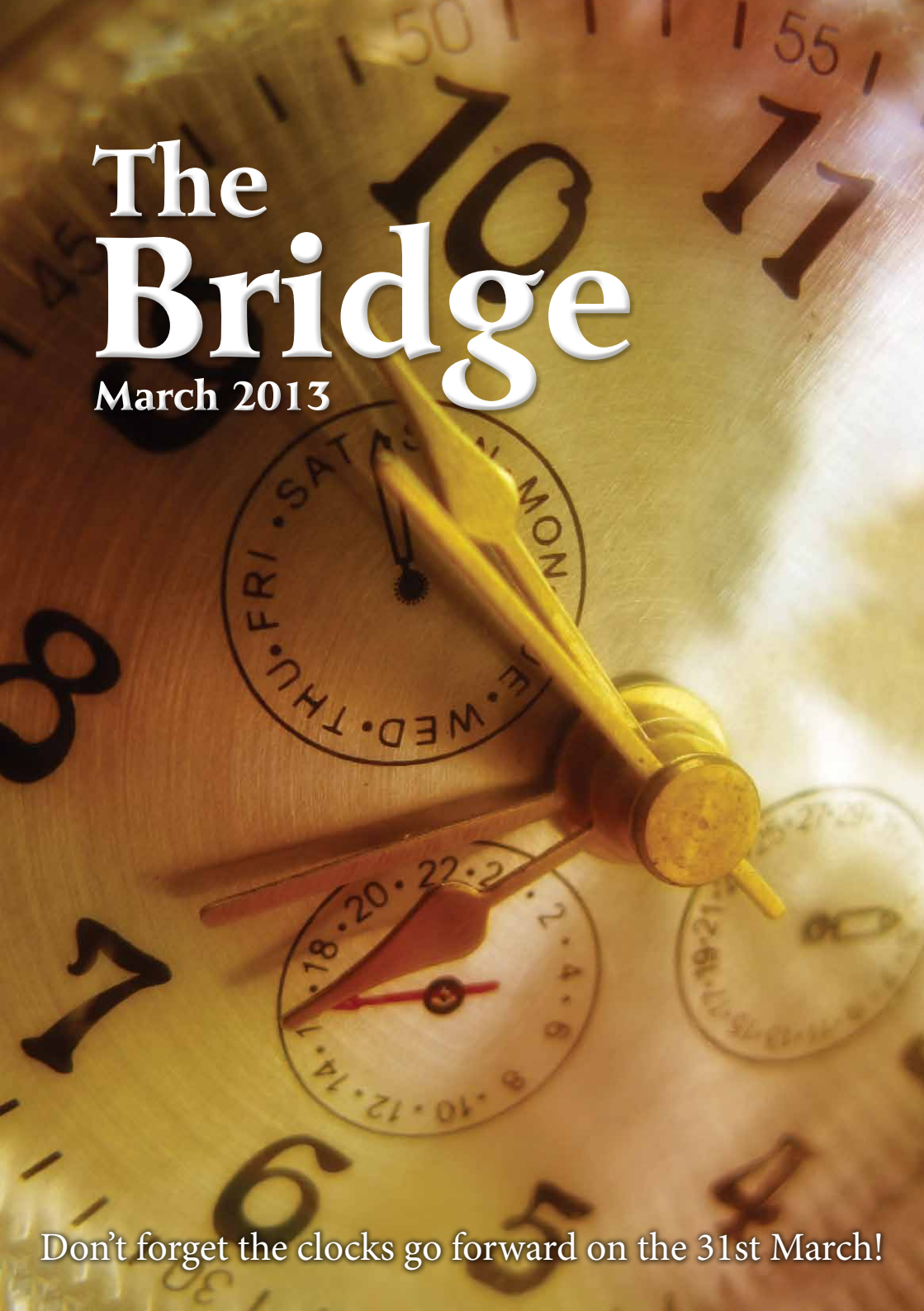




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From the Editor

This month sees another bumper edition of The Bridge! There's lots to do for villagers of all ages so do check out the Diary Dates. Thinking of starting a new hobby this year? There's so much to do, you'll be spoilt for choice of clubs – there's cricket, tennis, gardening, bridge, WI, Loose Women, bell-ringing or you could even become a Parish Councillor!

Viv Thomas
Editor

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or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 19th March.**

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March

Saturday 2nd

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Race Night Chapmanslade Village Hall

Tuesday 5th

Meet the new Police and Crime Commissioner, Angus Macpherson between 10am-11am at the Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 6th

Lent Lunch – 12.30 - 2.00pm, Manor Farm Corsley

Thursday 7th

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

Chapmanslade Loose Women - Talk on Shiatsu – 7.30, Caroline Dales's home

Saturday 9th

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

Shebeen at Chapmanslade Village Hall – 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th

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

Thursday 14th

Corsley WI – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Saturday 16th

Frome Rotary Club Fun Quiz Night – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Monday 18th

Lent Talk: Dean of Salisbury Cathedral – 7.00pm, Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Wednesday 20th

Lent Lunch – 12.30 - 2.00pm, Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Avon Cottage, Lower Woodford – 2.30pm

Parochial Church Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Friday 22nd

Irish Night – 7.00pm, Corsley Reading Room



Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd

'Who's Next' – live tribute band, 7.45pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Friday 29th

Little Cuckoo's Annual Easter Egg Hunt – 2pm, at the Pre-School, Corsley

April

Tuesday 2nd

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 6th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Corsley Cricket Club presentation evening – 7.30pm, Cross Keys, Lyes Green

Thursday 11th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 13th

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

Quiz Night – 7.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

Wednesday 17th

Corsley Gardening Club – 2.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Annual Parochial Church meeting – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Thursday 18th

Chapmanslade Loose Women tour of Burns the Baker, Glastonbury – 7.00pm

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade School

Friday 19th

Afternoon Tea and Talk (The History of Reading Rooms) – 3.00pm, Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 20th

Quiz Night – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 24th

Light Bites - Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

May

Thursday 2nd

Chapmanslade Loose Women

Wiltshire County and Parish Council Elections

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Saturday 4th

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 7th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 9th

Corsley WI – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

Monday 13th

Corsley Parish Council Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Rooms

Wednesday 15th

Corsley Gardening Club – visit to Larmer Tree Gardens – 2.30pm

Saturday 18th

May Fayre and Bargains in the Barn – 2.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd

Light Bites - Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

June

Saturday 1st

Corsley litter pick – 11.00, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Tuesday 4th

Coffee Morning – 10.00 - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Thursday 6th

Chapmanslade Loose Women – 7.30

Saturday 8th

Elizabethan Evening – The Comedy of Errors – Manor Farm, Corsley

Monday 10th

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

Wednesday 26th

Light Bites - Soup & Ploughmans Lunch – 12.30 - 1.30, Corsley Reading Room

Sunday 23rd

Barbeque – Chapmanslade Village Hall

August

Sunday 11th

Croquet and Boules – Chapmanslade Village Hall

September

Monday 2nd

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

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Litter pickers

Chapmanslade litter pickers

We will be meeting opposite the Three Horseshoes at noon on Saturday 9th March. 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 11am on the first Saturday of each month. Our next 'pick' is on Saturday 2nd March – do come along and help keep our village beautiful.

Cath Aylesbury and Sue Taylor



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.

As we head into March we are very much looking forward to sunny spring days and lighter evenings, hopefully leaving the winter chill behind for a good few months.

Spring also brings Easter and the Easter bunny who will be visiting again this year at our annual 'Little Cuckoo's Easter Egg Hunt' on Good Friday, the 29th of March. Please come along with your friends and families to join in the fun and find some Easter Eggs!

There will be a 'Stories by Starlight' session this half-term, where the children and their families can come along in their pyjamas with their favourite teddy to enjoy stories and hot chocolate.

Little Cuckoo's is still running our fantastic Book Club to help raise money for the pre-school. If you have any books stashed away that your children are now too big for, then we would welcome any donations. All of the books are priced at 50p, and the stall is in attendance at all of our Little Cuckoo's fundraisers. If you are looking to refresh your children's bookshelves it's a great place to start!

We hope to see you at our Easter egg hunt, and wish you all a happy Easter.

Lucy Harnell

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At the crease | Corsley Cricket Club News

Now that the days are beginning to lengthen our thoughts are turning to the coming season.

Firstly, we hope we will be blessed with better weather as last year was disastrous! Despite the many cancellations, spirits remained high and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the matches that weren't washed out.

For this coming season we have a full fixture card including the eagerly awaited match against Chapmanslade for the coveted Bridge Trophy. The full fixture list will be published before the season starts.

Last year we didn't hold a presentation evening but this year we will do so. The evening will be informal, there will be a buffet provided by Shelly and Graham. The evening will start with drinks at 7.30pm, then the buffet followed by the presentation of the 2012 season awards. The evening will

then carry on with banter and pleasantries in the bar, and if enough enthusiasts step forward some impromptu dance music can be played!

The date of this occasion is **Saturday 6th April at 7.30 pm at the Cross Keys**, cost £10.00 per head. To book your place please contact one of the following by the 28th March.

Marion Moldon	01373 832672
Cross Keys	01373 832406
Fred Latchem	01373 832357
Roy & Lesley Pearce	01885 220479

Please do try to come to what we hope will be an entertaining evening; your support really is needed.

Everyone with an interest in the Cricket Club is most welcome. There will be a raffle which we hope will raise some money, as the club's funds are shrinking.

Lesley Pearce

Chapmanslade Village Hall

An evening with Shebeen

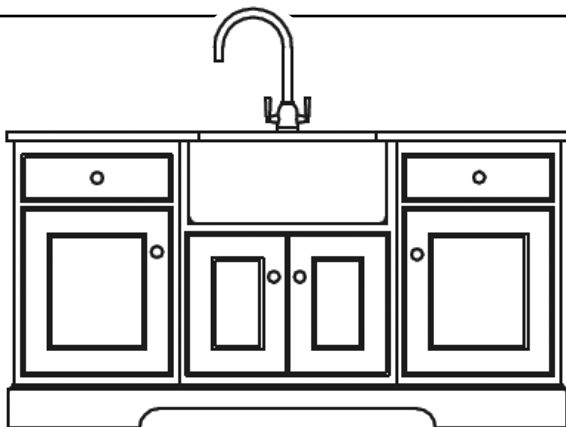
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Chapmanslade Loose Women

March

On the 7th March, 7.30pm Linda Stocks will be giving a talk on the ancient healing art of Shiatsu. There will also be the opportunity to experience the benefits with some hands-on techniques for everyday well-being and self-help maintenance.

If you would like to attend please telephone Caroline Dales on 01373 832610

April

Our April meeting is a tour of Burns The Baker in Glastonbury on Thursday 18th April, starting at 7pm.

A buffet supper is included in the price of £10. Numbers are limited to 20. If you would like to join us please ring Gwen Jarvis on 01373 832670 for further details.

Class 4's Lent Poem

Christians celebrate Lent around the Earth
It follows on after Jesus' birth

For 40 days and 40 nights
He was in the wilderness 'til he saw the light

Lent lasts for 47 days
But we can take a break on Sundays

Lent begins on Pancake Day
And ends on Easter Sunday

No-one needs to pull a frown,
'Cos Pancake Day is now in town

Time to cook those 'bits 'n' bobs'
So heat them gently on your hobs

PANCAKES!!

Ash Wednesday is a great day
To go to church where we may pray

Now it's time to make a cross
To think of those we have or lost

People give up things that are 'bad'
But this is something that can make you sad

Why not 'DO' something nice instead
Like tell your Dad you'll make his bed!

Do something nice very day of Lent
And others will think you're Heaven sent

Lent is a time of loving and sharing
This will show people that you are caring

So think of others during Lent
And your 40 days will be well spent.



Lent Lunches

Wednesday 6th March

12.30 – 2.00pm

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Wednesday 20th March

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Bob's bafflers

- 1 What was the nickname of the garden designer Lancelot Brown?
- 2 In which area of France was Camembert cheese first made?
- 3 Who performed the first heart transplant operation in 1967?
- 4 The City of Glasgow features in which Abba song?
- 5 Which Indian Deity had the head of an elephant and a pot belly?
- 6 Which army rank comes between Lieutenant and Major?
- 7 Which is the smallest of the Great Lakes of North America?
- 8 Which vitamin is also known as ascorbic acid?
- 9 What type of drinking glass shares its name with a type of ship?
- 10 Which alcoholic beverage markets itself as "Pure Genius"?
- 11 A 2005 American Institute Poll found that the line "Frankly my dear, I don't give a dam" was the most memorable film quote. From which film does it come?
- 12 What connects Michael Collins, Richard Gordon, Stuart Roosa, Alfred Worden, Ken Mattingly and Ron Evans?

Answers on page 48

Rotary Club of Frome Fun Quiz Night

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As some of you will be aware, the amazing total of £600 was donated to Juba School in Southern Sudan, and £250 to Dorothy House Hospice in lieu of birthday presents.

the three horseshoes

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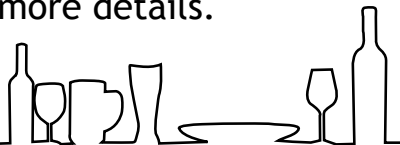
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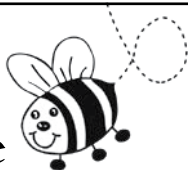
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I received the following from Caroline Wright, our PCSO, just before Christmas. I regret I was not able to include it in the January edition of The Bridge but it is still worth some thought.

Theft of diesel and heating oil

On Wednesday the 5th of December Police received a report that a number of farm vehicles whilst left secure and unattended at a farm in Chitterne had Red diesel removed from their tanks. The exact time of the theft cannot be ascertained but it is thought to have happened over a few weeks. That same day, Police received another report that a quantity of heating oil had been stolen from the oil tank of a house in the village of Tytherington. The exact time the oil was stolen is not known but it is suspected the theft had occurred during the previous month. Yet another report was received by police on the same day regarding heating oil that had been stolen from the tank of a

house in Heytesbury. This theft is thought to have happened overnight Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd of December.

It's worthwhile everyone checking their tank and its security; I am available if anyone would like me to call round to do a brief site survey and offer specific advice.

It made me think about my home insurance cover relating to the theft of heating oil. My policy does cover me for theft of heating oil up to a value of £1,000 but less the policy excess of £200; so my policy would only pay out a sum of £800 and it would ruin my No Claims bonus. I could end up paying a higher premium in subsequent years that would negate making a claim at all. Other questions came to my mind such as:

- If the theft of oil were taken from an unlocked tank, would I be covered?
- If the cover was less than the maximum value of oil stored in the tank, what would I get back under the policy?
- What would happen if the thief damaged the tank in their attempt to gain access to the tank?
- Is the tank covered by the house policy? If so, under which section in the policy is it covered.

I posed these questions to my insurer's customer services department and was quite intrigued by some of their answers; in fact

they had to refer to their underwriters for some of them. Some of the replies surprised me, but it was certainly worth the telephone call.

If you would like a copy of a leaflet with Crime Prevention Advice from PCSO Caroline Wright, please contact Mike Bird.

Sadly I have to report another theft in January from, of all places, one of our local pubs. The Cross Keys had a collection box for Dorothy House on the bar where anyone could donate money. The collection box was secured to the bar with a cord and was nearly full. At sometime on a recent Saturday, some delightful person decided to help himself or herself to the collection box. The Police have been informed.

Finally a note from our PCSO about door-to-door salesmen...

We have intercepted a couple of un-licensed door-to-door salesmen; they were selling household cleaning items, cloths and brushes, etc. These people do not have a 'certificate to peddle' and therefore are acting unlawfully. No offences have so far been reported to us so we sent them on their way, however I am sure they will try to peddle their wares in the future in this area.

They are often dropped off in pairs in villages by a minibus and left for a few hours to sell as much as possible. If you see them in your area please contact us immediately on 101, hopefully we will be able to take positive action in dealing with them.

Mike Bird – Corsley Neighbourhood Watch

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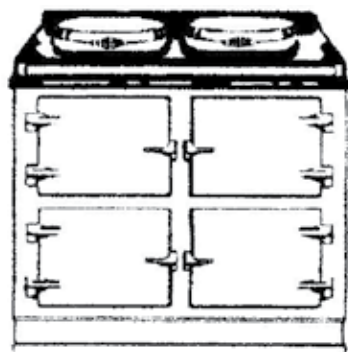


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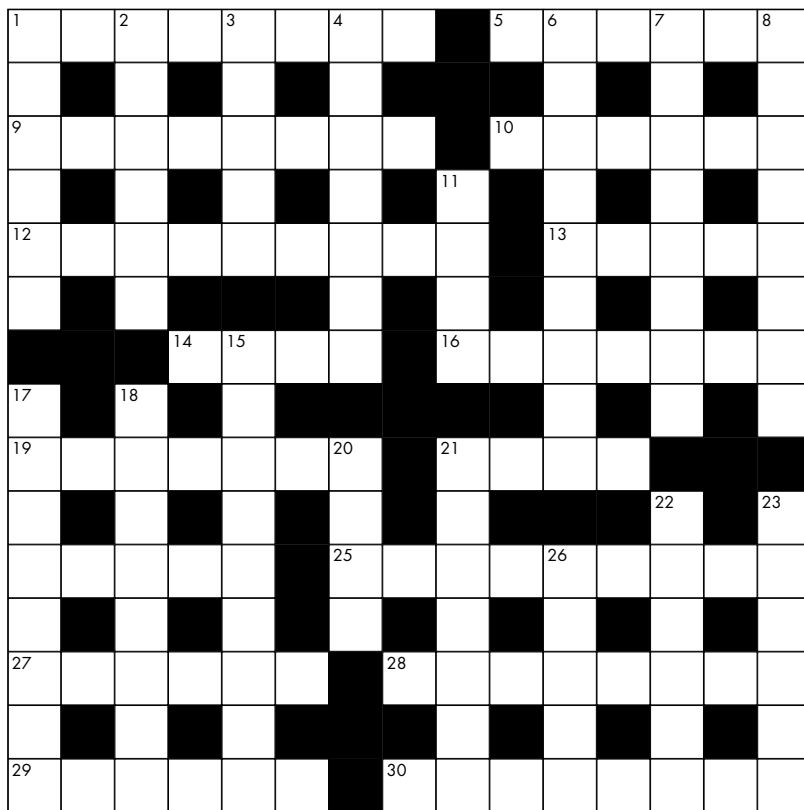
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Clues across

- 1 Pitch it as an unruly lout would with an agitated dame (8)
- 5 Declare a business audibly (6)
- 9 Propose? Worth a mention maybe (8)
- 10 & 24 Coney expected every spring (6, 5)
- 12 & 20 dn Seasonal confections – from the poultry farm? (9, 4)
- 13 & 14 Unbalanced coney? Well, it is teatime! (5, 4)
- 14 See 13 ac
- 16 No way back for old Julius (7)
- 19 Let peer up – he's full! (7)
- 21 Old Julius' last day, this month (4)
- 24 See 10 ac
- 25 Explosive needs leg up to catch fire (9)
- 27 Goat, perhaps, from the dairy (6)
- 28 Oddly against Ted, pointlessly upset (8)
- 29 Employee who is nearer, oddly enough (6)
- 30 Yttrium stuck on shoe makes it slick (8)

Clues down

- 1 Males one interprets as a threat (6)
- 2 Fruit sitting in madam's only bowl (6)
- 3 Solent flowing without direction, and slowly (5)
- 4 Chemical amount that certainly raises a titter! (7)
- 6 Readily ignited Aesop's tale about 2000 following the French (9)
- 7 Bury edict to influence each other (7)
- 8 Drug that renders him prone (8)
- 11 Antelope reportedly worth a great deal (4)
- 15 Weird lancet, I hear - it's a gas! (9)
- 17 As an agitated babbler, I am easily bought off (8)
- 18 Sprinters not right about not getting married (8)
- 20 See 12 ac
- 21 Not well, e', young lady? That's criminal! (7)
- 22 Tell it afresh, minutely (6)
- 23 Prime time to greet the sunrise (6)
- 26 Rise in the right gear (3, 2)



Corsley Tennis Club News

AGM

The Club held its Annual General Meetings on the 31st January in the Cross Keys. Marlene Latchem, Chair, welcomed members and thanked the committee for all their help. Our President, Charlotte Beswick, presided over the election of Officers and the committee. Our new Chairperson is Jenny Bishop who takes over from Marlene who was thanked for her stalwart contribution to the Club.

Coaching

Our coach, Jon Dilena, will be running Cardio Tennis sessions after Easter. Details regarding this are on the LTA website. Jon will be running 2 free trial taster sessions on Wednesday 10th April, 3.30-4.30pm and Saturday 13th April, 4.30-5.30pm. If you are interested in having a go, please contact Jon on funky.cd@talktalk.net. This is a fun group activity for all ages and abilities who want to improve their fitness and burn some calories.

Club info

The tennis club welcomes members of all standard of play. We offer junior coaching, Chippenham and District league matches, Club Tournaments and informal club sessions. Club sessions are held on Tuesdays and Sundays from 10.00am and, when the clocks change, we also meet on Friday evenings from 5.30pm. At Club sessions we play a series of mixed doubles or ladies doubles for 6 games. This gives an opportunity to play with and against various people and is a friendly social session with a competitive edge. If you are thinking of joining, potential members are welcome to attend up to 3 club sessions as a trial. The fee is £2.00 per session. If you subsequently joined we would deduct the visitor's fees paid from the annual membership cost.

Any member who would like to help the club in any way, particularly by joining the maintenance team, please contact Diana Hale.

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Three Open Doors

The Rector writes:

The jungle drums usually work well in our villages, so you may well have already heard that it is my intention to retire later this year. My decision has been reached after much prayer and reflection. It hasn't been an easy matter, but I am sure the time is right, both for me and for the parishes of the Benefice. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing my ministry among you until the end of September.

While preparing a sermon for a Memorial Service just this week, I came across these words by A S Byatt "The older I get, the more I habitually think of my own life as a relatively short episode in a long story of which it is a part." My years here have been a 'short episode' in a much longer story, a story with a rich and varied past and one with an unknown future, which will continue with new characters, events and vision. I feel privileged to have been part of this episode and while I look forward to what my future holds, I hope you are able to look forward with optimism and anticipation. Leaving will be hard as I know I am not good at saying 'goodbye'.

We are now well into the season of Lent. It is a good time for us all to reflect on our own story, on where we have come from and where we are going, on achievements and disappointments, on joys and fears. As we do so, there is great joy to be found, as we realise that we each have a part to play in the unfolding story of our family, community and church life. Please continue to pray for me as I pray for you.

May our shared Lenten journey bring us closer to God and to one another as we seek to further His kingdom.

Norma Payne

March Church Diary

Sunday 3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley

Eucharist



Tuesday 5th March

10.30am at Yew Tree Cottage

Time to Think – Details from Phil on 832845



Wednesday 6th March

12.30am at Manor Farm, Corsley

Lent Bread & Soup Lunch – Details from Pat on 832650



Sunday 10th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am at St Philip & St James'

Chapmanslade Family Eucharist for Mothering Sunday

11am at St Mary's, Temple

Matins



Sunday 17th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade

Eucharist



Monday 18th March

7pm at Longbridge Deverill Village Hall

Lent Talk by Rev June Osborne, the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral



Tuesday 19th March

10.30am at Stone Cottage

Time to Think – Details from Phil on 832845

Wednesday 20th March

12.30pm to 1.30pm at Black Dog Farm
Lent Lunch – Details from Pat on 832650



Thursday 21st March

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



Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

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

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



Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

7pm at Chapmanslade School
Agape Supper & reading of the Passion



Friday 29th March: Good Friday

10am at St Margaret's, Corsley
Easter Workshop

12.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Service for Good Friday



Saturday 30th March: Easter Saturday

6pm at St Margaret's, Corsley
Paschal Ceremonies



Sunday 31st March: Easter Sunday

9am at St Mary's, Temple
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10.30am at St Philip & St James, Chapmanslade
Easter Eucharist

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Lent Lunches

There will be a Lent Lunch on 6th March at Manor Farm, Corsley, and on 20th March at Black Dog Farm, Chapmanslade. All most welcome to both of these events.

Silent Auction

On Saturday 9th February we held a hugely successful Silent Auction at Chapmanslade Village Hall. The event was masterminded by Dennis Barnard and kindly sponsored by Cooper & Tanner. Once all the monies have been collected and all costs paid we will have raised the amazing total of almost £4000. Special thanks to Dennis as this event would not have been such a success without all his skill and hard work – please see his article elsewhere in the Bridge. Thanks also to the ladies who provided the excellent supper and to all the donors of the auction items. Of course – thanks to all who supported the event so generously.

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Corsley WI March News



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

Corsley WI members were given a warm welcome by the President, Judith Helliard, at the February meeting which was held on Valentine's Day. In keeping with the occasion, the Hilda Guy Arts & Crafts Cup competition this year was for the best home handcrafted Valentine's Card and there were some very imaginative and beautiful cards on display. The cup was presented by Anne Ely to the outright winner, Valerie Benbow. Judging was done by members placing coins by their favourite card and the money raised will be put towards baking costs for our stall at Corsley Show.

Fiona Johnston and Clare Firman-Ford have been on a course at Denman College and thoroughly enjoyed their stay in this lovely country house.

Future events for members include an exhibition of 'Tomorrow's Heirlooms' at Great Chalfield Manor on 18 May and the Annual Council Meeting at Salisbury is on

21 October. Our annual summer outing for 2013 will be to Weymouth on Wednesday 3 July.

We had all been looking forward to learning how to make chocolate at our meeting but due to illness the speaker was unable to come. Instead everyone enjoyed some hectic games of Beetle organized by Cath Fricker. The winner with the top score after several rounds was Mandy Bain, with Charlotte Beswick second. We were then treated to some heart-shaped shortbread biscuits kindly baked by Chris Bird for our refreshments.

The next meeting is on **14 March at 2.30pm** and we are pleased that Jenny Coates, our WI Advisor, will be in attendance for this Annual Meeting.

If you would like to join our WI, please contact Carol on 01373 832446 or come to the meeting in Corsley Reading Room.

Activities open to non-members

Coffee Morning 5th March, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

Gardening Club Third Wednesday each month, venues as per programme

Bridge Club First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4pm, Corsley Reading Room

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760

Bulk oil buying scheme final report...

Community First

Following the articles in the January and February editions of The Bridge, eighteen people from Corsley and Chapmanslade have expressed interest in Wiltshire Community First's bulk oil buying scheme. I have passed on all the names to Jess Emery, CF Oil's Administrator in Devizes and she has sent out more information to those people. This includes a graph showing savings made in the past, ordering dates for the first half of 2013 and a joining form. As an illustration of how the ordering date works, the timescale for April is as follows:

- Inform Jess Emery of your order by Wednesday 3rd April.
- Jess Emery gives the negotiators the total orders by Friday 5th April.
- Negotiators then have a negotiating window of over a week to choose the best time to place the bulk order to achieve optimum outcome for members.
- Delivery will be made after 16th April.

From this you will see that you must keep an eye on your oil tank and not leave it until you are almost dry before ordering. Bear in mind that the price you pay will not depend on ordering 900 litres. You do not pay more for a smaller quantity.

If you have missed using the CF Oil Scheme this time round because you couldn't wait for the ordering date, please keep them in mind for next time you need oil.



Finally I need to clarify a point about not requiring a certain number of members in our location in order to make use of this Scheme as a group. If someone in Corsley or Chapmanslade would like to save their £20 membership fee and act as local Coordinator, a local group could be formed for the purpose. However, we do not have to form a group. Any individual interested in ordering through the Scheme can do so straight away through Community First Oil, Wyndhams, St Josephs Place, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1DD, tel 01383 722475, email oil@communityfirst.org.uk, website at www.communityfirst.org.uk and follow links to Bulk Oil Purchasing Scheme.

Unless a local Coordinator steps forward through the pages of The Bridge, I propose that we continue with Jess Emery as our Coordinator and individuals deal with her direct.

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If you're looking to grow your own this year, here are a few seeds you could consider trying round about now;

- Onion sets
- Shallots
- Carrots
- Turnips
- Parsnips
- Radishes

Having previously dug your vegetable patch over and added organic matter its time to plan which seeds you are going to grow, how many to grow and where in the patch to grow them. Don't forget if you're using the same piece of ground as last year try not to put everything in the same place as it can encourage problems with this years crop.



With most of the above seeds they are best grown in rows, the roots crops; such as turnip, carrot and parsnip need to be planted in a 1 inch deep drill in the soil and well watered in – remember to thin them out as they develop.

Know your onions

Onion sets and shallots can be planted out into the soil and need to be staggered apart allowing room for them to grow, plant them so the tips of the onion set/shallot poke out of the ground. Water in and remember to keep the soil around the onion set loose and free from weeds as they grow.



A little tip for those spare onion sets is to plant them up in to some pots, put them somewhere with plenty of light and a warmth like a greenhouse or a cold-frame. Make sure you remember to water them, and give them a little feed if necessary, you never know, you might grow a prize winning giant to enter into the Corsley Show!

Rob White

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Parish Council Briefing

The Vice Chairman presents a write-up of points discussed at the last meeting...

Until now Corsley Parish Council (PC) has relied on local noticeboards to inform the village of meetings and publish minutes, etc. We have now decided that it was time to be rather more outgoing and provide a routine note in The Bridge immediately after each meeting. This is the first of the routine briefs following the last meeting on 12th February. We also decided to look at the feasibility of a website – any village feedback on this idea would be appreciated.

Dates for routine PC meetings are now in The Bridge ‘Diary Dates’; all are public and are held in the Lower Reading Room. The two key events this year are both in May, the Annual Parish Meeting at which we try and get a speaker to talk on a key local issue – last year it was Mr Bradley, CEO of Longleat. The other is the Local Elections, about which details are in this issue of The Bridge.

Last week’s meeting was convened primarily to consider a Centre Parcs planning application, associated with their internal operations, the other major issue being the state of the A36 and Longleat traffic through the Corsley lanes.

PC and residents representatives recently attended the Community Area Traffic Board to lobby Council officials and the District Council on the two traffic issues. We learnt that the A36 through Corsley is now the No. 1 priority of the West Wilts area in their bids for county funding and local officials were optimistic that they could get the road re-surfacing work underway this Autumn if funding was allocated.

The Longleat traffic issue was more difficult in that Longleat had failed totally to respond to attempts by the Council officials to meet to discuss the problems. Our assistance was sought and we now intend to get together with the other local affected PCs to make a joint approach. Anyone who can get photographic evidence of related safety issues is encouraged to do so. You should also be aware that we will shortly be discussing school traffic with the Steiner School.

We welcome any input from the Village to help inform the PC’s discussions, to Sally Evans, our Clerk, or to any member of the PC.

Neil Britten
Vice Chairman, 01373 832515

Annual Parish Meeting	Wednesday 13 March	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Annual General Meeting	Monday 13 May	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 10 June	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 2 September	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms
Quarterly Meeting	Monday 9 December	7.30pm at the Reading Rooms

Corsley Annual Parish Meeting

Corsley Parish Council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on **Wednesday 13th March** in the Reading Rooms at 7.30pm

The Chairman, Malcolm Holley, will outline the business of the Parish Council over the last twelve months followed by an Open Forum.

We are hoping that a representative from the Longleat Estate will come to the meeting to discuss traffic management issues arising from visitors to the attractions at Longleat.

Final details of the agenda will be placed on the Parish notice boards at least one week before the meeting.

Everyone is welcome. This is your opportunity to raise any matters of interest and concerns, and to discuss these with the Parish Council.

*Sally Evans
Clerk to Corsley Parish Council*

Parish Council Elections

Elections to County and Parish Councils in Wiltshire will be held on **Thursday 2nd May 2013.**

There are nine Parish Councillor positions in Corsley and anyone living or owning a business in the Parish is eligible to apply to become a Councillor. If you want more information this can be found on Wiltshire Council home page > A-Z > Elections > Forthcoming Elections.

Membership of the Parish Council provides an opportunity to participate in local issues and to contribute to the future development of the village.

If you would like to find out more about being a Parish Councillor you can contact Malcolm Holley (Chairman) on 832212 or Neil Britten (Vice-Chairman) on 832515 for further details. Application forms can be obtained from me and these would need to be submitted to Wiltshire Council by Noon on Friday 5 April 2013.

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The emergence of the fresh green thorn leaves in the hedges tells us Spring is nearly here.

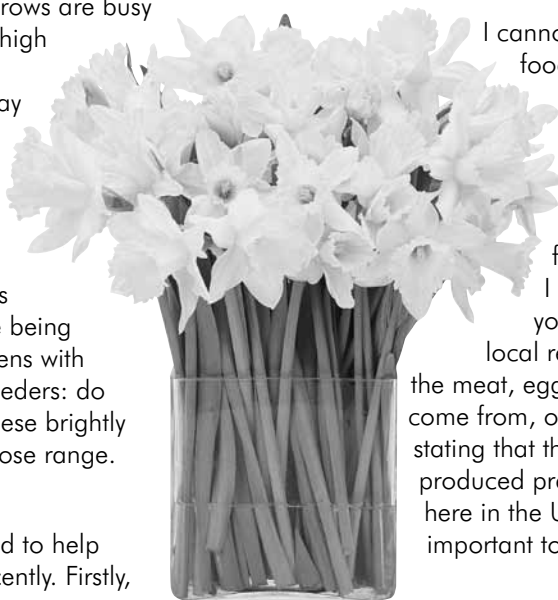
Already the snowdrops have brightened up our hedgerows and footpaths, catkins and willow are showing that the trees coming back to life after their winter sleep.

The birds are also becoming more interested in matters apart from food, and keeping warm and dry! Robins have changed their song from the wistful winter melody to the more vibrant tune the males use to establish breeding territories. Male blackbirds have quarrelling amongst themselves, and searching for the best-looking partner in the Parish. Rooks and crows are busy building their nests high up in the trees; you wonder how they stay there in the wind! With so few berries and other food left in the countryside higher numbers than usual of Siskins and Bramblings are being reported from gardens with well-stocked bird-feeders: do enjoy the sight of these brightly coloured birds at close range.

We have been asked to help with two surveys recently. Firstly,

how many hedgehogs have you seen in the last few years and where? Were they alive, run over, or were just the skin and prickles left. Hedgehogs have very few predators and their demise is of some concern as they are an essential part of the natural food chain.

The other survey is to monitor our streams and rivers for any sightings of otters, their footprints, droppings, or partly consumed fish or shells. Something different to look out for on your walks, especially those young people on school holidays. Please let me have all your records.



I cannot ignore the recent food scare in my notes to you. British farmers are proud to say that we produce the safest food in the world; our products are monitored from start to finish. May I recommend to you that you buy food either from a local retailer who knows where the meat, eggs milk and vegetables come from, or buy packaged foods stating that the item has been produced prepared, and packaged here in the UK. Healthy eating is important to you and your farmers.

Judith Helliar

Whitbourne Chapel

March preachers:

3rd	One of Whitbourne's own preachers
10th	Mr C Andrews, a new preacher last month
17th	Mr P Coles, another new preacher for Whitbourne
24th	Mr A Coxhead, landscape gardener
31st	Reverend K Sobey, subject of this month's 'Preacher Feature'

Preacher Feature

Our preacher on Easter Sunday is Reverend Keith Sobey, a Baptist minister now living in Westbury. A native of Ilford, Essex, he came to faith when seven years old. The call to ministry came as a result of his Bible Class leader's prophecy, "You're going to be a preacher."

After national service, Keith became assistant minister of Shoreditch Tabernacle, East London. He met Joan there and married her after his course at Spurgeon's College. From 1958-1997, Keith ministered at Cotton Mill, St. Albans; Haggate, Burnley; Upper Holloway, Islington; High Road, Ilford, and Salisbury. During this time he served as part-time hospital chaplain for 17 years. He was also secretary and, later, chairman of the Baptist Union Health and Healing Group, vice-chairman of Islington Community Health Council and vice-chairman of Salisbury Trust for the Homeless. Service in marriage counselling, mayor's chaplaincy and social responsibility was also undertaken.

Keith and Joan's elder son died aged 39 with motor neurone disease; their younger son lives in Chertsey, Surrey. They have 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Favourite Bible book? "John's Gospel."

Favourite chapter? "Romans 8."

Easter memories? "Inner London children joyously singing 'Jesus is alive today!' while bopping to the music!"

Keith has been preaching at Whitbourne Chapel for over 10 years. This Easter Sunday, forget eggs and bunnies; if you want a treasure hunt, come along to the chapel where Keith will point us to Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Prayer

"Lord, teach me the art of patience whilst I am well, and give me the use of it when I am sick. In that day either lighten my burden or strengthen my back. Make me, who so often in my health have discovered my weakness presuming on my own strength, to be strong in my sickness when I rely solely on Thy assistance."

Rev. Thomas Fuller, 1608 - 1661

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Every Sunday morning at 11.00 for about an hour (coffee served at 10.45)

Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 12 noon for 15 minutes

Favourite hymns + tea party every third Sunday in the month at 5 to 6.30

House-group Bible study every Tuesday at 7.30

Championing a church challenge...

Silent Auction

Dennis Barnard pens an account of an excellent evening's fundraising held on the 9th February.

It is some time since we held a fundraising evening like this and it did create a huge challenge to the small fundraising committee. Dorothy House, Air Ambulance, or MacMillan are all charities which we know that each of us and our families are going to need some time and the Church can sometimes be the poor relation. Not this time!

One hundred people decided to come and enjoy an excellent meal of pork casserole, new potatoes, salad, French bread, and an amazing array of delicious desserts. We brought our own drinks so that we could decide just how much we were going to enjoy ourselves. Most of the excellent menu was given by our hard working ladies, who did a superb job.

The gifts and pledges, 60 in all, were varied and much in demand. Silent bidding was vigorous and extremely generous.

Judith Helliard voiced the thanks of the committee to the school for loaning tables, to the men for putting up the tables and chairs, to the ladies for organising, preparing and serving the food, to those who gave such a variety of gifts and



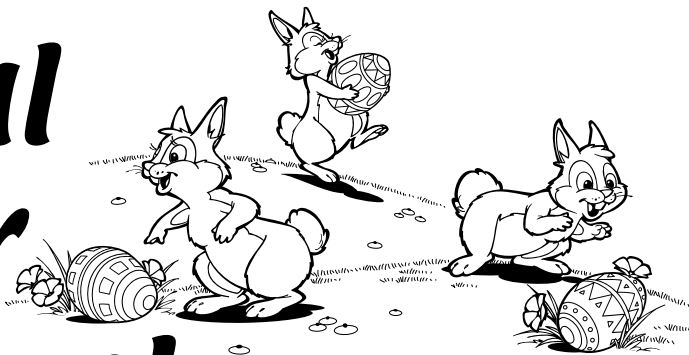
pledges, to those who bought them, to Cooper & Tanner for sponsoring the event and, of course, to all the people who came to support. Judith suggested, perhaps a profit of £3,500 but that total has now reached almost £4,000. Quite incredible – is it a record? Well done to everyone.

Because it had been a long day we decided to wash up and clear up after Church on Sunday morning. We were so embarrassed to find that there was a birthday celebration at noon. Thank you so much to those who dropped everything to do so much in a very short time. We apologised to the family concerned and offered to pay their hire fee but they would hear none of it.

From beginning to end there was an amazing *esprit de corps* among the committee, who are so grateful to everyone who did anything to make it all worthwhile.

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Mobile Library

Wiltshire library services work hard to ensure their resources are accessible to all, here's a very brief summary of the service they provide.

The mobile library service visits next on:

Wednesday 6th March

10:10 - 10:30 Corsley, by the Royal Oak pub

10:45 - 11:00 Chapmanslade, outside 132 High Street

11:05 - 12:00 Chapmanslade, by the school

Future dates for this round are:

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 2nd May

General information about the Wiltshire library service

The libraries are accessible by wheelchair, including the five mobile libraries, one of which is dedicated to visiting residential homes.

They work with volunteers to extend services, especially to people who are housebound. They also work with partners to develop library services, for example for people with visual impairments, carers, and supporting health and wellbeing.

They offer talking books, large print books and books in foreign languages.

Every library in Wiltshire offers a selection of books in alternative formats. They aim to provide a wide range of titles and are always adding new ones. As with the majority of library stock, they also move books around the libraries, so there should always be something new to see.

Large Print

The library service has almost 30,000 books in large print. Hardbacks and paperbacks are available and titles range from the latest fiction, including crime, contemporary novels and romance to non-fiction, including biographies and history, amongst others.

Talking Books

The library service also has a stock of almost 20,000 talking books. The majority of these are complete, unabridged recordings. They are available on cassette, CD and in MP3 (Playaway) formats.

Playaways are available at larger libraries and with these items you hire the entire device, and plug a set of headphones into it. As small as a tape cassette, the entire book is held within it, so you don't have to keep slotting them in and out of a machine. You can also 'bookmark' where you get to.

If you have a visual impairment, or have difficulty getting to or using the library, please speak to a member of staff at your local library as they may be able to help. This may include access to the Home Library Service.

Home Library Service

This service is for Wiltshire residents who want to continue reading or listening to books and audio items but having problems getting to their local library. They serve people of any age who are:

- Blind or partially sighted
- Disabled in some way
- Suffering from a long term illness
- Recovering from an operation and in need of short term help
- Elderly and frail
- Unable to carry library books
- Carers who cannot easily leave home
- People experiencing mental health issues

How does the service work?

A member of library staff will talk to you about what you like to read. They will then visit you at home with a library volunteer and bring you some books. Every few weeks, the library volunteer will call at a time to suit you and exchange your books. You can borrow every kind of book, many in large print – it could be crime, romance, family stories, historical, war stories or biographies for example. Also available are talking books on cassette, CD and Playaways (MP3 format) and music CDs. There are no fines or charges for this service and you can request items as well.

What to do now?

Applications for the home library service can be made by friends or relatives or by the person themselves. Contact your local library or telephone the Outreach Services Librarian on 01225 713706.

Carers library card

Do you look after a relative, partner or a friend who cannot manage at home without your support? Wiltshire Libraries have a range of services which can help.

Carers are entitled to a Carers category library card. This means you can have books for six weeks instead of the usual three week loan and request Wiltshire Library stock free of charge. If you are already a library member ask a member of staff next time you are in the library to update your library card.

Carers are able to request books free of charge with a carers library card. Requests for stock can be placed by visiting the library or by browsing the catalogue online.

Carers and those people they care for may be able to access the Home Library Service.

Library events for carers

Regular events for carers are held in many libraries across the county. These include Wellbeing days, Coffee mornings, IT Taster sessions and Information Drop-in sessions. These events are held in partnership with the four Carers Support organisations based in Wiltshire.

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It has been a quiet month on the ringing front but fun is most definitely what we have all been having. With helping with the Monday afternoon teaching of some pupils from the Minster school, Thursday night practices at the Minster and our Friday night practices, ringing for service at both Corsley and the Minster there is never a dull moment and no time at all to sit and do nothing.

The highlight of the month was ringing for the Eucharist with Confirmation service at the Minster on Sunday 27th January when several of our parishioners were confirmed by the Bishop of Ramsbury. It was a privilege to be able to contribute to these celebrations.

With the help of two learners whom Dick our Tower Captain found and three regular

ringers from Warminster we have on occasion had 9 to ring on a Friday evening practice. Very soon we hope to have 7 of the 12 we need to form a complete band. The learners started in January and are now close to being able to ring in rounds (each bell ringing in turn), so you see in a comparatively short time the tower benefits from one or two extra people.

Our February ringing at Corsley has been rather spasmodic so far, as Dick has not been available and half term school holidays occupying 3 more, without whom we are back to 4 or 5 of us; not enough to ring. But we will be back to normal from this Friday 22nd February and always hopeful of others coming to join us.

Marion Moldon



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Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive?

Caroline Le Vine – Counsellor in Corsley

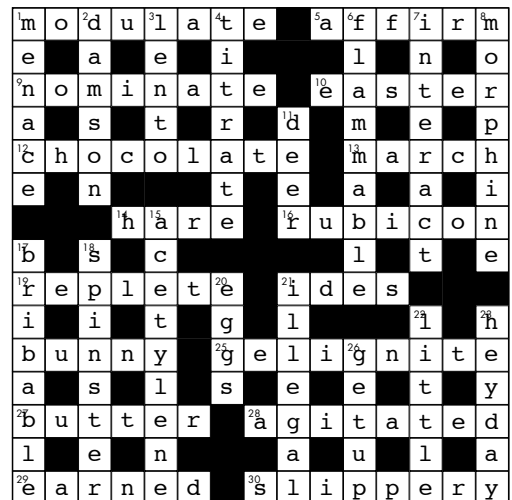
You know the song? “You gotta ac-cent-tchu-ate the positive; Eliminate the negative; Latch on to the affirmative or pandemonium is liable to walk upon the scene.” It’s a wonderful, uplifting track most recently recorded by Rumer and Jools Holland. But is it wise advice? Naturally, we prefer to feel good rather than bad but if there is something “negative” around for us, should we really “eliminate” it? And is that possible anyway?

You probably know me well enough now to anticipate my saying “No” to those questions. Ignoring a difficult feeling or issue doesn’t make it go away. We might gain temporary relief distracting ourselves with work or relationships or even alcohol, drugs and self-harm but to free ourselves fully, the difficult stuff must be faced. And of course we fear the “pandemonium” if we stop to explore the problem properly. A therapist will understand this fear but will also be committed to helping you face what you need to face in order to live more contentedly. I won’t pretend it’s easy work – it isn’t. But the progress you can make and the self-knowledge you acquire on the way are, in my view, worth the discomfort. And it’s often surprisingly liberating to really look at the “negative” with someone else who supports you

without judgement. Of course, there will always be more difficulties to be overcome – that’s life, after all – but the experience of daring to examine the tough stuff and surviving gives you tools to deal with it more effectively.

If there’s something about you that you’re considering facing, get in touch or find me at www.carolinelevine.co.uk. I practice at St Margaret’s Church, Deep Lane, Corsley. A first half hour meeting with me is free of charge. 07817 192008; le_vine@sky.com

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