. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"

(Matthew 6v21). If we put our trust in God,

acknowledging Jesus as Lord of our lives, then the Apostle Paul reminds us, 'If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved' (Romans 10 v9).

What is your heart?

Have you learned from the mistakes of the past and put your trust in the Lord?

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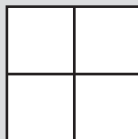
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I'm sure we will remember May for its mad mix of strong winds, stormy showers, lack of rain, low day time temperatures and then the hottest May days and nights on record!

Much of the silage is yet to be made due to the lack of rainfall for growing the grass and the low temperatures which it needs to improve the sugar content for good silage. It's hoped that silage making will go ahead in early June.

Shearing of the later-lambing ewes has also been postponed as the lambs are still needing regular milk from their mothers. Shearing the ewes in really cold weather can bring on chills leading to pneumonia and loss of milk for the young lambs.

Sadly, fly strike can be a problem at this time of year if the sheep are not shorn so regular attention is a necessity.

Hopefully, if the weather forecasts are correct, the spring bank holiday temperature will rise from 12 degrees to a possible 24 degrees – just in time for the school half term!

Winter-planted cereal crops are looking good and the spring-planted crops are already germinating. The maize and fodder-beet are in leaf and the potatoes are needing to be covered up in case of nighttime frosts.

What a joy to see our birds busy feeding

their young – there's plenty of feed to be found in the hedgerows now – aphids, grubs caterpillars, etc.

Looking out of my kitchen window this week I saw a green woodpecker busy pecking into the mountain ash looking for grubs – what a wonderful sight and sound!

Although the RSPB have advised us to stop feeding the birds from May to October, I'm not so sure I will stop feeding my garden birds but there will certainly be no peanuts as the young birds will choke on the nuts.

Don't forget to keep the bird bath clean (to prevent the spread of diseases such as trichomonosis which has decimated the greenfinch and chaffinch population) and filled, not only birds will enjoy the fresh water but bees and butterflies will appreciate it especially in warm weather. Don't forget our night visitors too – hedgehogs will be grateful for a saucer of fresh water.

June is a beautiful month, everything still wonderfully fresh, warm temperatures and you can practically see everything growing! Enjoy the early strawberries, the first broad beans and early potatoes, either from your own garden, your local farm shop or farmers' market.

British farmers have a changing climate to deal with, thankfully, they are always willing to adapt.

Judith Helliar

Last Lite Bites until September

Our final Lite Bites of the “season” took place on Wednesday 22nd April when we were raising money for Macmillan Cancer support. As I write, it’s past the middle of May but despite the sunny days there have also been some definite ‘soup’ days when I for one have preferred a bowl of soup to a lettuce leaf! Fortunately there seemed to be a few like-minded Corsley folk who came to our lunch.

Unfortunately there were not that many but those who came enjoyed sampling the soups we had on offer which were: Pea and Mint, Carrot and Orange, Spicy Vegetable with Coconut Milk and Leek and Potato. The latter had a little carrot added which confused our waitresses with its colour but made it very tasty!

With so few attending, everyone was able to have at least two bowls of soup and thank you for giving so generously to raise £78. We are now having our summer break but

We will be back on

Wednesday 23rd September

and we very much look forward to seeing you all again!

Don’t forget the

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Maureen Willcox

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Lite Bites Vegetable Soup with Coconut Milk



Serves 8

Ingredients

- 2 potatoes
- 500g butternut squash
- 4 carrots
- 4 parsnips
- 3 onions
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 400ml can coconut milk

Method

1. Chop all the vegetables roughly and place in a large saucepan.
2. Add enough water to just cover the vegetables and add a little salt (if liked) and the garlic.
3. Bring to the boil and then reduce to a simmer and cook for about 45 minutes until the vegetables are soft.
4. Keep topping up the water to JUST cover the vegetables if necessary.
5. Stir in the curry powder and mix well.
6. Remove from the heat and puree the mixture using a stick blender (DO NOT tip out the water!)
7. Stir in the coconut milk and reheat gently.
8. Enjoy your soup served in a warm bowl!

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